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SUBJECT: ONE-TIME INSPECTION OF EMERGENCY AND UTILITY FLOAT SKID TUBE EXTENSION ASSEMBLIES.

MODELS AFFECTED: All McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company (MDHC) 369D, 369E AND 369F/FF Series helicopters with emergency or utility floats installed.

NOTE

Utility floats are only approved for use on the 369D and 369E Series helicopters.

TIME OF COMPLIANCE: The requirements of this Notice shall be accomplished within the next 100 hours of helicopter operation.

PREFACE: MDHC has received reports of fractures in the float skid tube extensions as a result of corrosion and/or wear on the skid tube extensions. Operators who find their skid extensions damaged are required to rework skid tube extensions per modification instructions in CSP-002 (utility floats) and CSP-025 (emergency floats). Copies of CSP-002 and CSP-025 will be provided with this Notice. It should be noted that utility floats are only certified on the 369D and 369E series helicopters.

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

Utility Floats Manual (CSP-002) Revised 12 June 1989
Emergency Floats Manual (CSP-025) Reissued 12 June 1989

PROCEDURE

- a. Gain access to emergency and utility float skid tube extension assemblies.
- b. Remove the skid tube extension tubes and inspect for internal corrosion. The area to be inspected is from the attach point aft to the bend in the tube.

NOTE

- Light surface corrosion can be removed and touched up per instructions in the HMI.
 - Wear should not exceed 20% of the wall thickness of the tube.
- c. Inspect emergency and utility float skid tube extensions for any signs of cracking, corrosion and/or wear. Remove light corrosion per instructions in the HMI.

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NOTE

- Replace those skid tube extension assemblies found to have cracks, excessive corrosion or excessive wear per INSTALLATION OF SKID TUBE EXTENSIONS instructions found in CSP-002 (utility) and CSP-025 (emergency) optional equipment installation instructions.
- Refer to CSP-002 and CSP-025 Illustrated Parts List for current configuration emergency and utility float skid tube extension assemblies.

d. Record compliance to this Service Information Notice in the Compliance Record section of the helicopter Log Book.

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