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## **FAA APPROVES ROBINSON EMPENNAGE DESIGN FOR R44 HELICOPTERS**

### **Symmetrical Stabilizer Now Standard on all New R44s Company Offers Retrofit Kit at a Discounted Rate**

**TORRANCE, CA., – FEBRUARY 5, 2024** - Robinson Helicopter Company, a global leader in civilian rotorcraft, has secured FAA approval for a new empennage design for its R44 aircraft. This accomplishment follows the FAA's prior approval of the same configuration for the Robinson R66 Turbine in September 2023. The development and testing of the new empennage design spanned several years, resulting in enhanced handling characteristics during high-speed flight.

This new empennage design includes a symmetric horizontal stabilizer and tailcone and is now standard on all newly manufactured R44 helicopters registered with the FAA.

Robinson Helicopter Company now offers a retrofit kit for existing R44 owners. The KI-285-2 retrofit kit, originally priced at \$7,050, is available at a discounted rate of \$3,600 until the end of December 2024, which can be purchased at a substantial discount through your authorized Robinson Dealer, Service Center, or by calling Robinson Helicopter customer service. The retrofit kit allows for the installation of the new symmetrical stabilizer on the existing tailcones in the field without the need for a complete tailcone replacement.

“Robinson continues to invest in engineering enhancements that make our aircraft more accessible and easier to fly,” said Kurt Robinson, President of Robinson Helicopter Company. “Our aim is to deliver unrivaled safety and reliability so pilots can accomplish their mission with confidence.”

Robinson Helicopter Company is actively collaborating with civil airworthiness authorities worldwide to secure foreign validations for this empennage configuration. As these regulatory approvals are obtained, foreign-registered R44 helicopters will be delivered with the new empennage as standard.

### **About Robinson Helicopter Company**

For more than 50 years, Robinson Helicopter Company has been at the forefront of the helicopter industry by delivering safety-enhancing technologies, including OEM-designed crash-resistant fuel cells, 4K cockpit video cameras, autopilot systems, and NVG-compatible cockpits. Robinson is committed to developing, manufacturing, and supporting the most reliable and efficient helicopters in the industry. For additional information, visit [www.robinsonheli.com](http://www.robinsonheli.com).

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