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TO—All owners and operators of Hughes Helicopters

SUBJECT: NEW HEAVY-WALL DRIVE SHAFT FOR HIGH  
TIP SPEED TAIL ROTOR SYSTEM

MODELS AFFECTED: All 269A/A-1/TH55-A and 269B Helicopters  
Equipped with High Tip Speed Tail Rotor System

Reference

269 Series - Basic Handbook of Maintenance Instructions, Issued 1 September 1970

A new 269A5701-3 tail rotor drive shaft with increased wall thickness is now being provided as a spares replacement for 269A5701 basic shafts installed on the above affected helicopters.

The new -3 configuration is designed with thicker walls throughout the shaft length, including additional wall thickness (to 0.063 inch) at the forward and aft ends of the shaft for extra strength.

When ordering a new drive shaft for the high tip speed tail rotor system, please specify the new 269A5701-3 heavy-wall configuration.

Edward Koch, Manager  
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