

OPERATIONS SAFETY NOTICE

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OSN 206L-01-42

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 206L Helicopters

SUBJECT: KAFLEX MAIN DRIVESHAFT TOOL

Bell Helicopter has received a report of an incident in which the end adapter of a Kaflex shaft 206-340-300-101 was found cracked. Investigation revealed that excessive force was used with a homemade workaid to compress the driveshaft.

This Operations Safety Notice (OSN) is issued to emphasize the importance of using the correct tool when removing and installing the Kaflex driveshaft.

To install/remove Kaflex driveshaft 206-340-300-101 use the tool 206-240-003-101, 206-240-003-101FM, or 407-240-009-101. To install/remove Kaflex driveshaft 206-340-300-105 use tool 206-240-003-101FM or 407-240-009-101.

Refer to Technical Bulletin 206L-01-204 to modify tool 206-240-003-101 to -101FM configuration.