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Inspection and/or modi fications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

Translation of 'Consigne de Navigabilité' ref. : 96-076-075(AB) R1 In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER

SA 330 helicopters

Tail rotor shaft

This Airworthiness Directive applies to SA 330 helicopters, versions F, G and J.

Further to the discovery of a crack in one of the five flapping hinge retainers on a tail rotor shaft, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of Revision 1 of this Airworthiness Directive :

Within 25 flying hours, then at intervals of no more than 25 flying hours, visually check the entire outside surface of the five flapping hinge retainers, tail gearbox side and pitch change spider side, for cracks as described in paragraph 2B of the EUROCOPTER SA 330 Service Bulletin N° 05.84R1.

Should there be any doubt as to the results, carry out a dye penetrant crack detection inspection.

REF. : EUROCOPTER SA 330 Service Bulletin Nº 05.84R1

This Revision 1 replaces the original Airworthiness Directive 96-076-075(B) dated March 27, 1996.

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