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Item #1 – Argus Cutters

Aviacom SA, manufacturer of the Argus AAD system, issued bulletin (SB AMM021206/1) on December 2nd, 2006 which affects their product installed in Mirage harness/container systems.

As part of their evaluation process for compatibility, an Argus had been installed in a M7 Mirage. Upon opening the reserve container after 46 jumps it was found that the closing loop was frayed in the area that passed through the cutter. The plastic insert in the cutter had also been damaged sometime during the closing process. Investigation showed that the damage occurred due to the cutter set-up on top of the concave pilot chute—a modification to the Mirage introduced in 2005. Mirage had changed the location of the cutter to the #3 flap that in turn presented a need for the shaped cap on the pilot chute when installed in smaller containers.

Aviacom and Mirage have decided to replace the cutters in all Mirage rigs with a modified insertless cutter that causes no damage. To obtain one of these new cutters the old cutter with the plastic insert must be returned to Aviacom. A new cutter will be shipped as soon as the old one is received.

Compliance date: Before the next jump, but no later than June 30th, 2007.

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