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Item #1 Capewell Supplied Pins and Ripcords

Capewell Components LLC has received (3) reports from (3) customers of (4) ripcord pins that have broken. All (4) pins were reported to have broken under very low force. All (4) pins are reported to have broken on the blade section of the pin, approximately 1/8" (3mm) from the shoulder of the pins.

Two of the ripcord pins that broke were supplied by Capewell as a completed ripcord assembly. Two of the ripcord pins that broke were supplied as pins to Capewell customers who then assembled the ripcords. The (4) broken ripcord pins were delivered to Capewell customers during the first half of 2002.

No root cause has been determined to date – an on-going investigation continues.

Affected Ripcord Pins are: MS70107 (angled), PS70107 (angled), 61C4304 (angled); 55A6480 (terminal).

A Mandatory Test must be performed on all Capewell supplied pins and/or ripcords supplied from November 28, 2001 through to July 15, 2003.

One of two different tests may be performed by any duly rated CSPA Rigger "A" or "B" – in accordance with the Capewell Service bulletin – available on their website www.capewell.com.

Users may also remove ripcords/pins from service and return to:

Capewell Components
ATTN: Ripcord Pin Test
105 Nutmeg Road South
South Windsor, CT 06074
USA

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