

Onboard Systems Receives FAA Certification for Eurocopter AS355 Replacement Cargo Hook Kit

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“While Onboard offers a full suspension system for the Eurocopter AS355, we’ve received many requests from operators of the OEM-supplied system who are interested in replacing their legacy hook with an Onboard hook,” said Karsten Lemmon, Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Onboard Systems. “This new kit was developed in response to these requests, and will give operators a cost-effective option to switch out their old hook for an Onboard hook.”

The new replacement kit for the Eurocopter AS355 features Onboard’s innovative TALON™ Keeperless Cargo Hook. The keeperless design eliminates the possibility of losing a load that inadvertently gets past the keeper by replacing the keeper with a unique load beam system that stays open after the load is jettisoned. The keeperless hook design can safely handle a wide variety of load ring sizes and styles and offers many other safety and maintenance benefits.

Onboard Systems International, Inc. designs and manufactures a complete line of innovative helicopter cargo hook equipment under its TALON™ brand, including belly hooks, cargo hook suspension systems, onboard weighing systems and remote hooks. Its low-weight, high quality products provide helicopter operators with increased cost efficiencies and safety through customer-driven designs, responsive service and support, and low on-going maintenance costs. Founded in 1975, Onboard Systems is a privately held US corporation located in Vancouver, Washington, with an international sales office in the UK.

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