



SAFETY INFORMATION

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RESERVE STATIC LINE

Subject

Equipment fitted with FXC and Reserve Static Line.

Background

An FXC recently fired and deployed the reserve, at or about the same time the main was deployed by the parachutist resulting in both canopies flying together. The parachutist elected to cutaway the main canopy and although the risers released the RSL did not. On inspection it was discovered that the pin-puller, attached to the FXC cable, could have prevented the release of the RSL and the reserve ripcord cable and pin. The pin-puller fitted to this FXC was manufactured for, and fitted by Thomas Sports Equipment, and is of non-standard type (see fig 1&2 below).

Action

Centres/clubs must satisfy themselves that, equipment fitted with an RSL and an FXC, the RSL will release if the FXC is activated. If you require more information contact the Chairman of STC or Chairman Riggers.

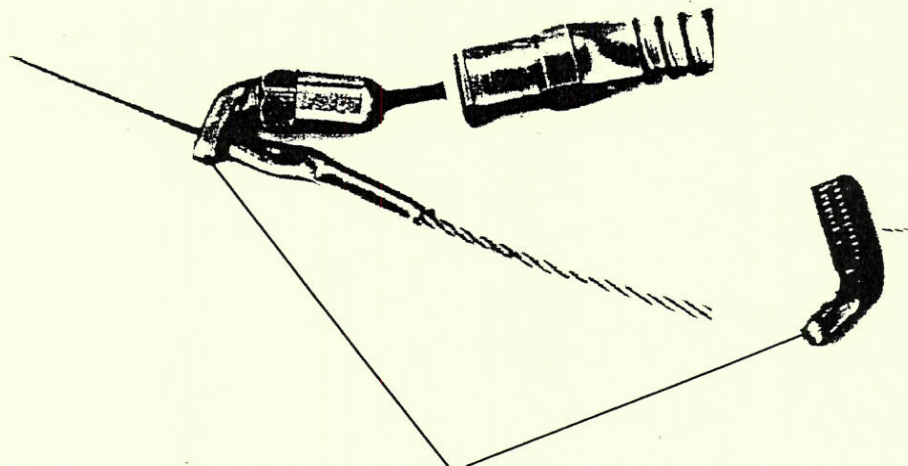


FIG 1

NON STANDARD PART

FIG 2

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