

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED AIRCRAFT: Bell Helicopter Models 212

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this notification is to advise all owners, operators, maintenance entities, and manufacturers of the above listed helicopter model, that certain main rotor outboard tension torsion strap fittings, part number 204-012-103-005, located on the main rotor, were produced without FAA Production Approval.

BACKGROUND:

A company fabricated main rotor outboard tension torsion strap fittings, as referenced above, on a government breakout contract for Department of Defense (DOD). The fittings were sold to DOD /Defense Contract Administration Services in Los Angeles, CA. Some of these fittings were subsequently sold as Government surplus and have appeared for sale on the open market. Procedures require that flight critical breakout parts be uniquely serialized. In this case, the fitting part number, as it appears on the part, is prefaced with "HA -" followed by a Manufacturer's Federal Supply Code (FSCM) of 58822.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Type Certificated products are required to conform to their Type Design. Owners, operators, maintenance entities, and manufacturers should inspect their affected helicopters and/or stock for the referenced part number. Parts which cannot be traced to an approved source should be considered suspect and appropriate action taken.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

The FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO), listed below, would appreciate any information that you could provide concerning the discovery of these parts from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove them from aircraft and/or stock.

This notice originated from the FAA Los Angeles MIDO, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712-4137; telephone (310) 627-5291, fax (310) 627-5319 and was published through the FAA Suspected Unapproved Parts Program Office, AVR-20; telephone (703) 661-0111, fax (703) 661-0113.