

## **BULLETIN ADDENDUM**

<b>AAIB File:</b>	EW/G98/10/1
<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Eurocopter AS 355N Ecureuil II, G-EMAU
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	9 October 1998 at approximately 2305 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Sulby, near Welford, Northamptonshire
<b>Information Source:</b>	AAIB Field Investigation

In the report on this accident, which was published in AAIB Bulletin 4/99, it was stated on page 96 “Self-sealing fuel tank liners are offered as an optional extra for some military purposes and these have the properties necessary to provide additional protection in the event of a crash or other damage to the fuel tanks. This option was not available for G-EMAU, or for the other four AS355s which were destroyed by fire. Although the AS 355 is no longer manufactured its derivative models are now available with crashworthy fuel tanks.”

In fact the AS355 type is still being manufactured and self sealing fuel tanks are available as a customer option. This option has so far only been taken up by military customers. It should also be noted that in some cases the severity of impact forces and disruption of the fuselage will render the accident non-survivable irrespective of any post crash fire.