



NEWSLETTER



Spring is Here, Summer is Near, FLY SAFE

Warm weather and clear skies make for perfect flying. Robinson pilots in many parts of the world are planning adventures and will soon take to the skies. With that in mind, it is a good time to repeat a few safety protocols.

- > Questionable weather or poor visibility is NOT negotiable. Make other plans.
- > Wire strikes are common. Pay attention, heads-up at all times, and fly high.
- > Watch your RPM, stay in the green, know what causes low RPM & how to recover.
- > In turbulence, slow down. A low-G situation is more likely to occur at high speeds.
- > Tired? Don't push it; no deadline, appointment, or outing is worth it.

Most accidents are avoidable and are often the result of a bad decision or incorrect action by the pilot. Stay current and review your POH.

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R66 Gives Rancher an Edge

Jim Schwertner, CEO and president of Capitol Land & Livestock, uses a Robinson R66 helicopter, which he refers to as his horse, to save time and keep an eye on his sprawling 20,000-acre ranch. At least twice a week, Schwertner hops in his R66 and goes looking for downed fences, leaking troughs, and stray cattle. The helicopter enables him to do in a single afternoon what took his father 4-5 days in a truck. "It's a real tool for me in our business," says Schwertner, referring to his multimillion-dollar cattle-trading operation. The R66 is Schwertner's fourth Robinson, having previously owned three R44s. Schwertner upgraded to the R66 because of its ability to carry more weight and fuel. Schwertner, 71, emphasizes the necessity of remaining current, and if his day is going to be long or challenging, he will opt to fly with another pilot.

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RHC's Bob Muse Teaches Safety in Switzerland

In May, Robinson's Chief Safety Instructor, Bob Muse, taught a Safety Course in Sitterdorf, Switzerland. Fifty Swiss pilots attended the seven-day course, which included two days of theory and five days of flight training. The focus was on safety management systems, accident prevention, emergency procedures, system failures, situational awareness, and standard and advanced maneuvers. The course was sponsored by and held at Heli Academy, a flight school that uses the R22, R44, and R66. The intent of the course was to teach pilots the nuances of flying in Switzerland's challenging environment. Muse also teaches the monthly safety course at Robinson Helicopter Company in Torrance.

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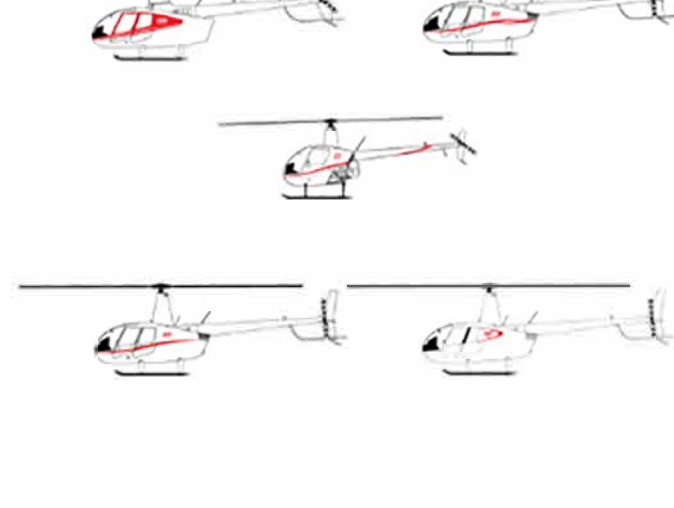
In 1992 P&B Helitrade, owned and operated by Wolfgang Pitterle, became Robinson's dealer and service center in Austria. That same year P&B took delivery of R22 SN 2195. Since then, P&B added the R44 and R66 to its dealership and expanded its operation to five locations. In addition to sales and service, P&B provides passenger transportation and, to date, has flown approximately 200,000 customers. Pitterle is a EASA licensed mechanic, holds both FAA and EASA commercial ratings, and is a EASA Senior Examiner with approximately 20,000 hours. Following in his father's footsteps, Pitterle's son, David, works with his father as an instructor, examiner, and manager.

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Printable Preflight Checklists

Printable preflight checklists are now available under the Publications tab on the website. The checklists provide fillable space for preflight checklist items included in the supplemental section of the POH.

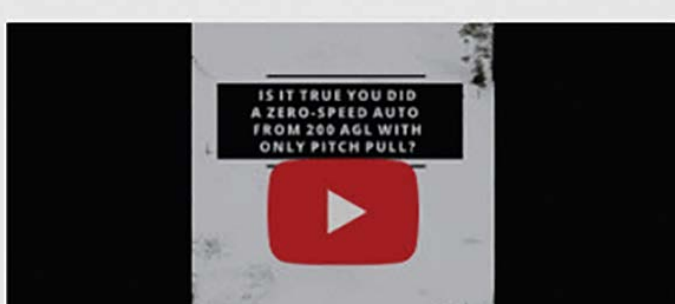
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Autorotation Video Part II

Robinson's Safety Instructor, Tim Tucker, continues to answer questions about autorotation.

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