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**TO OWNERS OF EXEC 162F HELICOPTERS
DELIVERED BETWEEN JULY 1995 AND DECEMBER 1996**

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BULLETIN M-18

THIS BULLETIN IS MANDATORY AND MUST BE COMPLIED WITH

History: Pinhole leaks have been found in certain types of braided steel fuel hoses that were supplied with the Exec 162F and with FADEC System upgrades. A fuel leak could cause an extremely hazardous condition both on the ground and during flight.

The leaks were found in rubber lined fuel hose assemblies that were supplied with Exec 162F helicopter kits from July, 1995 to December, 1996. These hoses are identified by the brand name "Deutsch" appearing on a small stainless steel band around the hose.

Action: Inspect all of the braided steel fuel hoses on your helicopter. All hoses marked with the brand name "Deutsch" must be replaced with Teflon lined hoses as currently supplied with the Exec 162F. If your helicopter is equipped with "Deutsch" hoses, do not start the engine or attempt flight until the fuel hoses have been replaced.

The newer Teflon hose assemblies are considered "lifetime" hoses and do not require replacement until 2000 hours or on condition.