

HeliRussia 2014

Airbus Helicopters takes the spotlight at HeliRussia and displays a Russian-operated AS350 B3 rotorcraft

Moscow, Russia, 23 May 2014 – As the leading supplier of foreign-made turbine-powered rotorcraft in Russia, Airbus Helicopters' participation at this week's HeliRussia industry show focuses on its product range and mission diversity – including the display of a single-engine AS350 B3, a best-seller that has earned its reputation with customers in Russia and abroad.

Airbus Helicopters' AS350 B3 is the only foreign-made rotorcraft chosen by Russian companies for a full range of missions: pipeline monitoring, the airlift of sling loads weighing up to 1.4 tons, geophysical surveys and passenger transportation, among others. This multi-role helicopter also is actively used in VIP flights with up to five passengers.

Its popularity among Russian customers is confirmed by the numbers: 43 rotorcraft of this type are used in the country, along with 12 EC130s – which also are members of Airbus Helicopters' popular Ecureuil family.

Airbus Helicopters' presence at HeliRussia is the seventh time it has joined this annual event, with the 2014 edition marking the first since the company's rebranding from Eurocopter. Under the new identity, and benefitting from the strength of its Airbus Group parent company, Airbus Helicopters Vostok retains the region's market leadership by a broad margin, accounting for over 60 percent of the foreign-built rotorcraft delivered in Russia and the CIS – with more than 225 helicopters operating in the region.

“HeliRussia has become the industry gathering of choice to meet customers, discuss support operations, as well as to showcase new rotorcraft and technologies,” explained Laurence Rigolini, the General Manager of Airbus Helicopters Vostok. “This is why we are an active supporter again in 2014, being the general sponsor of the region's largest helicopter exhibition for the seventh time.”

Also at HeliRussia, Airbus Helicopters will be highlighting the upcoming introduction of its new EC175, which will enter service in 2014 with launch customers that include Russian operator UTair. Deliveries of this seven-ton-class medium rotorcraft will begin before year-end, with UTair introducing the EC175 on missions for the oil and gas industry, as well as deploying it for further market expansion. The major Russian heli-lift service provider has a total of 15 EC175s on order.

Another element of Airbus Helicopters Vostok's presence at HeliRussia is a scale model display of the twin-engine EC135, which is well-suited to medical evacuation missions in Russia and the CIS – as well as utility duties, business transport and law enforcement missions.

Airbus Helicopters Vostok is at HeliRussia exhibit booth 1F at Moscow's Crocus Expo IEC exposition center during the May 22-24 event.

About Airbus Helicopters Vostok (Website: www.airbushelicopters.ru)

Airbus Helicopters Vostok, known as Eurocopter Vostok until 2014, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Airbus Helicopters established in 2005 to ensure helicopter sales, fleet safety follow-up and customer support and services in Russia and the CIS. Civil Airbus Helicopters models operated in Russia have been granted type certificates by the International Aviation Committee (IAC). Over 155 rotorcraft produced by Airbus Helicopters are operated in Russia, as well as over 70 in other CIS member states. Airbus Helicopters holds over 60% of the Russian market for turbine helicopters of foreign make. Airbus Helicopters Vostok together with local partners in Russia and CIS established a network of a flight training centers and maintenance centers to provide service for rotorcrafts.

About Airbus Helicopters

Airbus Helicopters, formerly Eurocopter, is a division of Airbus Group, a global pioneer in aerospace and defense related services. Airbus Helicopters is the world's No. 1 helicopter manufacturer and employs more than 23,000 people worldwide. With 46 percent market share in civil and parapublic sectors, the company's fleet in service includes some 12,000 helicopters operated by more than 3,000 customers in approximately 150 countries. Airbus Helicopters' international presence is marked by its subsidiaries and participations in 21 countries, and its worldwide network of service centers, training facilities, distributors and certified agents. Airbus Helicopters' range of civil and military helicopters is the world's largest; its aircraft account for one third of the worldwide civil and parapublic fleet. The company's chief priority is to ensure the safe operation of its aircraft for the thousands of people who fly more than 3 million hours per year.

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