
AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

For the reasons set out in the background section, the CASA delegate whose signature appears below issues the following Airworthiness Directive (AD) under subregulation 39.1 (1) of CAR 1998. The AD requires that the action set out in the requirement section (being action that the delegate considers necessary to correct the unsafe condition) be taken in relation to the aircraft or aeronautical product mentioned in the applicability section: (a) in the circumstances mentioned in the requirement section; and (b) in accordance with the instructions set out in the requirement section; and (c) at the time mentioned in the compliance section.

Supplementary Equipment

AD/SUPP/19 Breeze Eastern Aerospace Rescue Hoist 13/2002

Applicability: All Breeze Eastern Aerospace rescue hoists series BL-16600, excluding BL-16600-160. These hoists are installed on, but not limited to Agusta A109, Bell 206, Bell 222, Bell 407, Eurocopter AS332, McDonnell Douglas MD-500, and Sikorsky S-61 model helicopters. Compliance with one of the above model specific airworthiness directives constitutes compliance with this Directive.

Requirement: Perform a one-time inspection of the rescue hoist mounting bracket in accordance with Breeze Eastern Customer Aerospace Advisory Bulletin CAB-100-56, dated 11 November 1997.

Note: FAA AD 2002-20-05 Amdt 39-12901 refers.

Compliance: Before the next usage of the rescue hoist after 26 December 2002, unless already accomplished.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 26 December 2002.

Background: The FAA received reports of cracked rescue hoist mounting brackets. Such cracking could result in mounting bracket failure and separation of the rescue hoist from the helicopter.



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