DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TECHNICAL BULLETIN

ALL UH-1 AND AH-1 SERIES HELICOPTERS WITH T-53 ENGINE INSTALLED, INTERIM LIFE LIMITS FOR CRITICAL ROTATING COMPONENTS

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NOTE

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• This TB incorporates corrections to UH-1-00-03 and AH-1-00-04, issued on 232044Z DEC99 and 271853Z DEC99. Refer to paragraph 9. Additional guidance has been provided regarding the use of the calculated times listed in paragraph 9. The equation in paragraph 9 a (l) (c) will be used for all parts with an identifiable serial number and TSN. The equation in paragraph 9 a (l) (d) will be used for parts which have a calculated time applied IAW paragraph 9 c.

• This TB also includes changes as a result of Revisions UH-1-00-04 and AH-1-00-05, 051129Z, JAN00

1. Priority Classification. URGENT.

NOTE

See AR 95-1, paragraph 6-1 a, for exception authority of major commanders

a. Aircraft in Use. Upon receipt of the message/TB (whichever occurs first), the condition status symbol of the cited aircraft will be changed to a Red Horizontal Dash – The Red Horizontal Dash – entry shall state “Inspect aircraft engine historical records IAW UH-1-00-03/AH-1-00-04 and UH-1-00-04/AH-1-00-05 (TB 1-2840-229-20-27) prior to next flight.” The Red Horizontal Dash – may be cleared when the inspection in paragraph 8 and the correction procedures in paragraph 9 are completed. Inspect aircraft not flying as soon as practical but no later than 7 January 2000. Failure to comply with the requirements of the message/TB within the time frame specified will cause the status symbol of the affected aircraft to be changed to a Red X.

b. Aircraft in Depot Maintenance. Aircraft will not be issued until compliance with this TB has been completed.

*This TB supersedes USAAMCOM Safety of Flight (SOF) Messages, UH-1-00-03/AH-1-00-04 (232044Z and 271853Z, DEC 99) and UH-1-00-04/AH-1-00-05 (051129Z, JAN 00).
c. Aircraft Undergoing Maintenance. Aircraft will not be released until compliance with this TB has been completed.

d. Aircraft in Transit.

(1) Surface/Air Shipment. Same as paragraph 1 a.

(2) Ferry Status. For aircraft away from home station, this TB authorizes a one-time flight, with intermediate stops, to a suitable maintenance facility. The one-time flight duration will not exceed 5 flight hours.

(3) Those Aircraft that have a DD 250 and are at US Helicopters. Will be inspected prior to ferry to final destination.

e. Maintenance Trainers (Category A and B). Same as paragraph 1 a.

f. Component/Parts in Stock at All Levels (Depot and Others) Including War Reserves. Upon receipt of subject message (w/revisions) or this TB (whichever occurs first), the material condition tags of all items in all condition codes listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 shall be annotated to read “SOF UH-I-00-03/AH-I-00-04, and UH-1-00-04/AH-1-00-05 (TB 1-2840-229-20-27), Interim Retirement Lives for T53 Rotating Components Not Complied With”.

(1) Wholesale Stock. Report receipt of subject message (w/revisions) or this TB (whichever occurs first) IAW paragraph 14 c (1). Upon receipt of subject message or this TB (whichever occurs first), all serviceable items (condition codes A, B, C, D, and E) listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 located in wholesale depot storage shall be placed in condition code J and tagged with a suspended tag/label = Material, DD Form 1576/DD Form 1576-I. Do not remove original condition tags. Report compliance with subject message/TB IAW paragraph 14 d (1). Upon completion of inspection, original material condition code tags should be updated to reflect compliance.

(2) Retail Stock. Report receipt of subject message (w/revisions) or this TB (whichever occurs first) IAW paragraph 14 c (2). Upon receipt of subject message or this TB, commanders and others maintaining retail stock at installation level and below shall contact the supported aviation unit to perform the inspection required by paragraph 8 and the correction procedures of paragraph 9 on discrepant materiel. Disposition of discrepant materiel will be IAW paragraph 10. Report compliance with subject message/TB IAW paragraph 14 d (2).

g. Components/Parts in Work (Depot Level and Others). Items listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 in work will not be issued until compliance with this TB has been completed.

2. Task/Inspection Suspense Date. Prior to next flight, NLT 7 Jan 00 IAW paragraph 14 b.

3. Reporting Compliance Suspense Date. No later than 30 Dec 1999 in accordance with paragraph 14 a of this TB.

4. Summary of the Problem.

a. Engineering analysis shows that 16 T53 critical rotating parts (in addition to the I-I 00-078-07 impeller) are life limited components. Although the final analysis is not yet complete, sufficient information has been documented to establish interim retirement lives on these components. Field reports directed by safety of flight messages UH-1-00-02 and AH-1-00-03 (TB 1-2840-229-20-23) show that many T53 engines contain components that currently exceed these interim lives and are therefore at risk of failure.

b. For Manpower/Downtime and Funding Impacts. See paragraph 12.

c. The purpose of this TB is to:
(1) Establish interim retirement lives for 16 T53 critical rotating components
(2) Assign a calculated Time Since New (TSN) and initiate tracking on previously non-tracked components
(3) Remove for repair all T53 engines with a part and/or parts exceeding the interim retirement lives

5. **End Items to be inspected.** All AH-l and UH-1 series aircraft

6. **Assembly Components to be Inspected.**

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8. **Inspection Procedures.**

a. Review the engine DA Form 2408-I 6 to obtain the Time Since New (TSN) for the following parts

Compare the TSN with the new interim life limit shown below

**NOTE**

For parts where the TSN can not be determined, refer to paragraph 9 c

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b. If the TSN for all parts are less than the interim life limit identified in the right hand column of paragraph 8 a, apply the correction procedures IAW paragraph 9 a.

c. If the TSN for any of the parts listed in paragraph 8 a exceeds the life limit identified in the right hand column of paragraph 8 a, apply the correction procedures IAW 9 b.

9. Correction Procedures.

a. If all engine components listed in paragraph 8 a do not exceed their applicable TSN from the right hand column, or you are entering a calculated TSN for a component from paragraph 9 c, annotate the engine records that the inspection is complete and enter into the engine DA Form 2408-16 the appropriate replacement time for each part in paragraph 8 a from the interim life limit column as follows:

(1) Change the current entries on the engine DA Form 2408-16 for all items listed in paragraph 7 as follows:

(a) Blocks 6D and 6G change from "CC" to "RC".
(b) Block 6J enter the new life limit (hours) for each part.
(c) For items where the serial number and TSN is known use the following formula: Block 6K enter the replacement due time (A/C hours) using the following equation: (Engine DA Form 2408-I 6) 6J minus 6H plus 6E (Aircraft TC DA Form 2408-16 engine installation entry) 6E minus 6H equals 6K on engine DA Form 2408-I 6. This calculation must be done for each item listed in paragraph 7.
(d) For items where the serial number is not known and the item is being assigned a serial number and calculated TSN IAW paragraph 9 c, use the following formula: Block 6K enter the replacement due time (A/C hours) using the following equation: Item assigned interim life limit (paragraph 8 a) minus item calculated time since new (paragraph 9.c) plus current aircraft hours equals block 6K.

NOTE:
Enter current engine hours in block 6E of the component form (Engine DA Form 2408-I 6).
b. If the TSN for any one part exceeds the life limit identified in the right hand column of paragraph 8a, the engine is considered unserviceable. Change the aircraft condition status symbol to a RED X. The RED X entry shall state “Replace T53 Engine IAW SOF Message UH-1-00-03/AH-1-00-04 and UH-1-00-04/AH-1-00-05 (TB I-2840-229-20-27)”. Replacement engines may not be immediately available. Coordinate with the Logistics POC prior to removing engines from aircraft on a RED X condition status symbol. Maintain aircraft on a RED X condition status symbol in flyable storage to include ground run-ups. Report aircraft on a RED X condition status symbol as non-mission capable supply (NMCS).

c. Some of the components in paragraph 8a were not previously tracked components or the engine records do not reflect a TSN or a component serial number. Therefore, a calculated TSN must be assigned. If the TSN for the following components (only) cannot be determined from the engine records, assign the following calculated TSN and apply the corrective action IAW paragraph 9a.

**NOTE**

Parts that are assigned a calculated TSN and the serial number is unknown, the DA Form 2408-16 will show the part as having the same serial number as the engine in which it is installed. Annotate in the remarks section of the DA Form 2408-16 all parts that have a calculated TSN. Directions concerning DA Form 2410 submittal will be forthcoming.

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10. Supply/Parts and Disposition.

a. **Parts Required** – Items cited in paragraphs 6 and 7 may be required to replace defective items.

b. **Requisitioning Instructions** – Requisition replacement parts using normal supply procedures. All requisitions shall use project code (CC 57-59) "XF9" (XRAY-FOXTROT-9). Contact the wholesale materiel POC, paragraph 16c, prior to submitting requisitions. HQDA will approve releases of available serviceable engines to meet established priorities.

**NOTE**

Project code "XF9" is required to track and establish a data base of stock fund expenditures incurred by the field as a result of SOF actions.

c. **Bulk and Consumable Materials** – N/A

d. **Disposition** – Dispose of removed parts/components using normal supply procedures. All turn-in documents must include project code (CC 57-59) XF9.
11. Special Tools, Jigs and Fixtures Required. N/A


a. Category of Maintenance.

(1) AVUM for the records review and removal and reinstallation of the engine
(2) Aircraft downtime will be charged to AVUM maintenance

b. Estimated Time Required.

(1) Total of 1 0 man-hours using 1 person to conduct the records review
(2) Total of 28 0 man-hours using 2 persons to remove and reinstall the engine
(3) Total of 14 hours downtime for one end item.

c. Estimated Cost Impact to the Field.

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Total cost per UH-1 = $416,768

Total cost per AH-1 = $158,215

d. TB/MWOs to be Applied prior to or concurrently with this Inspection. N/A

e. Publications which Require Change as a Result of this SOF message/TB. A copy of this message/TB shall be inserted in the appropriate TM as authorii to implement the change until the printed change is received,

(1) TB I-l 500-341-01
(2) TM 55-2840-229-23 series
(3) DMWR 1-2840-1 l 13 series

13. References. TB I-2640-229-20-23

14. Recording and Reporting Requirements.

a. Reporting Compliance Suspense Date (Aircraft). Upon entering requirements of this message/TB on DA Form 2408-13-I on all subject MDS aircraft, forward a priority message, datafax or e-mail to CDR, AMCOM, ATTN AMSAM-SF-A (SOF Compliance Officer), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000, IAW AR 95-I Datafax number is DSN 897-2111 or (256) 313-2111 E-mail address is <safeadm@redstone.army.mil> The report will cite the message/TB number, date of entry in DA Form 2408-l 3-1, the aircraft MDS and serial numbers of aircraft in numerical order.
b. Task/Inspection Reporting Suspense Date (Aircraft). Upon completion of inspection, units will forward a priority message to the logistical POC in paragraph 16 b. The report will cite the message number (UH-1 -00-04/AH-1-00-05), TB number, date of inspection, aircraft serial number, engine serial number and operating hours, and results of the inspection (engine pass or fail). Include in the report the pass/fail status of all spare/uninstalled engines. Inspection and reports will be completed no later than 07 Jan 00.

c. Reporting Message/TB Receipt (Spares).

(1) Materiel in wholesale depot storage. Report receipt of the message/TB by e-mail or datafax to the wholesale materiel (spares) point of contact listed in paragraph 16 c within 3 working days from the date of subject message. Provide local point of contact.

(2) Materiel in retail storage. Report receipt of the message/TB by e-mail or datafax to the logistical point of contact listed in paragraph 16 b within 7 days from the date of the subject message. Provide local point of contact.

d. Task/Inspection Reporting Suspense Date (Spares).

(1) Material in Wholesale Depot Storage. Report compliance with the message/TB to the wholesale materiel point of contact (spares) listed in paragraph 16 c within 7 days of the date of the message/TB on DD Form 1225. Provide the cost of compliance with the message/TB to include an estimate of the cost reimbursable funding required to move serviceable items on hand listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 to a work area, unpack the materiel, repack the materiel after inspection by ATCOM inspectors, and to return the materiel to storage, as appropriate. Report, by original serviceable condition code, the quantity of materiel placed in condition code J. Report by e-mail or datafax and provide local point of contact.

(2) Material in Retail Storage. Report compliance with the message/TB to the logistical point of contact listed in paragraph 16 b within 14 days of the date of subject message. Report the quantity inspected by condition code and the resulting condition code. Report by e-mail or datafax and provide local point of contact.

e. The Following Forms are Applicable and are to be Completed in Accordance with DA Pamphlet 738751, dated 15 Mar 1999:

NOTE

Unit Level Logistics System-Aviation (ULLS-A) users will use applicable electronic "E" forms.

(1) DA Form 2408-5-1, Equipment Modification Record (Engine)

(2) DA Form 2408-I 3, Aircraft Status Information Record

(3) DA Form 2408-I 3-1, Aircraft Inspection and Maintenance Record

(4) DA Form 2408-I 5, Historical Record for Aircraft

(5) DA Form 2408-I 6, Aircraft Component Historical Record

(6) DA Form 2410, Component Removal and Repair/Overhaul Record (only if engine is removed)

(7) DD Form 1574/DD Form 1574-1, Serviceable Tag/Label – Materiel (color yellow) Annotate remarks block with “Inspected serviceable IAW UH-I-00-04, AH-I-00-05, (TB I-2840-229-20-27)”

(8) DD Form 1575/DD Form 1575-1, Suspended Tag/Label – Materiel (color brown) Annotate remarks block with “Suspended IAW UH-I-00-04, AH-I-00-05, (TB I-2840-229-20-27)”

(9) DD Form 1577-2/DD Form 1577-3, Unserviceable (reparable) Tag/Label – Materiel (color green) Annotate remarks block with “Unserviceable IAW UH-I-00-04, AH-I-00-05, (TB I-2840-229-20-27)”

15. Weight and Balance. N/A
16. Points of Contact.

a. Technical point of contact for the message/TB are

(1) Primary = Mr Mark Heitert, AMSAM-RE-AD-P, DSN 897-4964 or (256) 313-4964, datafax is 897-4961 E-mail is <mark heitert@redstone army mil>

(2) Alternate = Mr Steve Monaco, AMSAM-RE-AB-P, DSN 645-0078 or (256) 955-0078, datafax is DSN 645-6590 or (256) 955-6590 E-mail is <steve monaco@uh redstone army mil>

b. Logistical points of contact for this message/TB are

(1) UH-1 Primary = Mr Charles Elkins, AMSAM-DSU-UH-U, DSN 645-0073 or (256) 955-0073. Datafax is DSN 645-6590 or (256) 955-6590. E-mail is <charlie elkins@uh redstone army mil>

(2) UH-1 Alternate = Mr Howard Reeves, AMSAM-DSU-UH-U, DSN 645-0624 or (256) 955-0624, datafax is DSN 897-3805 or (256) 313-3805 E-mail is choward reeves@uh redstone army mil>

(3) AH-1 = LTC William Gavora, AMSAM-DSU-UH-U, DSN 645-7004 or (256) 955-7004, datafax is DSN 645-7125 or (256) 955-7125 E-mail is <william gavora@redstone army mil>

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d. Forms and records point of contact for this message/TB is Ms Ann Waldeck, AMSAM-MMC-RE-FF, DSN 746-5564 or (256) 876-5564; Datafax is DSN 746-4904 or (256) 876-4904 E-mail is <waldeck-ab@redstone army mil>

e. Safety point of contact for the message/TB is Mr Howard Chilton, AMSAM-SF-A, DSN 897-2068 or (256) 313-2068, Datafax is DSN 897-2111 or (256) 313-2111 E-mail is choward chilton@redstone army mil>

f. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) recipients requiring clarification of action advised by this message/TB should contact either CW5 Joseph L Wittstrom, Securii Assistance Management, AMSAM-SA, DSN 897-0681 or commercial (256) 313-0681, E-mail is <wittstrom-jl@redstone army mil> Alternate POC is Mr Ronnie W Sammons, AMSAM-SA-CS-NF, DSN 897-0408 or (256) 313-0408, Datafax is DSN 897-0411 or (256) 313-0411, E-mail is <sammons-rw@redstone army mil> Huntsville, Alabama is GMT minus 6 hrs

g. After hours contact AMCOM Command Operations Center (COC) DSN 897-2066/2067 or commercial (256) 313-2066/2067
17. Reporting of Errors and Recommending Improvements. You can improve this TB. If you find any mistakes or if you know of a way to improve these procedures, please let us know. Mail your letter or DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to Commander, US Army Aviation and Missile Command, ATTN AMSAM-MMC-LS-LP, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898-5230. A reply will be furnished to you. You may also send in your comments electronically to our E-mail address at <ls-lp@redstone.army.mil>, or by datafax at DSN 788-6546 or commercial (256) 842-6546. Instructions for sending a DA Form 2028 by E-mail may be found at the back of most Technical Manuals.

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