Press Release

Paravion Technology, Inc. Announces Chinese Validation for FAA STC for Bell 429 Blade Fold Kit

*STC eases storage requirements for Bell’s 429 helicopter.*

Fort Collins, CO: December 16, 2016 – Today, Paravion Technology, Inc. announced that the Civil Aviation Administration of China has validated the FAA STC (Supplemental Type Certificate) for its Blade Fold Kit for Bell 429 helicopters. With the fixed provisions installed, owners and operators can store their aircraft in space limited areas, such as small, off-site hangars, and aboard ocean-going vessels.

To fold the blades, first, slip a blade clamp onto each main rotor blade. Quick-release pins are then inserted into the fixed provisions on the airframe and the blade supports are attached to the pins. The supports are raised to move the fore and aft blades off of their droop stops. The inboard expandable blade bolts of the supported blades are then removed and the main rotor head rotated to reposition and secure the two remaining blades. The entire operation can be completed in less than 20 minutes by two people.

Pricing for the complete kit, fixed provisions and blade supports, is $44,500.00 US. The fixed provisions and blade supports can also be purchased separately for $7000.00 US and $37,500.00 US, respectively.

For more information about the Bell 429 Blade Fold Kit or other Paravion products, visit Paravion’s web site at [http://www.paravion.com](http://www.paravion.com), call (970) 224-3898, or e-mail paravion@paravion.com.

About Paravion Technology, Inc.

Paravion® Technology, Inc. is a leading designer and manufacturer of aircraft accessories. In 1985, Paravion introduced its first product, Pneumatic Door Openers for the Bell 206 Series, now a standard part of many helicopters. Paravion’s products also include heating systems, air conditioning systems, camera systems, mapping system, and the Heliporter®, the industry standard ground-handling unit for helicopters. Paravion also offers a full range of installation and integration services into helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

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