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SOLOY RECEIVES CANADIAN CERTIFICATION FOR THE AS350SD2 HELICOPTER CONVERSION

Soon after receiving Supplemental Type Certificate number SR01647SE, Soloy sought and received a Letter of Acceptance from Transport Canada approving the installation of the Honeywell LTS101-700D-2 in the Eurocopter AS350B2 helicopter. The operators of the popular AS350B2 can now share the advantages obtained by Soloy's "Super D" owners who currently enjoy significant fuel consumption reductions and major savings in engine operating costs, all obtained while maintaining the helicopter's outstanding performance.

The first 'SD2' in Canada was converted by Heli Technik in Quebec and is now in service with Expedition Helicopters. Since receiving Canadian certification Soloy has delivered four AS350SD2 conversion kits to Canadian customers.

Soloy STC SR01647SE approves the installation of the Honeywell LTS101-700D-2 engine in the AS350B2 in place of the original Turbomeca Arriel 1D1. This installation allows operators to cut operating costs immediately due to a marked reduction in fuel consumption and maintenance inspection and overhaul costs, as well as improved serviceability provided by this essentially "on condition" powerplant.

Soloy's "SD2" is powered by Honeywell's remarkably efficient LTS101-700D-2, a truly mature engine and the result of a long development and product improvement program completed by Honeywell, the current owner of the once Lycoming engine line. Honeywell, Soloy and current operators can very positively state that the "LTS101 is back" providing reliable power and increased profits.

Soloy's receipt of this STC marks 30 years since the company installed the then Allison 250-C20 in the Hiller UH-12E. Since then over 550 Rolls-Royce 250 series engines have been installed in helicopter airframes from the Bell 47 to the Bell Twin Ranger. This milestone represents the ninth (9th) helicopter engine installation certification for Soloy.

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