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Robinson Pistons Outsell Turbines Again

Torrance, CA — Robinson Helicopter Company was once again the most prolific manufacturer of civil helicopters last year, producing a total of 328 new aircraft (down slightly from 390 units in 2000), edging out Eurocopter whose turbine deliveries totaled 280 units in 2001 (up from 241 units the previous year). To date, Robinson has built over 3300 R22 helicopters, and nearly 1200 R44s.



Despite predictions from some industry experts, the market for piston-powered helicopters continues to dominate civil helicopters sales, both in the United States and abroad. Of the 328 aircraft delivered, 194 were four-seat R44s, and 134 were two-seat R22s. Export sales totaled 176 helicopters, and represented 54 percent of the 2001 shipments. Robinson's largest foreign markets – in terms of the total number of new Robinson aircraft delivered to each country – were the United Kingdom with 30 aircraft, Australia with 20, Brazil and South Africa with 16 each, followed by Japan with 12, and Canada with 11 new Robinson helicopters.

Robinson Helicopter Company is the world's leading manufacturer of civil helicopters and builds the two-seat Model R22 and the four-seat Model R44. Robinson helicopters are used throughout the world for a variety of private, business and commercial operations. For more information about Robinson, visit on-line at <http://www.robinsonheli.com>.

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