

(a) Effective Date

The FAA issued Emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2026-17-51 on August 11, 2026 (also referred to as the emergency AD), directly to affected owners and operators. As a result of such actual notice, that emergency AD was effective for those owners and operators on the date it was received. This AD contains the same requirements as the emergency AD and, for those who did not receive actual notice, is effective on September 14, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Bell Textron Canada Limited Model 222 helicopters, certificated in any category, as identified in Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39, dated August 10, 2026 (Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39).

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 6400, Tail rotor system.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report of in-flight fatigue failure of a tail rotor pitch horn. The FAA is issuing this AD to address undetected cracks, remove affected tail rotor pitch horns and associated tail rotor pitch links from service, and prohibit installation of the affected tail rotor pitch horns. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could lead to failure of the tail rotor pitch horns and secondary tail rotor hub components, which could result in loss of control of the helicopter.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions

Except as specified in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39.

(h) Exceptions to Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39

(1) Where Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39 specifies “before next flight after the effective date of this AD”, this AD requires replacing that text with “before further flight after the effective date of this AD”.

(2) Where the material referenced in Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39 specifies discarding parts, this AD requires removing those parts from service.

(3) Where the material referenced in Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39 specifies to make an entry in the helicopter logbook and historical service records indicating compliance with the referenced service material, this AD does not require those actions because those actions are already required in accordance with 14 CFR 43.9(a) and 91.417(a)(2)(v). The record must be maintained as required by 14 CFR 91.417, or 135.439.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the material referenced in Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not require that action.

(j) Special Flight Permits

Special flight permits, as described in 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199, are not allowed.

(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l) of this AD and email to AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(l) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact David Wilson, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (817) 222-5786; email: david.wilson@faa.gov.

(m) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Transport Canada Emergency AD CF-2026-39, dated August 10, 2026.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Transport Canada material identified in this AD, contact Transport Canada, Transport Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario, K1A 0N5, Canada; phone: (888) 663-

3639; email: tc.airworthinessdirectives-consignesdenavigabilite.tc@tc.gc.ca; website: tc.canada.ca/en/aviation.

(4) You may view this material at FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.