

Bell Helicopter Textron 204 Series Helicopters

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.

AD/BELL 204/36

Tail Rotor Grips

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Applicability: Model 204B with aluminium tail rotor grips P/N 204-011-728-19 installed.

Requirement: Remove the following TR grips from service:

A3-66287	A3-66333	A3-66356
A3-66361	A3-66365	A3-66370
A3-66377	A3-67149	A3-67171
A3-67184	A3-67207	

Note: FAA AD 90-03-10 refers.

Compliance: Before further flight after the effective date of this directive.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 10 August 2000.

Background: This directive is issued to preclude the failure of certain tail rotor blade grips and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter. It also follows the re-introduction of the AD Series after sixteen years.



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Delegate of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority

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