

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LTD.



SAFETY NOTICE 1796

CANOPY SLIDER STOPS

Background:

During the BPA Riggers Meeting of the 18th April 1996 a Vector 360° Tandem Reserve parachute was presented to demonstrate how the slider grommets could pass over the material holding the metal slider stop by approx 1 to 2 cm and possibly prevent the slider from deploying. (See photograph below).

A discussion took place and it was pointed out that this subject was discussed some years ago, the action taken then was to advise all Tandem owners to check for this problem.

Because this information seems to have been lost in time it was agreed to publish a BPA Safety Notice to remind all packers.

Action:

All Vector 360° Tandem Main and Reserve parachutes are to be inspected without delay.

Any canopy with this possible problem should be inspected by a Rigger and corrective action taken.

Allan Hewitt Chairman Riggers Committee

22nd April 1996

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