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## First New-Production MD 530F Delivered with Factory-Installed GPMS Foresight MX HUMS

*Aircraft carries a complete vibration and usage record from its first flight; Foresight MX is available on new MD 530F orders and as a retrofit for in-service aircraft*

**MESA, Ariz., November, 2026.** MD Helicopters, LLC (MDH) has delivered the first new-production MD 530F with the GPMS International Foresight MX Health and Usage Monitoring System (HUMS) installed at the factory.

Foresight MX is approved for the MD 530F under an FAA Supplemental Type Certificate (STC). The system records vibration data on every flight to detect early wear in the drivetrain and gearboxes, and estimates the remaining useful life of individual drives, gears, and bearings, so maintenance can be planned around the condition of the aircraft rather than the calendar alone. It also provides engine performance monitoring, flight data monitoring, and exceedance tracking in support of Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) and Safety Management System programs. Rotor track and balance data is captured automatically and the system recommends adjustments, reducing time spent balancing. Operators can review aircraft and fleet data remotely through the Foresight web portal.

"The MD 530F is the high-performance aircraft in its class: fast, agile, and stable when the mission puts it low, close to terrain, or high and hot," said Ryan Weeks, Chief Executive Officer of MD Helicopters. "Operators who fly it that hard want to know exactly how the drivetrain is holding up. With Foresight MX installed at the factory, this aircraft has a complete health record from its first flight, and that baseline is what makes the trend data useful for the life of the aircraft."

The Foresight MX STC for the MD 530 was achieved in 2022 through a collaboration between GPMS, MDH, Wysong Enterprises, and the Tennessee Valley Authority, with certification flown on a TVA-owned MD 530 used for transmission line patrol. For new aircraft or retrofit installation, operators can contact MDH at **sales@mdhelicopters.com** or GPMS at info@gpms-vt.com.

**About MD Helicopters**

MD Helicopters, LLC (MDH) manufactures high-performance rotorcraft solutions that support operators flying military, commercial, law enforcement, utility, and VIP mission profiles. With thousands of aircraft in service worldwide, MDH has been designing and building aircraft known for their safety, versatility, responsiveness, speed, and reliability since 1947. Our commitment to product sustainment and customer success allows MDH to deliver aircraft unmatched in their performance and reliability. MD Helicopters, LLC is owned by an investment consortium comprised of MBIA Insurance, Bardin Hill Investment Partners LP, and MB Global Partners.

**About GPMS International**

GPMS International, Inc. develops Foresight MX, a predictive health and usage monitoring system for rotorcraft that combines machine condition monitoring with flight data monitoring to help operators optimize maintenance, safety, and operations. Foresight MX is certified on Airbus, Bell, Sikorsky, Boeing, Robinson, MDH, and Mil platforms and is supported by a global Certified Installer Network. Learn more at gpms-vt.com.

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