

Eurocopter's Latest Partner



Eurocopter has signed a partnership contract with Able Engineering & Components Services, for the repair of transmission system components for the BO 105, the BK 117 and the Ecureuil.



The FAA⁽¹⁾ has qualified more than 150 different types of repairs that can be made to the transmission assemblies of Eurocopter helicopters.

The American market is very important for Eurocopter especially for the Ecureuil family, the BK 117, and the BO 105. When one of these aircraft operated by an American customer needs an overhaul or repair of its transmission systems, the operator contacts the Eurocopter subsidiary company in the United States, American Eurocopter Corp, or one of the Eurocopter-accredited maintenance centers.

Until now, customers were only able to replace the faulty part with a new part, or return it to the parent company for repair. The process was quite lengthy and costly. Within the framework of the objectives pursued by Eurocopter for reducing helicopter maintenance costs, the partnership finalized with Able Engineering for the American market gives Eurocopter a detail part repairer in the United States, notably for the main, intermediate and tail gearboxes. Able Engineering, a specialist in the repair of helicopter and airplane components, has already repaired Eurocopter helicopter parts for overhaul and repair centers under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) agreement and, consequently, has accumulated extensive experience in this field.

There are many advantages to this partnership: Able Engineering offers

repairs to American operators at a competitive cost with reduced repair times. The company has already had nearly 150 types of repairs on Eurocopter helicopter transmission systems qualified by the FAA. The Eurocopter design office is currently checking these repairs, which will be validated following modifications, where necessary. The objective is to guarantee the employed procedures conform to the Eurocopter quality standard. In return, the American company will be accredited to carry out the repairs under the "Eurocopter Approved" label for Eurocopter helicopter operators all over the world, according to the requirements of the repair manuals published by Eurocopter. The company will be regularly audited.

The partnership between Eurocopter and Able Engineering has already borne fruit and customers have reacted favorably to it. This is yet another example of the positive actions launched by Eurocopter to reach our priority goal: the satisfaction of our customers. ■

(1) Federal Aviation Administration

Able Engineering

IDENTIFICATION CARD

Name: Able Engineering & Component Services
Created in: 1982
Chief Executive Officer: Lee Benson
Location: Phoenix (Arizona)
Employees: 100 people
Activity: Repair and overhaul of components for airplanes and helicopters.