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FAA Certifies Auxiliary Fuel Tank for R66 Turbine

Torrance, CA— Robinson Helicopter Company announces an optional 43-gallon auxiliary fuel tank for its R66 Turbine helicopter, extending the helicopter's range by as much as 200 nautical miles (230 statute miles). The fuel tank mounts on a fiberglass tray that installs in the forward section of the baggage compartment. The tank occupies two-thirds of the compartment, leaving space for up to 100 lb of cargo. Both the tray and tank can be removed when not needed.

The system weighs approximately 37 lb. A crash-resistant fuel bladder fits in an aluminum and fiberglass enclosure with an internal fuel pump that pumps fuel to the helicopter's main tank at approximately 40 gallons per hour. The controls are located in the upper avionics console and feature an ON/OFF switch, a NO FLOW annunciator light, and a fuel QUANTITY button.

The system costs \$32,000 USD and is an option on R66s ordered after January 15, 2016. An R66 Turbine with the tank installed will be on display at the upcoming HAI Heli-Expo convention in Louisville, Kentucky, March 1-3.

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