



2023 is Golden for Robinson Helicopter Company

2023 marks 50 years in business for Robinson Helicopter Company. Founded by Frank Robinson on June 20, 1973, Robinson's goal was to design and manufacture simple, reliable helicopters as efficiently as possible without compromising quality. Robinson's 50-year milestone represents more than the passing of time, it is an affirmation of the company's success. Robinson's simple, reliable helicopters changed the face of general aviation by making flight training and helicopter ownership accessible to a broader market. With a fleet of 13000+ helicopters operating worldwide, it is safe to say Robinson Helicopter Company is a leader in the helicopter industry. While its objectives remain unchanged, Robinson continues to incorporate new ideas and technologies to meet the ever increasing demands of its ever increasing customer base.

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FAA Approves Pressure Refueling System for R66

An optional pressure refueling system is now available on new R66 helicopters. The 13 pound system, located on the right side of the helicopter, provides a connection for pressure refueling at waist level. This allows rapid refueling without the need for a ladder or opening the cowl door to access the main fuel cap. The pressure refueling option will appeal to agricultural and other operators requiring fast on-ground turnarounds. A control panel allows the pilot to select full or partial fuel loads. The system incorporates automatic shutoffs to prevent overflow or over pressure and an audio alert warns the pilot if the fuel hose is still connected at takeoff. A field installation kit is not available at this time.

System price USD \$18,000

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NTSB & HAI Visit RHC

In December 2022, RHC President Kurt Robinson (center) welcomed NTSB Vice Chairman Bruce Landsberg (right), and HAI President James Viola (left) to Robinson's factory to demonstrate Robinson's cockpit video camera, which records video, intercom audio, radio communications, and GPS position. The NTSB recommends helicopter manufacturers equip turbine-powered helicopters with flight recorder systems that record instrument data, audio, and images. Flight recorders not only aid investigators in solving accidents, but they help prevent accidents by recording crew actions and diagnosing maintenance issues. Robinson was one of the first OEMs to act on the NTSB's recommendation, making its cockpit video camera standard on the R66 in 2021 (optional on the R22 and R44s) and in 2022, Robinson made the camera standard on all R44s (it remains optional on the R22).

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Dealer Highlight - Helibiz

A Robinson dealer since 1997, Helibiz (Queensland, Australia) is a full-service operation offering sales, service, charter, and flight training for students of all levels. Aside from its busy day-to-day operations, Helibiz has a well-established Safari program that was launched in 2006. Safaris are usually 7 to 14 days, depending on the destination, and include 10 to 20 helicopters. The routes provide scenic flying throughout Australia. Tasmania, Cape York, and Central Australia are among the most popular destinations. The excursions allow pilots to share once-in-a-lifetime adventures, experience the beauty and wonder of Australia, all while enhancing their flying skills.

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Frank Robinson 1930-2022

Robinson founder, Frank Robinson passed away on November 12, 2022. While we mourn his passing, his contributions to the helicopter industry will not be forgotten.

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Robinson to Attend HAI HELI-EXPO in Atlanta, Georgia

March 6-9, Robinson will attend HAI HELI-EXPO in Atlanta, Georgia. On display in the main hall, booth B3420 will be an R66 Turbine, R44 Raven II, and R44 Cadet. In the static display, booth B4048 will be an R66 Police. Come and see Robinson helicopters up close.



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