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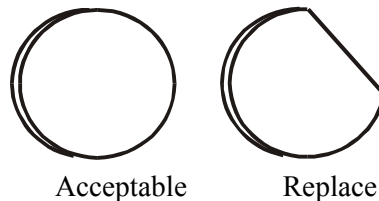
SUBJECT: STRONG ENTERPRISES: DEFECTIVE SLIDER STOPS

STATUS: MANDATORY

IDENTIFICATION: All ram-air main and reserve parachute canopies manufactured by Strong Enterprises prior to 1 July 1991.

BACKGROUND: A total of three canopies have been reported with slider stops "out of round" i.e. having a flat side, potentially allowing a slider grommet to pass over the stop and hang up causing a streamer malfunction.

SERVICE BULLETIN: This is a one time inspection. Unpack the canopy and use your fingers to feel the slider stop discs (six per canopy) at the lower edge of the stabilizer panels, any disc with a detectable "flat" side must be replaced and reported to Strong. Free replacement stops are available upon request (with serial number). Permanently mark the outside of each slider stop pocket with "INSP" or similar, and log bulletin compliance on the data card.



(not to scale)

APF POLICY: As stated by the manufacturer. Compliance for main parachutes may be completed and notated by a Packer "B" or the Owner; compliance for reserve parachutes shall be completed by a Packer "A".

Note: This has particular relevance to Strong Tandem Parachutes.

COMPLIANCE DATE: Immediate prior to next jump.

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