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Item #1 - Argus Cutter Update (TB#81)

Aviacom SA, manufacturer of the Argus AAD system, in Product Service Bulletin #SB AMM021206/2, has issued notice that the “old style” cutter with plastic insert is to be replaced on all container systems.

Harness/container systems that have the cutter located ABOVE the pilot chute must have the cutter replaced with the “new style” cutter before the next jump. All other systems must have the “new style” cutter replaced before the next repack—but no later than June 30th, 2007.

The new style cutter is easily identified by the holographic seal on the body with date of manufacture November 2006 or later.

Item #2 – Vector Tandem Ripcord Damage

Following damage found to a reserve ripcord in January 2007 on an older Vector II tandem rig, United Parachute Technologies (formerly The Relative Workshop) has issued service bulletin (SB300107) requiring inspection of all tandem loop-style reserve ripcords installed on the company’s tandem equipment and manufactured by the Relative Workshop prior to October 2004.

Ripcords manufactured during this period can be identified by the black shrink-wrap on the swage (metal sleeve crimped around the ripcord cables to join them together) and should be inspected following the instructions posted on the company website. <http://www.unitedparachutetechnologies.com/>

They should be checked for any broken filamenst and replaced immediately if any damage is found. Since October 2004, the company has used clear shrink-wrap so the filaments may be visibly inspected without removing the shrink-wrap. The inspection must be completed before the next jump and can be performed by any certificated rigger.

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