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OPERATION SAFETY NOTICE

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205B-16-19  
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**TO: All owners and operators of Model 212 and 205B helicopters**

**SUBJECT: MAIN ROTOR BLADE 212-015-501-115 FOUND CRACKED.**

Bell Helicopter has been informed that a Model 212 main rotor blade was found cracked during a daily inspection. The chordwise crack was found on the lower surface at blade station 28.0 in the center of the blade bolt hole. The cracking found is similar to the case discussed in ASB 212-08-130 and 205B-08-51 except that the grip plate is not cracked at blade station 36.0. The investigation conducted in 2008 led to the introduction of a 25 hour repetitive 3X-power magnifying glass Special Inspection for presence of void.

This OSN is issued to emphasize the importance of thoroughly inspecting the blade as instructed by the applicable Maintenance Manual 25 Hour Special Inspection initially introduced by ASB 212-08-130 and 205B-08-51. As soon as we have the result of the investigation, we will inform Owners/Operators of our findings and follow with additional recommendations, if required.



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