

Safety Information Notice

SUBJECT: MAIN ROTOR

Main Rotor Head - Rupture of the Hub

For the attention of	
	

AIRCRAFT CONCERNED	Version(s)	
	Civil	Military
EC120	B	

The case of an emergency landing made by an EC120 B Colibri after major vibrations were suddenly felt in the main rotor has recently been reported to EUROCOPTER.

On the ground, the main rotor hub was found ruptured at a drag damper attachment hole (See Figure 1).

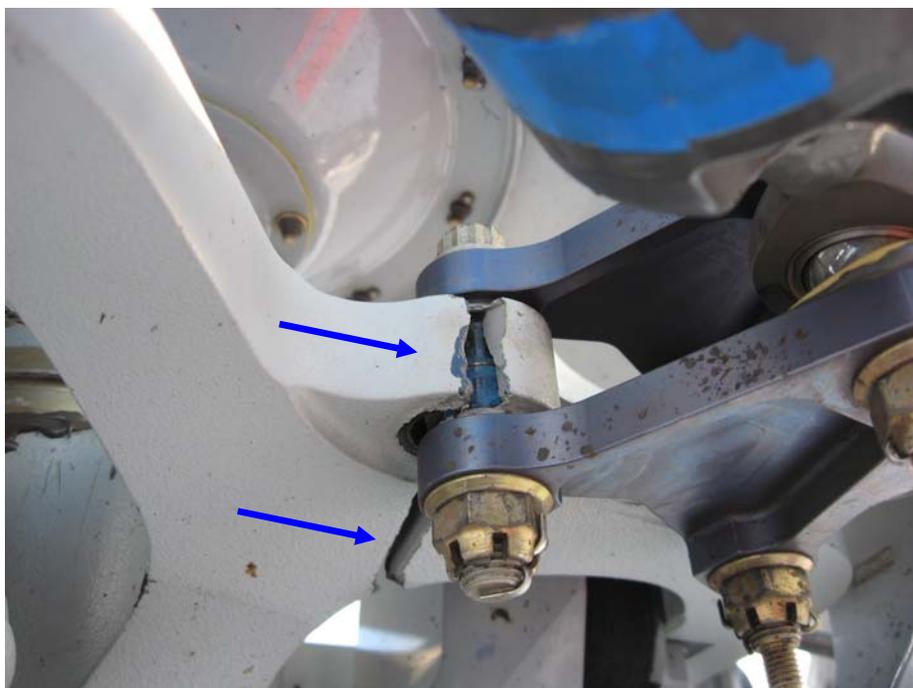


Figure 1

This event is currently the subject of an official investigation by the board of inquiry of the country concerned.

Without predicting the conclusions of the board of inquiry, EUROCOPTER is issuing this Safety Information Notice to remind you of the importance to comply with the scheduled maintenance actions:

- During the Flight-Related Inspection (VLV), (These Flight-Related Checks of the day have to be conducted either after completion of a flying day or before starting a new flying day):
 - Check that the rotor hub is in serviceable condition and free from cracks (in the drag damper attachment area) as per AMM 05-30-00,6-1 Zone 2.

EUROCOPTER will keep you informed of all significant progress in this investigation.