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GROUNDING OF G.Q. SECURITY AND CONICAL (SAC) RESERVES

Following a directive from the C.A.A. (see attached paper). All G.Q. Security Aero-Conical (SAC) Reserve Parachutes, manufactured in the USA, Model Number: 79A1684 - () approved under U.S. TSO C23b, have been grounded by an Emergency Airworthiness Directive issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This ground therefore applies World Wide.

Jumpers are reminded that this does not apply to G.Q. SAC reserves manufactured in the U.K.

It is hoped that more information will be available shortly.

Any queries, please contact either JNCSO.

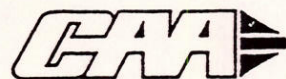
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For the attention of Mr Tony Butler

Dear Sirs

FAA EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE 88-05-08
G Q SECURITY PARACHUTES INC
MODEL NO 79A1684 - () PARACHUTE CANOPIES, APPROVED
UNDER TSO C23b. DETERIORATING CANOPY MATERIAL

This letter transmits a copy of FAA Emergency Airworthiness Directive 88-05-08 in respect of the above mentioned parachute.

In accordance with Airworthiness Notice No.36 this Airworthiness Directive is mandatory in the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R J Teew', is written above the typed name.

R J TEW
Aircraft Maintenance and Approvals

EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE



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This Priority Letter AD is necessary because reports have been received that certain parachute canopies manufactured by G Q Security Parachutes, Inc., and approved under TSO C23b were found to have deteriorating material. This condition, if not corrected, could result in a torn canopy, which could prevent safe descent of the parachute user.

Since this condition is likely to exist or develop on other canopies of this same type design, this AD requires removal or obliteration of the TSO C23b marking and removal of the canopy from service.

Pursuant to the authority of Sections 313 and 601 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, delegated to me by the Administrator, the following Priority Letter Airworthiness Directive (AD) 88-05-08, applicable to G Q Security Parachutes, Inc., Model No., 79A1684-() parachute canopies—approved under TSO C23b, is issued and is effective immediately upon receipt:

88-05-08 G Q SECURITY PARACHUTES, INC.: Priority Letter issued March 7, 1988. Applicable to Model No. 79A1684-() parachute canopies, approved under TSO C23b.

Compliance is required as indicated, unless already accomplished.

To prevent the failure of a parachute canopy due to deteriorating canopy material, accomplish the following:

A. Prior to further use, remove or obliterate the TSO C23b marking from the parachute canopy, and remove the canopy from service.

B. Upon request, an alternate means of compliance with the requirements of this AD which provide an acceptable level of safety, may be used when approved by the Manager, Western Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, Northwest Mountain Region.

This priority letter AD 88-05-08, dated March 7, 1988 is effective immediately upon receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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