

McDonnell Douglas (Hughes) and Kawasaki 369 Series Helicopters

AD/HU 369/86 Amdt 1	Tail Rotor Blade Leading Edge Abrasion Strips	13/93 TX
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Background: An abrasion strip separation occurred at run-up just prior to take-off on an Australian aircraft, resulting in separation of the tail rotor gear box, and extensive damage to the drive train. This Directive was issued as a precautionary measure while the investigation was in progress.

The investigation revealed that the abrasion strip bonding failed due to an unapproved process being used to bond the abrasion strips.