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HELICOPTER SAFETY ADVISORY CONFERENCE-RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

Helideck / Heliport Operational Warning(s) / Procedure(s)

Closed Helidecks or Heliports:

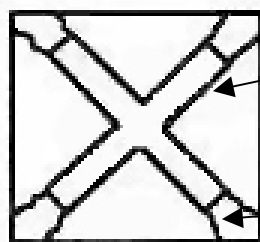
Closed Helidecks or Heliports: A "**white X**" marked diagonally from corner to corner across a helideck or heliport touchdown area is the universally accepted visual indicator that the **landing area is closed** for safety of other reasons and that **helicopter operations are not permitted**. The following practice is recommended.

1. **Permanent Closing:** If a helideck or heliport is to be permanently closed, X diagonals of the same size and location as indicated above should be used, but the markings should be painted on the landing area.

NOTE: **White Decks:** If a helideck is painted white, then international orange or yellow markings can be used for the temporary or permanent diagonals.

2. **Temporary Closing:** A temporary marker can be used for hazards of an interim nature. This marker could be made from vinyl or other durable material in the shape of a diagonal "X". The marker should be white with legs at least 20 feet long and 3 feet in width. This marker is designed to be quickly secured and removed from the deck using grommets and rope ties. The duration, time, location, and nature of these temporary closings should be provided to and coordinated with company aviation departments, nearby helicopter bases, and helicopter operators supporting the area. These markers **MUST** be removed when the hazard no longer exists. Example marking:

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White Diagonals 3 feet wide & 20 feet long.

Grommet Ties