R44 SERVICE LETTER SL-97

DATE: 03 November 2026

TO: R44-series Owners, Operators, and Maintenance Personnel

SUBJECT: Revised Airworthiness Limitations

BACKGROUND: RHC has obtained FAA approval of revised Airworthiness Limitations for R44-series helicopters. Several life-limited parts increased from 2200/2400 hours to 2500 hours maximum service life, and some from 2200/2400 or 4400/4800 hours to 5000 hours maximum service life. For some parts, this increased maximum service life applies only to the latest revision; for others, this increase applies retroactively.

The following production helicopters are the first to be equipped with all of the revised, life-limited parts:

R44 S/Ns 2796 & subsequent;
R44 II S/Ns 14767, 14768, 14773, 14775 & subsequent;
R44 Cadet S/Ns 30102 & subsequent.

SUMMARY:

The R44 Maintenance Manual OCT 2026 revision includes a revised Airworthiness Limitations section in Chapter 3.

If replacement parts are installed with revised life limits, update maintenance records as appropriate per 14 CFR Part 43.