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Item #1 - Vector 3 Inspection

United Parachute Technologies, on May 23, 2011, issued Service Bulletin #20110523 that cited evidence some of their Vector 3 Sport and SE Student harness/container systems had sustained damage to zigzag stitching that holds the diagonal webbing in place on the upper part of the container.

Although UPT issued the bulletin with an “advisory” status attached this should be viewed as potentially a much more serious problem with “mandatory” status. Inspection should be performed before the next jump on any of the mentioned systems—with repairs made if necessary. Release of the stitching could cause deformation of the shoulder section of the harness with possible inadvertent initiation of either a Collins lanyard or Skyhook.

A detailed accounting of the inspection methods and repair procedures involved, if needed, by accessing the abovementioned bulletin on the UPT website www.uptvector.com.

Also, one of the UPT riggers has posted a video to YouTube that shows repairs being made to one of their smaller Vector 3 rigs. Access this video at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lrb_Gd2zhoo

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