


<b>EASA</b>	<b>AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>
	<b>AD No: 2006 - 0173</b>  <b>Date: 19 June 2006</b>
No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.	
<b>Type Approval Holder's Name:</b>	<b>Type/Model designation(s):</b>
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.	Bell 212
TCDS Number: FAA H4SW Rev. 27	
Foreign AD: None	
Supersedure: UKCAA Additional Airworthiness Directives 003-07-87	
<b>ATA 22</b>	<b>Auto Flight - Auto Pilot - Modification</b>
<b>Manufacturer(s):</b>	Bell Helicopter Textron Inc
<b>Applicability:</b>	All Bell 212 series helicopters equipped with Sperry 'Helipilot' automatic flight control system.
<b>Reason:</b>	A National Aviation Authority, prior to the formation of EASA, has determined that the switch for disconnection of the "Helipilot" control should be relocated to improve the ability of the pilot to react to adverse conditions. This is considered necessary should divergent oscillations be encountered, which have in the past resulted in fatality. EASA concurs with this position.
<b>Effective Date:</b>	03 July 2006
<b>Compliance:</b>	Compliance is required not later than 31 May 2007.  Modify the location of the "Helipilot" disconnect switch to relocate the switch to one of the pilot's primary flying controls. This must be in accordance with an EASA approved modification.
<b>Ref. Publications:</b>	None
<b>Remarks:</b>	1. If requested and appropriately substantiated the responsible EASA manager for the related product has the authority to accept Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs) for this AD.  2. This AD was posted as PAD 06-103 for consultation on 19 April 2006 with a comment period until 15 May 2006. The Comment Response Document can be

	<p>found at <a href="http://ad.easa.eu.int/">http://ad.easa.eu.int/</a>.</p> <p>3. Enquiries regarding this Airworthiness Directive should be referred to Mr. M. Capaccio, Airworthiness Directive Focal Point - Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a></p> <p>4. For questions concerning the technical contents of this AD requirements, contact Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.</p>
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