

AS350/H125

FastFin®

Testimonials



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Cost per pound is king, I have wanted more capability for several years, and FastFin® represents a step change in useful load. All four FastFin® Systems are flying and proving their worth. We're lifting more, and our pilots are reporting improved stability and reduced workload. This is a product with a good cost/benefit ratio.

-Bart Brainerd, Brainerd Aviation

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The modifications provide more control margin in high altitude conditions, and a better comfort margin for critical work. This is in addition to the improved handling qualities that make it a lot smoother to land and hover.

-Jon Bourke, Chief Pilot, Helicopter Express

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We immediately noticed the much more neutral pedal position when lifting which translates to more available pedal when needed. The hover is quite stable in most situations

-John Whedon, Chief Pilot, Mountain Blade Runner Helicopters

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The additional performance brought by the BLR FastFin® System will benefit our H125 operators performing very demanding missions.

-Mathilde Royer-Germain, VP of Airbus Helicopters

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An interesting observation with our BLR FastFin machine was that during the same 600hr T/R inspection, minimal wear was noted on both the feathering and yoke bearing. These bearings were able to be kept in service and upon reaching the required Airbus 1200hr OTL bearing replacement the feathering bearings were still within limits. The yoke bearing surprisingly was also found to be within limits. Talking with the pilots about the matter, these observations made sense as they reported less yaw input necessary and increased stability while in hover operations

-Darren Shipman, Production Manager, Horizon Helicopters

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While some operators choose to install the FastFin® to enhance Hot and High performance, we chose it to gain a buffer to the FLI Limit to reduce the instances of over-torques on our aircraft and provide an environment where the pilots can deliver superior performance and service to our customers. Another unexpected jewel we noticed is that the FastFin® seems to remove the “Squirrel Factor” typical of all Astars for the in ground-effect IGE hover wick makes the aircraft more stable.

-John Buckland, Flight Operations Coordinator, Acasta Heliflight Inc