



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

VHA Aftermarket Tail Rotor Blade Now Available for UH-1B and UH-1F Huey Models

TEMPE, Ariz., April 21, 2008 – Van Horn Aviation (VHA) today announced availability of its aftermarket tail rotor blade for UH-1B and UH-1F Huey helicopters. Previously certified on various models of UH-1H, the VHA composite tail rotor blade received an amended STC for the UH-1B and UH-1F models on April 18.

“We’ve had positive responses from several UH-1H operators who have been flying our tail rotor blades,” said VHA President James Van Horn. “With the amended STC, UH-1B and UH-1F operators will be able to take advantage of the same performance enhancements and lower direct operating costs as UH-1H operators.”

VHA’s composite tail rotor blade features a carbon fiber spar and skin, fiberglass root fittings, and a stainless steel abrasion strip. The advanced carbon fiber construction 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 incorporates a more efficient airfoil design and is nearly one inch wider than the current OEM blade.

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.

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 development of an all-new carbon fiber tail rotor blade for the 206 helicopter. VHA is also in partnership with Los Angeles-based Helicopter Technology Company to certify and manufacture an aftermarket UH-1H main rotor blade.