BELL HELICOPTER'S BRAND ADDS NEW OPS PLATFORM/STEP FOR THE BELL 429 AIRCRAFT

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Bell Helicopter, a Textron Inc. company announced its Aeronautical Accessories brand has added a new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved Special **Ops Platform/Step** to its product line for the **Bell 429 aircraft**. This new convenience accessory received a Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) from the FAA in September.

The Special Ops Platform/Step is a lightweight, all-aluminum construction that includes all mounting hardware. The step is machined to provide a long lasting anti-slip enhancement and improve mission capabilities and security for special operations.

The platform assists crews that use hoists, fast rope or rappelling kits by providing a large, stable step. The product can be installed on one or both sides of the aircraft and is available with a customized skid tube hoist guard for right-hand installations.

Benefits include:

Quick, easy installation with minimal down-time

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More stable, flat platform for crew compared to standing on round skid gear while operating equipment
Anti-skid surface provides “teeth” for more secure footing
Customized skid tube hoist guard available for right- hand side that provides gear protection from hoist cable damage

“The new Special Ops Platform was developed specifically with direct input from our customer,” said Jennifer Lunceford, manager of Sales for Aeronautical Accessories. “This is a product that incorporates enhancements designed to create a more stable environment for the crew while assisting our customers in accomplishing their missions. We expect this accessory to be a must-have for parapublic, search and rescue and other customers looking for a newly designed step that provides increased stability and convenience.”

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