

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LTD.



SAFETY NOTICE 1/

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GROUNDING OF PINTAIL CANOPIES

The following Safety Notice has been received from Parachute Industries of South Africa. (Their Notice 91/01/5004) Grounding Pintail Canopies, please take note and contact your dealer.

URGENT WARNING

EQUIPMENT:

PINTAIL 170 PART NO P0785-00

PINTAIL 144 PART NO PO817-00

PINTAIL 120 PART NO P0866-00

Please be advised that we have established the possibility of a potentially serious problem with the "Pintail" Main Sport Parachute.

THESE 3 MODELS OF PINTAILS ARE TO BE REGARDED AS UNSAFE AND MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM SERVICE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

The problem could be associated with improper packing techniques being used by individual skydivers in the field which may be the cause of a reported higher than normal malfunctions being experienced.

It is imperative that with immediate effect the "Pintail" is not used. Any use of the "Pintail" will be at the user's sole risk. Until such time as the appropriate corrective action (which is receiving our urgent attention) has been taken, if needed, the company will not accept any liability for loss or damage, whatsoever arising from the use of the "Pintail".

The products must accordingly be withdrawn from use to ensure that no harm ensues from the use of the "Pintail".

Please take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the "Pintail" is withdrawn and notify any potential users of the "Pintail" of the contents of this urgent warning safety notice.