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TO ALL EXEC 162F OWNERS and ALL OWNERS WITH REVERSE COOLING CONVERSION

ADVISORY BULLETIN A-35

History: An air bleed valve is threaded into the waterjacket elbow on top of the engine, passenger side on all Exec 162F helicopters. This valve is also present on Exec 90 and Exec helicopters equipped with the reverse cooling conversion kit. In the event of a drive belt failure, including any belt running off of the main drive pulley, this valve could be hit and opened by the whipping belt. A hazardous condition could result from the hot coolant escaping into the engine compartment.

Action: The air bleed valve should be safety wired to prevent any unintentional opening. To do this, drill a small hole in the "T" handle of the valve and install the wire against the direction of rotation. The safety wire should then wrap around the base of the valve as shown below.

