

Item #1 Fliteline Systems

Fliteline Systems, makers of the Reflex line of harness/containers, have gone out of business. This could be attributed to liability problems associated with the "grommet" frenzy which erupted after several accidents involving line snags.

Replacement parts for the Reflex harness/container systems are readily available from Bomber Manufacturing Inc. FMI: info@bombermfg.com

Item #2 Ripcord Pin Inspection

Jump Shack, makers of the Racer line of harness/container systems have issued a bulletin which deals with reserve ripcords manufactured between May 15th, 2001 and July 24th, 2001.

Ripcord pins originating from Capewell Components, Part Number PRC-303 Rev. B, may have minute cracks.

Ripcord pins can be inspected in place or temporary pins can be installed, and the ripcord removed from the pack for inspection. Closely examine the surface of the blade of the pin – that is the long smooth surface that comes into contact with the closing loop. Use of a high-powered glass (loupe or microscope), facilitates this job. To the naked eye, affected pins present a slightly rough surface, scratched or scored appearance, or in the extreme case an actual crack may be seen. Ripcords with such pins should be returned to Jump Shack for replacement.

Item #3 Damaged Parachutes de France Atom Tandem/BT 80

A tandem assembly manufactured by Parachutes de France suffered considerable damage earlier this year. Both the ZP canopy, harness fabric and hardware were affected by a hard opening. After extensive investigation, Parachutes de France decided a number of factors likely attributed to the incident.

First of all, the canopy was flat packed (pro-packing recommended), the slider may not have been stowed correctly and the harness was not adjusted properly.

Further information may be obtained from the Parachutes de France website.