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R44 SERVICE LETTER SL-58

R66 SERVICE LETTER SL-20

DATE: 30 January 2017

TO: R44, R44 II, and R66 Owners, Operators, and Maintenance Personnel

SUBJECT: C258-5 Pitch Link Assembly

BACKGROUND: Part number C258-1 pitch link assembly, main rotor, is no longer available and is superseded by new part number C258-5 pitch link assembly. C258-5 link assembly features a separately replaceable lower rod end. This service letter provides instructions for adjustment of the new C258-5 assemblies.

C258-5 USAGE AND ADJUSTMENTS: (refer to illustration on page 2)

- 1. C258-5 pitch link assembly directly replaces C258-1 pitch link assembly, and may be installed singly or in pairs; there is no weight change.
- 2. When replacing pitch link assembly or pitch link parts, keep overall length within plus/minus 0.005 inch of removed link prior to disassembly.
- 3. After pitch link installation or adjustment, verify both rod end threaded shanks block passage of 0.020 inch diameter lockwire at witness holes in barrel assembly.
- 4. Apply torque stripes for maximum preflight visibility after torquing nuts.
- 5. Due to a self-locking thread insert, lockwire is not required.
- 6. Similar to C258-1 pitch link assembly, blade tracking fine adjustment is accomplished by rotating barrel with rod ends remaining connected to pitch horn and swashplate; one full turn of barrel is equivalent to one-half turn of upper rod end.
- 7. Apply light coat of A257-2 or A257-22 oil to threads when replacing rod ends.

Approximate Cost:

Parts: \$651 for complete C258-5 link assembly

