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R44 Raven II Orders Exceed 50 Aircraft

Torrance, CA – Robinson Helicopter Company today announced it has already received more than 50 orders for the new R44 Raven II helicopter, including two ENG Newscopters. Robinson started taking orders for the helicopter in June and began delivering the aircraft this month following final FAA certification.

“The new helicopters are going all over the world for a number of applications,” says RHC Sales Manager Milly Donahue. “Many customers are interested in the aircraft for its ability to perform in high altitudes and hot temperatures.”

The R44 Raven II features the new Lycoming IO-540 Fuel Injected, Angled-Valve, Tuned Induction engine, designed by Lycoming in cooperation with Robinson exclusively for the Raven II. The new engine is derated to 245 HP for 5 minutes, and 205 HP maximum continuous rating. This allows a 100 lb increase in the R44’s gross weight and increased IGE and OGE hover ceilings, while eliminating the carburetor and the need for carburetor heat.

Another major enhancement is the reduced noise level of the Raven II. The quieter helicopter features redesigned main and tail rotor blades. Both sets of rotors are fitted with noise attenuating blade tip caps that decrease flyover noise by 1dB. The main rotor blades also have more surface area for increased lifting capability at altitude.

Offering more power and altitude performance, the R44 Raven II sells for a base price of \$335,000. Optional avionics and equipment are priced the same as the standard Raven.

Robinson Helicopter Company is the world’s leading manufacturer of civil aircraft, producing the two-seat R22 and four-seat R44 helicopters. Robinson helicopters are used throughout the world in a variety of private, business, and commercial operations. For more information, visit www.robinsonheli.com.

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