



SAFETY NOTICE

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'RAPS' ZEROX/VECTOR RESERVE CONTAINER FLAPS

Following a fatal accident where a static line may have lifted the reserve canopy container flap and almost certainly extracted the (curved) reserve pin, causing premature deployment of the reserve pilot chute, a BPA Panel of Inquiry recommended to STC that:

All Student Zerox/Vector type containers used in the static line mode have a protection flap (of an acceptable design to the BPA Rigger's Committee) fitted below the reserve flaps, and any Velcro retaining tabs are regularly inspected for serviceability.

The above was accepted by STC at their meeting of the 18th February 1999, with immediate effect.

Note: At this time the only protection flap acceptable to the Rigger's Committee is the TSE type.

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