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Item #1 – Difficult Release

Aerodyne Systems has issued a mandatory bulletin requiring a qualified rigger to clean the release cables and housings on all their ICON Harness/Container Systems (PN:C125).

A static difficult cut-away procedure was noticed on a dropzone that had an environment that was overly sandy and windy. In response, Aerodyne has mandated all ICON harness/ container systems have their cut-away cables removed and cleaned, as soon as possible.

Cleaning involves passing a clean cloth soaked in silicone being passed through the cable housings—as well as cleaning the cables with the same lubricant.

View the bulletin at: <www.aerodyne-int.com> for complete details.

Item #2 – Aviator Steering Toggles

Rigging Innovations, manufacturers of the Aviator Pilot Emergency Parachute system, issued Service Bulletin #SB-1541 that describes an incident in which one of the steering toggles was pulled through the riser guide loop. The bulletin calls for mandatory modification, at the next reserve repack, of the steering toggle stop.

Details of the modification procedures, according to PMP-1259, can be found on the Rigging Innovations website at: www.rigginginnovations.com or contact Sandy Reid at Sandy@rigginginnovations.com

Item #3 – CYPRES Loops

Several non-standard methods of threading the CYPRES closing loop through the grommet have been submitted by riggers from several areas of the nation. There is only one manufacturer approved method of threading the loop material through the grommet, and that must be the method adhered to.

Use of non-standard methods could initiate loop damage, resulting in possible inadvertent reserve container openings.

The correct method is shown in the CYPRES Packer's Checklist, or for those riggers not in possession of this important document, look at TB#42, or check the Airtec website.

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