

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection and/or modifications 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.

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER

SA 341 / 342 Helicopters

Main Rotor Head Pitch-Change Rod

1. APPLICABILITY :

SA 341 G and SA 342 J helicopters fitted with Main Rotor Head Pitch-Change Rod all P/N's.

2. REASON :

This Airworthiness Directive is prompted following the recent discovery of corrosion affecting a main rotor head pitch-change rod which could lead to the failure of the rod and the loss of the helicopter.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME :

3.1. Checking :

3.1.1. At the next daily check following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, perform a visual inspection of the body of every main rotor head pitch-change rod to detect corrosion (be careful of any stains and paint discoloration, blistering, ...).

3.1.2. Within 10 flight hours following the effective date of this airworthiness directive, and no more than 1 week, perform a visual inspection of the inside of the body of every main rotor head pitch-change rod to detect corrosion, unless those for which this inspection has already been carried out according to paragraph 3.2.1. below.

3.2. Measures to take :

3.2.1. In case of corrosion affecting the outside of the body of the rod, remove this rod and perform a visual inspection of the inside of the body of this rod to detect corrosion.

3.2.2. Install only rods without any internal and external body corrosion or rods which only present external body corrosion but which satisfy corrosion repair criteria defined in the repair manual.

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