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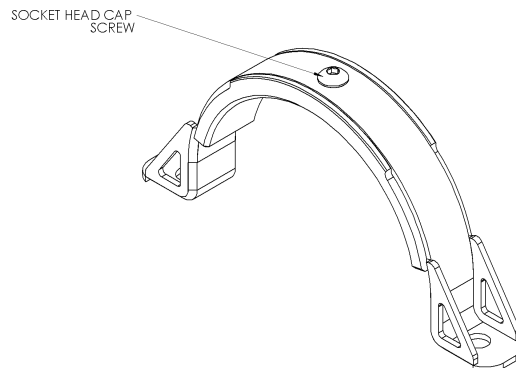
## INFORMATION LETTER

March 17, 2017

**TO:** All operators who have purchased Bear Paw, Kits prior to March 17, 2017 (Bell Medium AAL-290-040-001, Bell 429 AAL-490-010-001, Bell Light AAL-390-010-001).

**SUBJECT:** Socket head cap screws retaining the Cap, Detail to the Strap, Assembly.

Alpine Aerotech has become aware that during landing and takeoff the friction between the Cap, Detail and skid tube, can become high enough to cause the Cap, Detail to pivot independently of the Strap, Assembly. This may cause the Cap, Screw to disengage and possibly fall out.



The screw is not required for safety in flight. Its primary purpose is to hold the cap and strap assembly together, when they are not installed on the aircraft. Operators should feel free to remove the screw should they be concerned, and or there is no requirement to replace the screw should it become disengaged. All kits produced after March 17, 2017 will no longer be configured to use a mechanical fastener to keep the cap and strap together. Should you have any questions please contact Vaughan Billing or Taylor Wilson at Alpine Aerotech Manufacturing, at (250) 769-6344, or e-mail at vbilling@alpineaerotech.com, or twilson@alpineaerotech.com.

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