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S A F E T Y N O T I C E

GROUNDING OF G.Q. RESERVE PARACHUTES

Attached to this 'Safety Notice' is the 'Grounding Notice' issued by G.Q. Parachutes Ltd. for a number of their reserves.

The tests referred to in their notice must be carried out by a BPA Advanced Rigger and if acid is found to be present the parachute remains grounded.

If further information is required please contact the BPA Office.

John Hitchen
JOINT NATIONAL COACH & SAFETY
OFFICER

7th November 1988

Distribution

Chairman STC
Chairman BPA
All Clubs
CCI's
Advanced Riggers

GROUNDING NOTICE

For the attention of owners of reserve and emergency parachutes manufactured by GQ Parachutes Ltd of the following types:

MRI GQ 1118	Pack 236	Hand Deploy Drogue
MRI GQ 1186	GQ Safe System	Hand Deploy Drogue
MRI GQ 1277	350 Parachute Assembly	
MRI GQ 1284	850 Parachute Assembly	
MRI GQ 1304	350 Aerobatic Parachute Assembly	
MRI GQ 1308	4.8 m SAC Sports	
MRI GQ 1315	850 Military Parachute Assembly	
MRI GQ 1325	350 Military Parachute Assembly	
MRI GQ 1330	850 Military Parachute Assembly	
MRI GQ 1339	5.5 Super SAC Sports	
MRI GQ 1373	950 Military Parachute Assembly	
MRI GQ 1374	450 Military Parachute Assembly	

It is possible that some of the mesh used in the above reserve parachutes may not have been in accordance with specifications. In order to ascertain whether or not your reserve or emergency parachute was manufactured using this mesh, you should ensure that it is immediately tested in accordance with the attached procedure and certified as fit for use by a certified rigger and so recorded on the parachute log card.

The above reserve or emergency parachutes ARE GROUNDED AND SHOULD NOT BE USED UNTIL EITHER THEY HAVE BEEN TESTED AND CLEARED, OR THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Owners of relevant reserve and emergency parachutes are advised to telephone GQ Parachutes Ltd on the following number: 0656 840300 _____

TESTING FOR ACID CONTAMINATION - TEXTILES

Place one drop of pH indication Bromocresol Green Solution in the the centre of each area of netting.

If the solution turns yellow, acid is present.

If the solution remains green/blue acid is not present.

Bromocresol Green Solution is available from:

BDH Chemicals Ltd
Kenn Road,
Hillside Road,
Bristol.
B55 7TE.

Product No 21004

or GQ Parachutes Ltd
Isfryn Industrial Estate,
Blackmill,
Bridgend,
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