

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

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**INFORMATION LETTER 204-00-12**  
**205-00-25**  
**205B-00-06**  
**212-00-39**  
**UH-1H-II-00-06**

**TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 204B, 205, 205B, 212 and UH-1H-II Series Helicopters.**

**SUBJECT: Status Report on Medium Mast ASB: 204-00-51 Rev B**  
**205-00-76 Rev B**  
**205B-00-30 Rev B**  
**212-00-106 Rev B**  
**UH-1H-II-00-01 Rev B**

Bell Helicopter is releasing the following information letter in an effort to keep every operator abreast of the mast situation.

Bell Helicopter recently released Revision B to the subject Alert Service Bulletins which requires all masts listed in the ASB to be inspected at / or before reaching 100,000 RIN. Additional RIN penalties have also been imposed on the model 204, 205, and 212HP masts due to previous calculations not taking into account a full horsepower torque excursion. Bell 205B and 212 RIN penalties do not change. Rev B to the ASB's has an Alternate Method of Compliance (AMOC) statement included that allows operators to calculate RIN life in accordance with Bell ASBs. This will prevent operators from duplicating calculations and incurring additional penalties in AD 2000-08-52.

The trunnion calculation requirement per AD 2000-08-52 has been eliminated with the release of the following Information Letters: 204-00-11 Rev A, 205-00-24 Rev A, 205B-00-5 Rev A, 212-00-38 Rev A and UH-1H-II-00-05 Rev A. These Information Letters contain an AMOC allowing operators to calculate trunnion RIN life in accordance with the published Bell ASB's referenced above.

Bell Helicopter regrets the inconvenience and timing of this ASB and has committed all resources available to alleviate the spare mast shortage issue. Should any assistance be required for interpretation of the ASB requirements contact Product Support Engineering.