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## Re: Permagard application on Channel 9 helicopter

Channel 9 recently purchased three Eurocopter AS350 helicopters and had them painted in our corporate colours by Nathan's, Aerospace Division.

After a short period of flying, it was evident that the hydrocarbons emitted from the exhaust were becoming a problem as exhaust bi-products were imbedding themselves into the painted surface of the boom section. We found that without the use of abrasives, traditional cleaning methods would not remove this build-up which within weeks was starting to have an impact on the aircraft's appearance.

Australian Aerospace recommended the application of a product they had been trialling. Permagard manufacture an aviation paint protection system that provides a protective polymer film that actually bonds to the paint work. It provides a barrier that makes cleaning easy but also protects against ongoing hydrocarbon build-up, bug impacts and other contaminations.

Permagard were engaged to apply their treatment to all three of Nine's new helicopters.

We have found that we have far less of an issue with hydrocarbon build-up on the boom and any remaining hydrocarbons or bugs can be removed using their non-aggressive polymer cleaner. One of our pilots has also commented that he has felt a difference in how the aircraft performs and suspects that this may be due to the extremely smooth finish Permagard creates.

We would happily purchase products and services from Permagard again.

Yours sincerely,

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