

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

AS 332 L2 helicopters

Main rotor shaft - Non-rotating scissors hinges (ATA 05, 62)

1. EFFECTIVITY:

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AS 332 L2 helicopters.

2. REASON:

This Airworthiness Directive is issued following the discovery of some cases of in-service damage to main rotor shaft scissors attachment hinge, which could lead to the loss of the main rotor pitch control, if the main rotor shaft scissors attachment hinge is not monitored.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

The following actions are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive.

3.1. On non-rotating scissors having logged more than 225 flight hours, check the scissors hinge in compliance with the instructions described in paragraph 2.B of referenced EUROCOPTER AS 332 Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 05.00.56:

- a first time at the latest within 50 flight hours,
- then at intervals of no more than 275 flight hours.

3.2. Interpretation of the results

If a friction point or play is detected at the non-rotating scissors hinge, comply with the instructions described in paragraph 2.B.2 and in Task 62.23.00.051 referred to in the referenced ASB.

3.3. Before installing non-rotating scissors, that have logged more than 275 flight hours, on an aircraft, comply with the instructions described in paragraph 1.D.3 of the referenced ASB.

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