

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
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SAFETY INFORMATION

On the reverse side of this Safety Information sheet is a copy of a Safety Notice issued by G.Q. Parachutes Ltd. dated the 14th April 1988.

This notice confirms the likelihood that these parachutes will stay permanently grounded.

Any queries, please contact the JNCSO's at the BPA office.

Tony Butler
JOINT NATIONAL COACH & SAFETY
OFFICER

18th April 1988

Distribution

All CCI's
Clubs
Advanced Riggers



GQ Parachutes Ltd

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SAFETY NOTICE

GQ SECURITY INC. MANUFACTURED 350, 850, SAFETY CHUTES & SPORT SAC CANOPIES

F.A.A. TSO C23B APPROVED P/N 79A1684 CANOPY

We have been contacted by a number of parties in connection with parachutes manufactured by GQ Security Inc. The Company ceased trading in 1984 and was dissolved in 1985. We cannot and do not accept responsibility for the products of that Company which was not a subsidiary of this Company.

It is possible that accelerated fabric deterioration has taken place in the panels of some Sac canopies, manufactured by GQ Security Inc. in the USA and is caused by a chemical reaction with the finish used to treat the mesh in the drive/turn slots.

We stress that canopies manufactured by GQ Parachutes Limited, a totally separate company in the UK, to TSO C23C are not affected by this problem.

Our ability to help in identifying the nature and size of the problem is hampered by the fact that we have only limited background knowledge and not suprisingly we do not have the records of GQ Security Inc. which may have allowed us to make a positive statement.

You will be aware that an airworthiness directive has been issued by the F.A.A. grounding the products and in the absence of firm information which would invalidate the A.D. our recommendation in the interests of safety is that the equipment, for the time being, should not be used.

Should any further significant information come into our possession we will advise the F.A.A. and publish a further safety notice.

Alan McIntosh
Managing Director