

SERVICE LETTER

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USE OF ALTERNATE FLOOR PANEL HARDWARE

MODELS AFFECTED: All McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems (MDHS) MD900 series helicopters.

Alternate hardware (screws and bolts) has now been approved for use when installing MD900 floor panels. Stainless steel screws and bolts (NAS7803 and AN3 CRES of varying length) can now be substituted for titanium screws (NAS7903 of varying length) if operators choose to do so. Some advantages of using the stainless steel screws or bolts are: better wear, cost and availability. The use of stainless screws or bolts will increase the weight of the aircraft by approximately 1.3 pounds (0.6 kg).



Fastener lengths vary at different locations around each floor panel. Failure to install the correct length fastener may damage nutplates in the floor substructure or cause loss of fastener and possible FOD contamination. During panel removal, keep track of fastener locations by pressing fasteners into a sheet of cardboard in a pattern following the original hardware installation.

POINTS OF CONTACT: For further assistance, contact your local MDHS Field Service Representative (refer to the Business Development and Customer Support handbook for address and telephone numbers) or contact the Field Service Department at MDHS, Mesa, Arizona. Telephone: 1-800-388-3378 or (602) 891-6342. FAX: (602) 891-6782.