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### **Item #1 – Substandard Fabric**

Sun Path Products, Inc. have issued a mandatory recall for Javelin systems manufactured between February 2002 and October 2002 with reserve containers constructed of Red 1000D Cordura. Immediate compliance required.

Sunpath suspects that during 2002 they received a roll of Red 1000 denier Cordura that may have had substandard urethane coating. This substandard coating, when used in a manner where it has a relationship with F111 fabric, may cause the two layers to stick together.

First of all, ensure that the reserve container is constructed from RED material and the manufacture dates are between February 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Compare the serial number with those listed on Service Bulletin #SPSB 004 ([www.sunpath.com](http://www.sunpath.com)) and download and complete the recall form.

The harness/container system will need to be returned to Sunpath for necessary modifications—details on their website.

### **Item #2 – “NEXT” Tandem 3-ring Failure**

An incident occurred on 18 September 2005 when a 3-ring release failed during the deployment of a NEXT tandem rig. The instructor reported a hard opening, during which the right-hand riser released, because the middle ring and the riser locking loop broke. The RSL ring was also torn off. On subsequent inspection, it was noted that the middle ring on the left-hand riser was also distorted.

The manufacturers were contacted and have stated that they have decided to replace their supplier and change to stainless steel rings made in Europe (the current rings were manufactured in the USA).

It is the manufacturers opinion that ‘Collins’ lanyards should also be fitted to NEXT tandem rigs.

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