



THE FLYING BULLS

PRESS INFORMATION

Bell Cobra TAH-1F

N11FX

The Bell TAH-1F Cobra is America's legendary combat helicopter. It will mainly be used by the Flying Bulls in airshows.

For years it was the US Army's classical combat helicopter. Produced in several versions since 1966, the Bell AH-1 Cobra earned itself a legendary reputation in the Vietnam war. With the delivery of the first Apaches the Army gradually began to part company with the Cobra, only the Marines still use this model. The Flying Bulls' new acquirement is an TAH-1F, which was built in the eighties and was completely wrecked and demilitarised at the end of its service. This relic, which had even been cut in half, was later discovered by the well-known American helicopter pilot and collector Chuck Aaron, and completely reassembled by 2002.

Thereafter it not only made an impression at many airshows, but was also used in TV serials such as "JAG" and "Walker, Texas Ranger". Naturally, Chuck Aaron was always in command. In 2004, the Flying Bulls discovered this gem and after protracted export formalities – the Pentagon keeps a watchful eye on former military equipment – they were finally able to bring it to Salzburg, where it was received with all honours in December 2005.

The Flying Bulls' Bell TAH-1F is made up mainly of original parts straight from the factory. The F version was the last Cobra to be built with just one engine – and the Bulls' specimen is the last one capable of flying, and is also the only one in Europe. Pilot Siegfried "Blacky" Schwarz, who had to go through special training in the USA for this helicopter, will be exhibiting it mainly at airshows. When the Bell is not flying, it can of course be seen at any time in Hangar-7 at Salzburg Airport.



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Technical Specifications

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Registration	N11FX
Manufacturer	Bell Helicopter Textron (FX Helicopters/USA)
Year of construction	unknown, rebuilt 2002
S/N	003
Power plant	Lycoming T53-L-703
Power	1.800 PS/HP
Cruising speed	160 kts / 300 km/h
Max. speed	190 kts / 350 km/h
Service ceiling	20.000 ft / 6.100 m
Max. endurance	2h 15 min
Fuel on Board	980 l
Fuel Consumption	approx. 400l / h
Length Airframe	45,6 ft / 13,9 m
Total length (incl. main rotor)	53 ft / 16,2 m
Height	13,9 ft / 4,2 m
Diameter main rotor	44 ft / 13,4 m
Diameter tail rotor	8,5 ft / 2,6 m
Empty Weight	6.598 lbs / 2.993 kg
MTOW	10.000 lbs / 4.536 kg
Seats	1 Pilot / 1 passenger
Specials	Demilitarized US Army helicopter