

<b>EASA</b>	<b>EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>
	<b>AD No.: 2012-0077-E</b>  <b>Date: 03 May 2012</b>  Note: This Emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.
This AD is issued in accordance with EC 1702/2003, Part 21A.3B. In accordance with EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD, unless otherwise specified by the Agency [EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].	
<b>Type Approval Holder's Name :</b> AgustaWestland S.p.A.	<b>Type/Model designation(s) :</b> AB412 and AB412EP helicopters
TCDS Number:	ENAC Italy SO/A 375
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	None
<b>ATA 25</b>	<b>Equipment &amp; Furnishings – Hoist Hook – Inspection</b>
Manufacturer(s):	AgustaWestland S.p.A (formerly Agusta S.p.A.), AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation (formerly Agusta Aerospace Corporation).
Applicability:	AB412 and AB412EP helicopters, all serial numbers.
Reason:	<p>An occurrence was reported where the hoist hook separated from an Agusta AB412 helicopter. The initial results of the technical investigation revealed that the nut and housing hook were not properly attached.</p> <p>This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to detachment of an external load or person from the helicopter hoist, possibly resulting in personal injury, or injury to persons on the ground.</p> <p>To address this potential unsafe condition, AgustaWestland issued Bollettino Tecnico (BT) 412-132, which provides instructions to inspect the hoist hook.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, this AD requires, for helicopters equipped with hoist hook assembly Part Number (P/N) HK-118-2, a one-time inspection of the hoist hook and, depending on findings, correction of the hoist hook installation attachment. In addition, this AD requires repetitive inspections of the hoist hook installation after each disassembly.</p>
Effective Date:	04 May 2012

<p>Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):</p>	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Before next flight after the effective date of this AD, for helicopters equipped with hoist P/N 412-8800-01-202 (Breeze Eastern P/N BL-20200-402) and/or hoist P/N 412-8800-01-412 (Breeze Eastern P/N BL-20200-412), where hoist hook assembly P/N HK-118-2 is installed, inspect the hoist hook assembly in accordance with the instructions of AgustaWestland BT 412-132.</li> <li>(2) After the effective date of this AD, before next flight following each disassembly and subsequent reassembly of the hoist hook assembly P/N HK-118-2, inspect the hoist hook assembly in accordance with the instructions of AgustaWestland BT 412-132.</li> <li>(3) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) or (2) of this AD, as applicable, a discrepancy is detected, before next flight, correct the hoist hook assembly installation in accordance with the instructions of AgustaWestland BT 412-132.</li> <li>(4) From the effective date of this AD, do not install on a helicopter a hoist hook assembly P/N HK-118-2, unless it has passed the inspection in accordance with the instructions of AgustaWestland BT 412-132.</li> </ol>
<p>Ref. Publications:</p>	<p>AgustaWestland BT 412-132 original issue dated 02 May 2012.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
<p>Remarks :</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.</li> <li>2. The safety assessment has requested not to implement the full consultation process and an immediate publication and notification.</li> <li>3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a>.</li> <li>4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact:  AgustaWestland S.p.A. Customer Support  Via del Gregge, 100 - 21015 Lonate Pozzolo (VA) – Italy  Telephone + 39 0331-664873 ; Fax: + 39 0331-664680  E-mail: <a href="mailto:absereng@agustawestland.com">absereng@agustawestland.com</a>.</li> </ol>