



# RIGGING ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: PARACHUTE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

STATUS: ADVISORY

BACKGROUND: It is customary for parachute equipment to be bought and sold privately, sometimes several times in its lifetime.

Equipment is specialised to the degree that equipment suitable for one person may be entirely unsuitable for another. The person making a purchase, in many instances, is not experienced enough to make an informed decision.

When buying (*and selling*) equipment, it is important the following are considered:

1. is it suitable for the person experience level ?
2. is it suitable for the persons weight ?
3. is it suitable for the persons normal Drop Zone ?
4. have all necessary upgrades been incorporated ?

To assist in this regard the Federation, as a service to the membership, has introduced a standard form "Parachute Inspection Certificate"

APF RECOMMENDATION: Prior to buying (and/or selling) parachute equipment, have a independent person, qualified to make an assessment, determine and document the condition and suitability of the equipment on the standard (*yellow*) form.

*Note: A sample form follows. Additional quantities of this form are available from the APF, at no charge, on request.*

AUTHORITY: Board of Directors of the APF.

DISTRIBUTION: All Packer A's  
All APF members (*on request*)

# PARACHUTE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

**FORM P3**

**REPORT REQUESTED BY:**

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**SUMMARY:**

Approx cost of rectification work to bring the equipment to serviceable condition is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum recommended suspended weight of the Main canopy is \_\_\_\_\_ kgs

Maximum recommended suspended weight of the Reserve canopy is \_\_\_\_\_ kgs

Approx value (as-is condition) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve lanyard (RSL): \_\_\_\_\_ is fitted  is not fitted  can be  can not be  to this equipment

Main-Assisted Reserve Deployment (MARD) is fitted  is not fitted  can be  can not be  to this equipment

Automatic activation device (AAD) \_\_\_\_\_ is fitted  is not fitted  can be  can not be  to this equipment

The recommended minimum experience level for this equipment is \_\_\_\_\_ jumps/licence

In its present condition, this parachute is Airworthy   Not Airworthy

*NOTE: Either an AAD and/or RSL will be required to be fitted to a parachute used by a person with less than an APF Certificate Class E.*

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The item(s) identified above have been examined for the purpose of providing an opinion as to their condition, value and payload capability.

Whilst the equipment has been inspected with all reasonable care, the opinion expressed does not give or imply a guarantee that the equipment is free from defects other than those identified overleaf.

**INSPECTED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(date)

APF Rigger / Packer Licence Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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This form is produced by the Australian Parachute Federation as a service to members.

# INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**IDENTIFICATION:**

Container Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Manufacture: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Main Canopy Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Manufacture: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reserve Canopy Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Manufacture: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AAD Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of manufacture: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AAD Service Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Batt Due: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	GOOD CONDITION	SERVICEABLE CONDITION	REQUIRES ATTENTION	COMMENTS
<b><u>MAIN:</u></b>				
- Canopy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Rigging lines condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Rigging line trim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Steering lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Slider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Bridle and attachment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Deployment bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Pilot chute and kill line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Mandatory mods incorporated?	YES		NO	_____
- .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b><u>RESERVE:</u></b>				
- Reserve ripcord pull under 10kg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Canopy fabric-strength & condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Canopy fabric-acid test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Rigging lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Slider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Steering lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Diaper/free bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Bridle and attachment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Pilot chute spring compression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Pilot chute fabric/stitching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Mandatory mods incorporated?	YES		NO	_____
- Freebag and grommets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b><u>CONTAINER/HARNESS:</u></b>				
- Container condition & appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Velcro	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Stiffeners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Hardware	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Grommets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Reserve brake installation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Harness webbing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Harness stitching security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Reserve R/Cord condition, security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Main pilot chute & stowage pouch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- RSL installation & routing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- MARD installation & routing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Main risers compatability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Main riser loops, rings, grommets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Mandatory mods incorporated?	YES		NO	_____
- AAD condition & installation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- Main and reserve closing loops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
- .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Signature of Rigger \_\_\_\_\_