

# UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

Aircraft Certification Service



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## **AFFECTED PRODUCTS**

MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI), horizontal tip plate assembly, part number 369D23670.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this notification is to advise all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers and distributors regarding MDHI model 369 series horizontal tip plate assemblies sold without Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) production approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

Information received during an FAA suspected unapproved parts investigation revealed that between March 2011 and December 2015, an eBay seller listed and sold several model 369 horizontal tip plate assemblies, part number 369D23760 without MDHI approval. The eBay seller is not an FAA Production Approval Holder.

MDHI model 369 horizontal tip plate assemblies sold by Jolhan03 have the following characteristics:

- The articles are not serialized
- The articles are not accompanied by MD Helicopter Inc. documentation
- The articles have a black ink stamp date NOV 19 2010 on the tip
- The articles have black ink stamp 369D23670 5015 on the tip

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Regulations require that type-certificated products conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers and distributors are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and/or aircraft parts inventory for the referenced part number. If these horizontal tip plate assemblies are found installed on a type certified MDHI model 369 aircraft or in existing inventory, it is recommended they be removed from the aircraft and any articles found in existing inventory be quarantined to prevent installation until a determination can be made regarding their eligibility for installation.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information concerning this investigation can be obtained from the FAA Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO) listed below. In addition to the above recommendations, the FAA would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of the above-referenced horizontal tip plate assembly from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove the horizontal tip plate assembly from

aircraft and/or parts inventories.

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