ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: BREEZE EASTERN 300 lb. RESCUE HOIST;

P/N BL-16600-170 AND BL-16600-110; AERONAUTICAL ACCESSORIES, INC. 300 lb. RESCUE HOIST P/N 407-979-100

HELICOPTERS AFFECTED: All Bell 206A,B,L,L-1,L-3,L-4 and 407

helicopters equipped with subject Hoist

Installation.

COMPLIANCE: This Alert Service Bulletin shall be complied with

immediately upon receipt.

DESCRIPTION: During recent hoist operations of a Breeze

Eastern 300 lb. External Hoist System there was a hoist cable fouling and failure. Investigation

determined that the cable fouling and

subsequent failure was due to spinning of the cable caused by contamination (sand and dirt)

of the Hook Assembly swivel mechanism

bearings.

This Alert Service Bulletin emphasizes the requirement for maintenance of the Hook Assembly per the Breeze Eastern maintenance manual Section III sub-section 3.15 Service and Repair.

The AAI RFMS's for the External Hoist Kits on Bell 206 and 407 Helicopters are being revised to add the requirement to check the Hook Assembly for smooth, free swivel operation during the Hoist Preflight check and to inspect for signs of Hook Assembly contamination (salt water, sand, dirt) during the Postflight check.

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| | 2-28-00 | Original Release | All |

MANPOWER:

Approximately one and one-half (1.5) man-hours.

MATERIAL:

The following material is required to comply with this Bulletin and may be procured locally:

- Kerosene solvent or equivalent
- Soft-bristle brush, Federal Specification VV-K-211 or equivalent
- Light lubrication oil
- Grease, MIL-G-23827B or equivalent (Ref. Figure 5-3 Item No. 10) (Ref. BL-7180-4)
- Dow Corning No. 33 silicone grease
 (Ref. Figure 5-2 Item No. 9) (Ref. BL-7520-1 & BL-14585)
- Dow Corning No. 4 silicone grease (Ref. Figure 5-3 Item No. 6B) (Ref. BL-7180-4).
- Dry lubricant

SPECIAL TOOLS:

• Bearing puller or a press

WEIGHT AND BALANCE:

Not affected.

ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

CAUTION

The AAI P/N 407-979-100 Hoist is currently supplied with the P/N 099-151-003 Hoist Safety Hook. Removal, maintenance, and installation of the P/N 099-151-003 Hook is identical to the BL-7520-1 and BL-14585 Hook Assemblies.

- 1. Refer to Breeze Eastern Corporation Operation and Maintenance manual with Parts Breakdown TD-93-015, Rev. E, dated June 15, 1998. (Copy provided with this Bulletin).
- 2. Complete the procedures provided in paragraphs 3.15-1 thru 3.15-3 for Hook Assembly removal, maintenance, and installation.
- 3. Complete ASB NO. 00007 Compliance Notification Form, provided in Appendix A, and mail or telefax (423-538-8469) to Aeronautical Accessories, Inc.

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CAUTION

As stated in paragraph 3.15, the procedures provided in paragraph 3.15-1 thru 3.15-3 must be executed immediately after the Hook Assembly has been exposed to salt water or contamination while in use.

4. The following RFMS's are being revised to add the requirement to check the Hook Assembly for smooth, free swivel operation during the Hoist Preflight check and to inspect for signs of Hook Assembly contamination (salt water, sand, dirt) during the Postflight check:

| • AA-91025 | RFMS, External Hoist on Bell 206A & 206B Model Helicopters |
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| • AA-91043 | RFMS, External Hoist on Bell 206B Model Helicopters |
| • AA-92090 | RFMS, External Hoist on Bell 206L,L-1,L-3,L-4 Model Helicopters |
| • AA-97007 | RFMS, External Hoist on Bell 407 Model Helicopters |

The revised RFMS's will be provided to all Hoist operators immediately following FAA approval.

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ASB NO 00007 COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION FORM

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| Name/Signature: | |

Appendix A