

NEWSLETTER



At this year's Heli Expo in Dallas, RHC displayed an R66 Turbine, R44 Raven II, R44 Cadet, and an R66 Newscopter. All four aircraft were sold and delivered immediately following the exhibit. SKY Helicopters, Robinson's longtime dealer (Garland, Texas) took delivery of three of the four aircraft, the R66, the Raven II and the Newscopter (SKY's 16th). The R66 and the Raven II were displayed in the main hall while the Newscopter was exhibited in the static hall. The R44 Cadet, also displayed in the main hall, was delivered to the University of North Dakota (UND) Aerospace. This is UND's 6th Cadet since its first acquisition in 2016. "The Cadet has proven to be an outstanding trainer... allowing us to instruct the next generation of helicopter pilots," said Wes Van Dell, UND's Chief Flight Instructor-Helicopter.

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Robinson Updates Helicopter Community

Robinson President Kurt Robinson addressed a full room at his March 8th Heli Expo press conference. He began with Robinson's aircraft production for 2021. The company produced 244 aircraft in 2021 compared to 177 in 2020 and the upward trajectory is expected to continue. "I'm targeting 300-350 for 2022 but we'll see how it goes, as we are still dealing with residual effects from COVID," said Robinson. He then moved on to the recent upturn in sales, noting the company currently has a backlog of over 300 aircraft orders. Kurt emphasized the R66's strong position in the marketplace (for the first time R66 sales surpassed Raven II sales). "The R66 has found its niche... operators are realizing the vast potential of this aircraft." With over 1,100 R66s delivered and more than 1.5 million hours logged, the R66 has become the number one selling light turbine helicopter according to GAMA's 2021 Year-End Aircraft Shipment Report.

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Polk County Commits to Two More R66 Police Helicopters

Robinson received two more R66 Police helicopter orders from Florida's Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) less than a year after the department took delivery of its first R66 Police helicopter.

"We are adding a second and third R66 because of our confidence in the helicopter's ability and functionality. It's a great aircraft that has reduced our operating costs by nearly fifty percent," said Sheriff Grady Judd.

With a speed of up to 130 kts (241 km) per hour and a useful load of 786 lb (357 kg), the four-place Robinson R66 Police combines power, performance, and payload with mission-specific equipment.



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Pilots, Start Your Engines

R22 and R44 helicopters are now equipped with Lycoming's Electronic Ignition System (EIS) which improves starting characteristics, increases reliability, and reduces maintenance. The EIS installation replaces the left starting magneto. The remaining right magneto provides redundant ignition and eliminates the need for a backup power supply. EIS has very high spark energy for easier engine starts, and its solid-state design with no internal moving parts increases reliability. Designed to last the life of the engine with no scheduled maintenance between overhauls, EIS eliminates the 500-hour inspection and helps reduce unscheduled maintenance.

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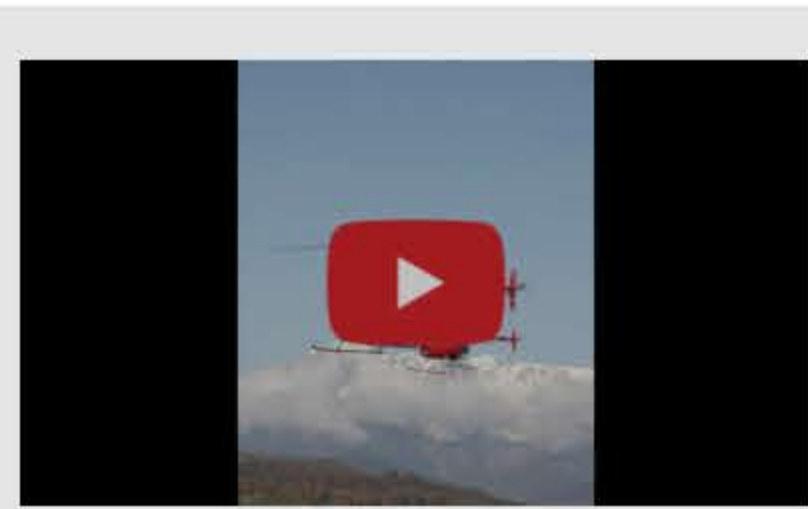
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