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REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND CRITICAL INSPECTION AREAS

This Service Letter is issued to advise owners/operators of the importance of performing the published inspections and checks at the designated intervals. It is also to advise owners/operators of critical areas of the main rotor blade and lead lag links for helicopters which average more than six Torque Events (TE) per hour. Service Letter 369H-132, 369D-111, 369E-063, 369F-056, 500N-008, 600N-005, dated 11 January 1999, or later revision explains Torque Event/Retirement Index Number and recommends recording Torque Events on all helicopters.

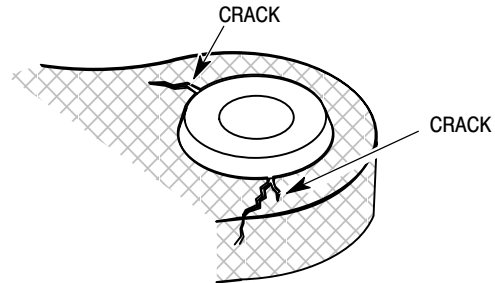
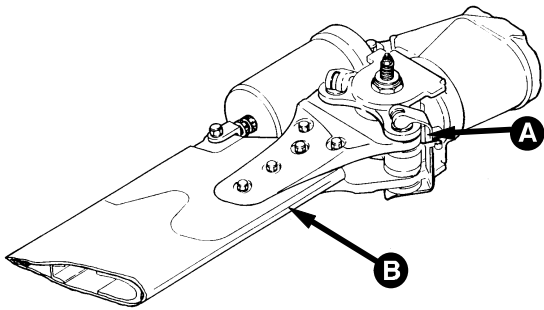
Owners/operators should review and perform all the required inspections and checks at the required intervals published in the Airworthiness Limitations Section, Continued Airworthiness Section, Service Information Notices/Service Bulletins, Airworthiness Directives and Rotorcraft Flight Manual. The inspections/checks and intervals are critical for safe flight and continued airworthiness.

MD Helicopters Inc. (MDHI) wishes to emphasize the critical areas of the main rotor blade and lead-lag links for helicopters that average more than six Torque Events per hour (Refer to Figure 1). These areas are already included in the pilot preflight and maintenance inspections, but become more critical for helicopters which average more than six Torque Events per hour.

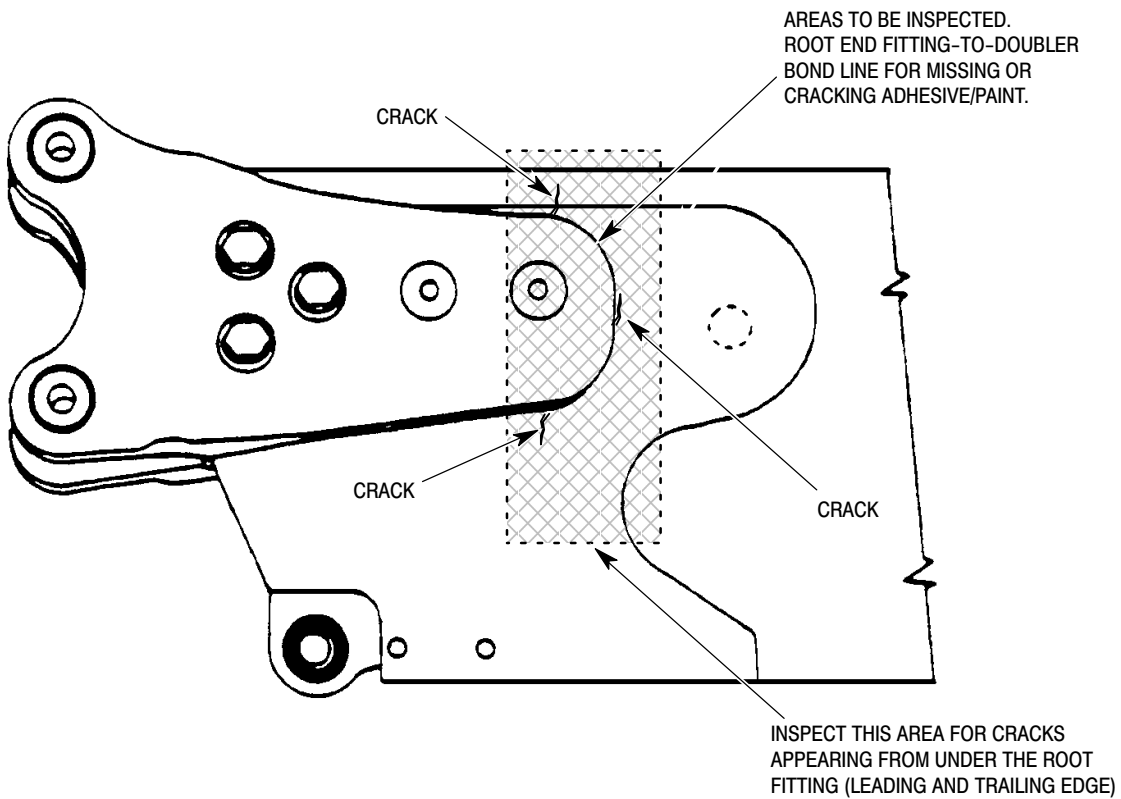
For further assistance, contact your local MDHI Field Service Representative (refer to the latest revision of the "At Your Service" handbook for address and telephone numbers) or contact the Field Service Department at MDHI, Mesa, Arizona. Telephone 1-800-388-3378 or (602) 891-6342. DATAFAX: (602) 891-6782.

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A MAIN ROTOR BLADE UPPER AND LOWER ROOT FITTING AND LEAD-LAG LINK LUG CRITICAL INSPECTION AREA



B MAIN ROTOR BLADE LOWER SIDE (ROTATED)

Figure 1. Main Rotor Blade and Lead-Lag Link Critical Areas