

# **Bell Helicopter** **TEXTRON**

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## **INFORMATION LETTER 407-04-76**

**TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 407 series Helicopters**

**SUBJECT: INSPECTION PROGRAM INCREASED TO 300 HOURS FOR ALL  
FAA-REGISTERED BELL 407 HELICOPTERS**

**Revision A to this Information Letter announces the cancellation of the  
Maintenance Manual FAA Supplement to Chapter 5.**

Model 407 aircraft operated with a FAA Certificate of Airworthiness previously required a Maintenance Manual FAA Supplement to Chapter 5 per note 32 of Type Certificate Data Sheets (TCDS) H2SW,

Since 21 January 2004, operators of FAA-registered Bell 407 helicopters are allowed to revert to the Bell-recommended maintenance schedule contained in Chapter 5 of the basic Maintenance Manual. A statement to that effect was introduced by revision 6 to the FAA Supplement - Chapter 5.

The FAA TCDS H2SW, Note 32 has recently been updated at Revision 40 to remove the requirement for a MM FAA Supplement – Chapter 5, thus allowing this Supplement to be canceled in its entirety.

All FAA-registered Bell 407 helicopters are now confirmed in their right to benefit from the substantial savings in Direct Operating Costs (DOC) brought with the application of the Bell-recommended maintenance program contained in Chapter 5 of the basic Maintenance Manual. This program comprises the following:

- An airframe periodic inspection at intervals of 300 hours.
- A progressive inspection made up of six 50-hr intervals over a period of 300 hours, and
- A blanket statement for scheduled inspection tolerance (10%, up to a maximum of 30 hrs or 30 days).

This revision A to Information Letter IL 407-04-76 supersedes and cancels the basic issue dated January 23, 2004.

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