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**TO:** All Owners/Operators of Bell 222/230/430 Helicopters

**SUBJECT: TAIL ROTOR COUNTERWEIGHT BELLCRANK**

This information letter is issued to advise owners and operators of occurrences affecting the tail rotor counterweight bellcrank P/N 222-012-727-003.

Bell Helicopter Textron has received reports of in-flight fracture and subsequent loss of a weighted portion of the tail rotor counterweight bellcrank. In each occurrence, a severe vibration was felt in the aircraft and a precautionary landing was carried out.

Bell Helicopter Textron is actively seeking a solution to resolve this issue and in the near future all owner/operators will be notified of the corrective action.

Bell Helicopter Textron would like to remind owners and operators that a visual inspection of the tail rotor pitch change control linkage for condition and security is specified in the preflight check contained in the rotorcraft flight manual and in the 150-hour scheduled inspection contained in the maintenance manual.