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# SERVICE LETTER

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TO: ALL OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF MD HELICOPTERS, INC. (MDHI) MODEL 369/369A (YOH-6A/OH-6A) HELICOPTERS.

## MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE OPERATION OF SURPLUS 369A (OH-6A) SERIES HELICOPTERS

### REFERENCES:

Federal Aviation Regulations (Parts 21, 39, 43 and 91)  
Type Certificate Data Sheet H3WE (latest issue)  
U.S. Army Technical Manual, TM55-1520-214-10 (Operator's Manual)  
U.S. Army Technical Manual, TM55-1520-214-23 (Maintenance Manual)  
U.S. Army Technical Manual, TM55-1520-214-23P (Illustrated Parts Manual including Depot Maintenance Repair Parts and Special Tools)  
Applicable U.S. Army *Safety of Flight Messages*  
Applicable FAA Airworthiness Directives

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ISSUE: In the 1960s, Hughes Tool Company (former H3WE Type Certificate holder) initiated the design of the Model 369/369A (YOH-6A/OH-6A) helicopters. On June 30, 1964, the Model 369 was approved as a normal category helicopter. The model 369A was approved August 24, 1966.

**NOTE:** MD Helicopters does not support operators who are attempting to obtain a FAA Model 369A Standard Airworthiness Certificate for surplus military OH-6A helicopters. Therefore, requests for FAA Form 8130-2 (formerly FAA Form 970) will not be processed.

OH-6A helicopters were owned by the U.S. Army and are being operated as Public Service Aircraft. These helicopters were maintained in accordance with the then applicable U.S. Army maintenance and inspection programs. As such, ***these helicopters were not required to be operated or maintained in accordance with FAA Regulations*** regarding certificated aircraft.

### WARNING

**Failure to comply with established FAA Regulations, Airworthiness Directives, mandatory retirement, overhaul life limits and proper inspection and maintenance procedures may lead to loss of control of the helicopter and subsequent injury, death and/or property damage.**

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If you are the current owner or operator of an OH-6A helicopter, or plan to acquire one, you must operate and maintain your helicopter as either a Public Service Aircraft (for other government agencies) or a civil aircraft with an FAA Certificate of Airworthiness. MDHI recommends a Restricted Certificate of Airworthiness since surplus military OH-6A Helicopters cannot meet the current FAA requirements for a model 369A Standard Airworthiness Certificate. Civil aircraft must be maintained and operated in accordance with applicable 14 CFR Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and the H3WE Type Certificate Data Sheet.

MDHI strongly recommends that any surplus military OH-6A aircraft used as Public Service Aircraft be operated and maintained in accordance with the applicable U.S. Army Technical Manuals:

TM 55-1520-214-10 Operator's Manual, TM 55-1520-214-23 Organizational Maintenance Manual and TM 55-1520-214-23P Illustrated Parts Manual. Additionally, owners and operators should ensure that all applicable FAA Airworthiness Directives, Manufacturer's mandatory Service Information Notices and U.S. Army Safety of Flight Messages have been complied with.

MDHI does not sell or distribute U.S. Army technical manuals. FAA Airworthiness Directives are available on MDHI and FAA web sites.

It is further recommended that owners/operators contact a MDHI authorized Service Center or the MDHI Field Service Department with any questions or problems that may arise.

For further assistance, contact your local MDHI Field Service Representative (refer to the latest revision of the "At Your Service" handbook for address and telephone numbers) or contact the Field Service Department at MDHI, Mesa, Arizona. Telephone 1-800-388-3378 or (480) 346-6387. DATAFAX: (480) 346-6813.