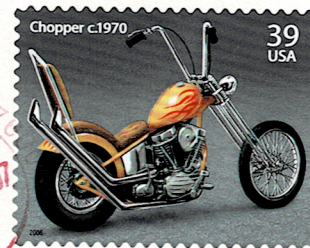


Maiden Flight Crash Cover

Some people collect crash covers and some collect Maiden Flight covers. Here is one of the only covers for an aircraft that crashed on its Maiden Flight right here in Arlington, Texas!



ARH-70 is produced at the Bell xWORx plant in Arlington, Texas.



The two pilots were not injured. Golfers dodged the craft as it came down.

Bell ARH-70 crashes on its Maiden Flight. The craft left Arlington Municipal Airport but had to come down on the fourth green at the Pecan Golf Course in Mansfield, Texas about 30 minutes into the flight. Helicopter is to replace OH-58D craft in Iraq.

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This Bell ARH-70 helicopter was going to be marketed to the US Army and the armies of other nations to replace the OH-58D helicopters. On its Maiden Flight (which some people call "First Flight" (but it is not as First Flights deal with routes of commercial aircraft), this helicopter took off from the Arlington plant and headed east for a few miles, coming down in neighboring Mansfield. The crash photo appeared in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram but no other photos of it were published in other papers or shown on TV. This photo of the crash was copied from the newspaper and the image of the craft was taken from the internet. Ten covers were created for this event. Note that the stamp pictures a "Chopper" – pun intended.