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**Subject:** Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2025-06-04 for Airbus Helicopters AS350, AS355 and EC130 model variants

Dear Mr. May:

The FAA received your email letter dated May 7, 2025 proposing a Global AMOC to paragraph 2. (h) (6) (i) of AD 2025-06-04. FAA AD 2025-06-04 requires repetitive inspections of the main gear box bevel wheel and the main gear box magnetic plug for particles. Additionally, the AD prohibits installing an affected main gear box unless certain requirements are met.

The FAA approves your Global AMOC proposal to paragraph 2. (h) (6) (i) of AD 2025-06-04 to extend the existing repetitive inspection compliance time intervals for the main gear box magnetic plug. This extension provides an acceptable level of safety. Your AMOC would apply to Airbus Helicopters models as follows:

AS350B, AS350B1, AS350BA, and AS350D interval is 100 hours and there is a 10-hour tolerance for a compliance time of 110 hours.

AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, AS355N and AS355NP interval is 100 hours and there is a 10-hour tolerance for a compliance time of 110 hours.

AS350B2 and AS350B3 interval is 100 hours and there is a 10-hour tolerance for a compliance time of 110 hours.

EC130B4 interval is 100 hours and there is a 10-hour tolerance for a compliance time of 110 hours.

EC130T2 interval is 150 hours and there is a 15-hour tolerance for a compliance time of 165 hours.

The following limitations apply to this AMOC:

1. This FAA AMOC is transferable with the aircraft to an operator who operates the aircraft under U.S. registry.
2. Before using this AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.
3. All provisions of FAA AD 2025-06-04 that are not specifically referenced above remain fully applicable and must be complied with accordingly.
4. This AMOC only applies to the FAA AD listed above. The FAA does not have the authority to approve this as an AMOC to any AD issued by another civil aviation authority (CAA). Approval of an AMOC to another CAA's AD must come from that CAA.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact George Weir, Aviation Safety Engineer, by telephone at (817) 222-4045, or by email at [george.a.weir@faa.gov](mailto:george.a.weir@faa.gov).

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