

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**

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INFORMATION LETTER 407-00-56

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 407 Helicopters.

SUBJECT: Engine Inlet Screen P/N 206-064-213-165 and -207, Inspection Requirement.

Bell Helicopter has received a report of fretting of a Engine Inlet Screen which eventually led to failure of a piece of the screen and caused damage to the engine.

Bell Helicopter would like to take this opportunity to remind operators when examining the inlet for condition as part of the Preflight Check, to check the inlet screen for condition if installed.

In addition there is a requirement in the Maintenance Manual to inspect the inlet screen as part of the Annual / 100 hour inspection.