"While some operators choose to install the FastFin kit to enhance Hot and High performance, we chose it to gain a buffer to the FLI Limit to reduce the instances of over-torques on our aircraft and provide an environment where the pilots can deliver superior performance and service to our customers. During our last operating season we did not experience a single over-torque compared to prior seasons where it would not be uncommon to have a few potential exceedances. Another unexpected jewel we noticed is that the FastFin seems to remove the “Squirrel Factor” (Squirrelliness) typical of all Astars for the in-ground-effect IGE hover which makes the aircraft more stable and we all look like rock-stars.”

- John Buckland
Flight Operations Coordinator
Acasta Heliflight Inc.
“Cost per pound is king, I have wanted more capability for several years, and FastFin represents a step change in useful load. All four FastFin Systems are flying and proving their worth. We’re lifting more, and our pilots are reporting improved stability and reduced workload. This is a product with a good cost/benefit ratio.”

-Bart Brainerd, Brainerd Aviation

“The Modifications provide more control margin in high altitude conditions, and a better comfort margin for critical work. This is in addition to the improved handling qualities that make it a lot smoother to land and hover...”

-Jon Bourke, Chief Pilot, Helicopter Express

“We immediately noticed the much more neutral pedal position when lifting which translates to more available pedal when needed. The hover is quite stable and most situations require less pedal work than before the modification.....Most importantly for us, the aircraft will easily lift what the new performance charts indicate. This is often well over 100lb increase in payload compared to the original charts.”

-John Whedon, Chief Pilot, Mountain Blade Runner Helicopters

“The additional performance brought by BLR FastFin system will benefit our H125 operators performing very demanding missions.”

-Mathilde Royer-Germain, Vice President of Airbus Helicopters