

**SCHWEIZER
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TO: All owners and operators of Hughes/Schweizer Helicopters

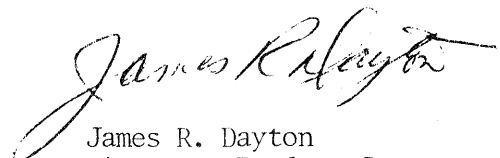
SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED TAIL BOOM ASSEMBLIES FOR 269 SERIES HELICOPTERS

MODELS AFFECTED: All Model 269 Series Helicopters

Used, high time tailboom assemblies for Hughes/Schweizer 300 Model 269 Series helicopters are being marketed as zero time parts by certain companies, following installation of a new tube in the assembly. The tubes being installed in the used tailboom assemblies have not been supplied or authorized by Hughes/Schweizer. Furthermore, 269 Series tailboom assemblies are limited life components and must be removed from service and retired, along with the tube, when the retirement life is reached. The life may not be extended by modifying or replacing any part(s) of the tailboom assembly.

Use of any limited life part or component, such as the subject tailboom, past its specified service life is a violation of Federal Aviation Regulations. Even more important is the fact that parts which have reached their specified service life are no longer considered to be airworthy. Use of such parts beyond their specified service life is an unsafe practice, which can result in personal injury or damage to equipment, and loss of insurance coverage.

Hughes/Schweizer policy concerning the use of used, surplus or other unauthorized parts on 269 Series helicopters is specified in our Service Information Letter No. L-45.2, dated 10 February 1984. All owners/operators should review this letter prior to purchasing any parts or components from other than Hughes/Schweizer authorized sources.


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