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**MD Announces Another Exclusive MD 500E to MD 530F Conversion**



*Newly converted MD 530F to support utility operations in Florida*

**Mesa, Ariz., November 30, 2020** – [MD Helicopters, Inc.](https://www.mdhelicopters.com) (MDHI) has completed a contract to upgrade an MD 500E helicopter to an FAA-certified MD 530F model aircraft as part of MDHI’s long standing E-to-F conversion program.

“The E-to-F conversion program follows a strict, FAA-approved process,” says Nick Nenadovic, Vice President of Aftermarket and Customer Support for MD Helicopters, Inc. “Over eight to 12 weeks, the E Model is disassembled and all airframe modifications, component installations, inspections, testing, and certifications occur. In the end, the aircraft is a fully-certified MD 530F model.”

The aircraft’s owner, a long time MDHI customer located in Texas, chose to convert the aircraft in order to expand its marketable operational capabilities. The conversion increases the aircraft’s gross weight to 3,350 lbs, improves its flight characteristics in confined areas, and boosts cruise speed, all for comparatively low direct operating costs (DOC).

The aircraft is under contract, leased to a professional and high-quality construction, powerline, and aerial lifting service located in Apopka, Florida.

Delivery of the converted MD 530F occurred in October 2020.

MD Helicopters’ exclusive E-to-F conversion program maintains essential safety margins while delivering increased hot-and-high performance capability. Enhancements to the aircraft include:

- Engine upgrade from the Rolls Royce 250-C20B to the more powerful RR250-C30
- Replacement of the main rotor and tail rotor blades
- Upgraded F model main rotor gearbox
- Upgraded tail rotor drive shaft

**About MD Helicopters, Inc.**

MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) is a leading manufacturer of commercial, military, law enforcement, and air-rescue helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility, and performance, and includes the twin-engine MD 902 Explorer, and a single engine fleet comprised of the MD 600N, MD 520N, MD 500E, MD 530F, and MD 530G. The innovative NOTAR® system for anti-torque control with no tail rotor – a key feature of the MD 902, MD 600N, and MD 520N – is used exclusively by MDHI to provide safer, quieter performance and confined-area access capability. For more information about MDHI, follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mdhelicopters), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/mdhelicopters), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/mdhelicopters) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/mdhelicopters), or visit [www.mdhelicopters.com](https://www.mdhelicopters.com).

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