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SAFETY INFORMATION

GLIDE PATH CANOPIES - FURY ETC.

(Copy of letter from Rob Noble-Nesbitt, Scottish Parachute Club)

Scottish Parachute Club have recently encountered a problem which seems to relate specifically to the above make of canopy.

A jumper using a new (approximately 6 jumps old) Fury had the bag and pilot chute pull free from the canopy during deployment.

It was discovered that the stitches securing the pilot chute attachment point had broken.

An inspection of other canopies (all fairly new), revealed further evidence of this problem.

The stitch pattern on this attachment point seems to have been altered at some time from the zig zag type to a bar tack style and it is the latter which seems to be affected.

We recommend that this style of stitch pattern is inspected regularly and reinforced by a rigger at the first sign of wear.

Apart from the possibility of losing the pilot chute and bag, we feel that the fabric of the canopy could be damaged once the stitch pattern is weakened. This damage could occur inside the cells where it may not be immediately apparent.

Rob Noble-Nesbitt

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