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SUBJECT: GLIDE PATH NOVA CANOPY RECALL

STATUS: MANDATORY

IDENTIFICATION: All Nova main canopies manufactured before 1 January 1993

BACKGROUND: Glide Path International, Inc. issued a mandatory product update on all Nova main canopies manufactured before 1 Jan 93. It was found that some canopies have incurred an unusual amount of line stretch which has caused a trim problem resulting in improper flight characteristics. (*Ref: RAC 328 Rev A*).

On 13 January 1994 Glide Path issued Bulletin No.2 which, effective immediately, grounded all Nova main canopies and offered some compensation on the purchase of a replacement canopy from Glide Path International. (*Ref: RAC 328 Rev B*).

On 2 February 94 Glide Path issued Bulletin No.3 which stated "in consideration of...information received from a wide variety of sources, it is overwhelmingly evident that the NOVA is no more and no less dangerous than any ultra high performance parachute canopy, and Glide Path International feels compelled to withdraw its advisory not to jump the NOVA."

On 9 February 94 it was confirmed that Bulletin No.1 for the mandatory reline on all Nova canopies manufactured prior to 1 Jan 93 is still in effect.

MANUFACTURER ADVISORY: The Nova canopy grounding of 13 Jan 94 is hereby withdrawn.

All Nova's manufactured before the 1 January 1993 date are to be returned to the manufacturer for a complete reline.

APF POLICY: As specified by the manufacturer.

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