



RIGGING ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: PARACHUTES DE FRANCE CANOPY LINE INSPECTION

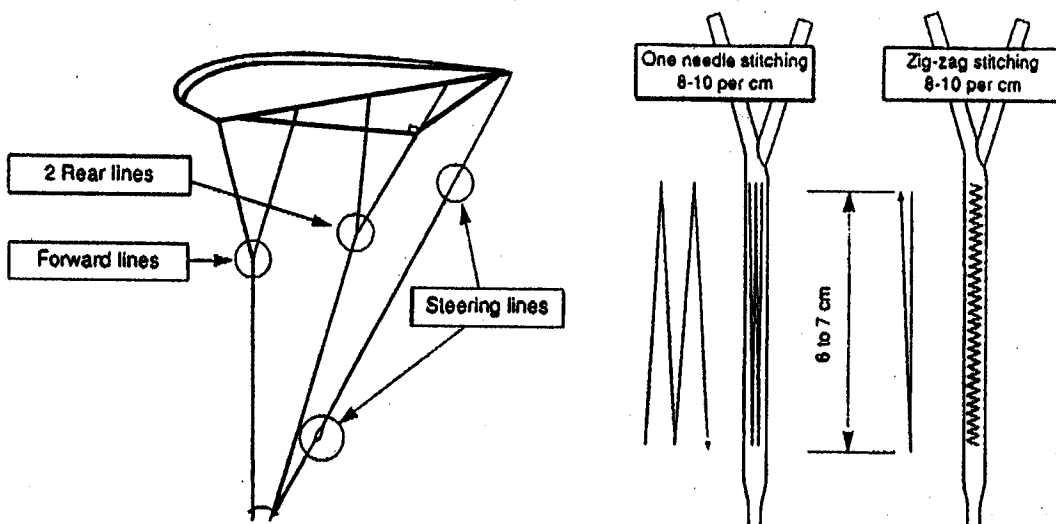
STATUS: MANDATORY

IDENTIFICATION: All BLUE TRACK, BLUE TRACK PRO SERIES and MERIT canopies manufactured before 14 Jan 94, carrying serial numbers in the following series:

- Blue Track BT Pro 100 C series
- Blue Track BT Pro 120 C series and DB001B through DB020B
- Blue Track BT Pro 140 C series
- Blue Track BT-40 B and C series
- Blue Track BT-50 B and C series, DA series
- Blue Track BT-60 B and C series
- Blue Track BT-80 B and C series, DA series
- Merit 170, 190 and 210 B and C series

BACKGROUND: Canopies in the field have shown wear on the bartacks of the suspension lines. Generally only the bartacks of the cascades are affected. Repeated friction contact with the slider grommets causes the stitching to unravel. A severely damaged bartack may cause the fingertrapped line to slip out of the other line, making it impossible for the canopy to fly properly.

PARACHUTE DE FRANCE POLICY: Affected canopies must be inspected for the condition of the bartacks. In case of damaged bartacks, all cascade and steering line bartacks must be replaced by zig-zag stitching according to the instructions of this bulletin. At the discretion of the Rigger, other bartacks can be repaired as necessary.





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APF POLICY: As specified by the manufacturer. The inspection may be carried out by the owner. Repair when necessary must be carried out by an APF Rigger.

COMPLIANCE DATE: Inspection must be carried out before the next jump.

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