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### **VHA Aftermarket Tail Rotor Blade Now Available for Seven UH-1H Huey Models**

TEMPE, Ariz., August 27, 2007 – Van Horn Aviation (VHA) today announced availability of its aftermarket tail rotor blade for seven different models of UH-1H Huey helicopters. Previously certified on the Garlick UH-1H, the VHA composite tail rotor blade received an amended STC for six additional UH-1H models on August 15.

The VHA tail rotor blade is now approved on the following models: Arrow Falcon Exporters UH-1H, Hagglund UH-1H, Northwest Rotorcraft UH-1H, S.M. & T. UH-1H, Southwest Florida Aviation UH-1H, and Williams UH-1H.

“We’ve had several customers wanting to use our tail rotor blades on other Huey models besides the Garlick UH-1H,” said VHA President James Van Horn. “With the amended STC, nearly all Huey operators have the option of using VHA tail rotor blades.”

VHA’s composite tail rotor blade features a carbon fiber spar and skin, fiberglass root fittings, and a stainless steel abrasion strip. Using advanced carbon fiber construction techniques results in a lighter but stronger rotor blade with a 2,400-hour life, which is double the life of the OEM tail rotor blade. The VHA rotor blade also takes advantage of a more efficient airfoil design and is nearly one inch wider than the current OEM blade.

“We are confident that our customers will find our rotor blade to be superior to what’s already on the market,” said Van Horn.

The VHA tail rotor blade requires no modification to the tail rotor hub for installation. List pricing for VHA’s UH-1H tail rotor blade is \$10,500 per blade.

For more information, call +1 480.483.4202 or visit [www.vanhornaviation.com](http://www.vanhornaviation.com).

Based in Tempe, Ariz., Van Horn Aviation specializes in the design, certification and manufacturing of aftermarket dynamic components for various rotorcraft. In addition to receiving STC/PMA certification on the UH-1H tail rotor blade, VHA is currently in partnership with Los Angeles-based Helicopter Technology Company to certify and manufacture an aftermarket UH-1H main rotor blade.