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INFORMATION LETTER 407-04-85

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 407 series Helicopters

SUBJECT: UPPER ENGINE COWLING ASSEMBLY, INTRODUCTION OF

Bell Helicopter is pleased to announce the introduction of a new upper engine cowl assembly all made of composites material. This new cowling introduced at aircraft S/N 53600 is lightweight, durable, heat and corrosion resistant.

The new cowl 407-064-804-101 is a direct replacement of the previous sheet metal cowl 206-064-804-113 and is available from your Bell Supply Center.

On aircraft equipped with a fire detection system, the system can be removed and easily reinstalled on the new cowling. The current BHT-407-II-19 is under revision and will be released shortly to operators.