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TO—All owners and operators of Hughes Helicopters

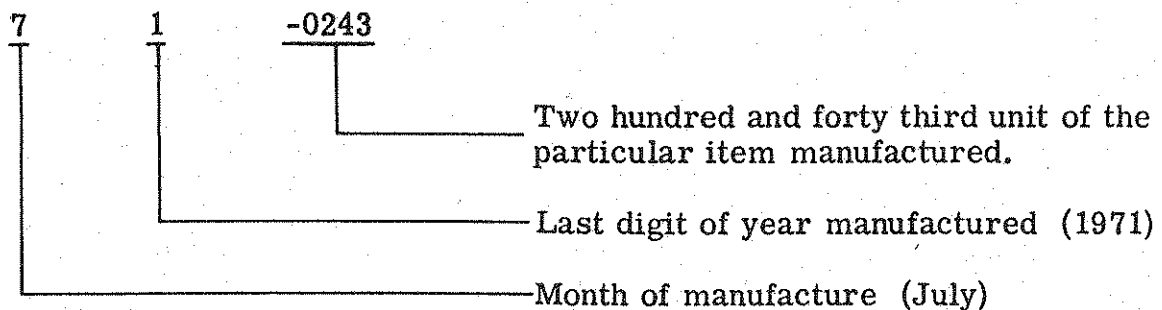
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF HUGHES SERIAL NUMBERING METHOD

MODELS AFFECTED: All 269 Series Helicopters

Reference

269 Series Handbook of Maintenance Instructions
269 Series Illustrated Parts Catalog

This Letter has been prepared to provide Owners and Operators of Hughes helicopters, complete information on the serial numbering method used to identify individual helicopters and certain assemblies and parts. We will deal primarily with helicopter identification since the majority of questions are directed to this area. Helicopters are identified by a combination of three sets of numbers, the first 2 or 3 digits indicate the date of manufacture. The last four digits as noted below, define the sequence of manufacture.



Please note that it is possible for two different model aircraft to have the same serial numbers; in that case, the aircraft model designation is the deciding factor.

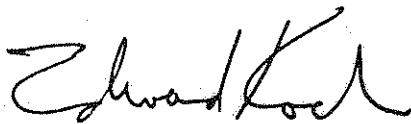
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When identifying assemblies and component parts additional prefix and suffix identifiers are sometimes used.

In the case of the Handbook of Maintenance Instructions, the Illustrated Parts Catalog and Service Information Notices and Letters, the last four digits of the serial number in conjunction with the aircraft model are used for specific aircraft or blocks of aircraft. From a practical sense it would be impractical at best if not impossible to include the month and year designators in service literature.

If you are in doubt at any time as to whether a service document is applicable to your aircraft, please feel free to contact the Service Department for clarification.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Koch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Edward Koch, Manager
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