



RIGGING ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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- SUBJECT: AADs ON TANDEM PARACHUTES
- STATUS: MANDATORY
- IDENTIFICATION: All Tandem Parachutes.
- BACKGROUND: The APF at the 1993 Technical Conference and subsequent Board meeting on 6/7 May 93 mandated the use of an Automatic Activation Device (AAD) on Tandem parachute equipment by 1 Jan 95. The policy of each Tandem equipment manufacturer and the APF follows:
- RELATIVE WORKSHOP POLICY: Relative Workshop product service bulletin dated 3 May 1993 mandated the use of an AAD on the Vector Tandem by 1 January 1994. Acceptable AADs are:
- Cypres (Tandem Model),
 - Sentinel 2000 Pin-Puller with tandem modification,
 - Sentinel 2100 with Pin-Puller,
 - FXC 12000 Tandem AAD.
 - Vigil AAD
- STRONG ENTERPRISES POLICY: Strong Enterprises has not mandated the use of an AAD on the Dual Hawk Tandem. Strong advises the following AADs are acceptable:
- Cypres (Tandem Model)
- PARACHUTES DE FRANCE POLICY: Parachutes de France has not mandated the use of an AAD on the ATOM Tandem parachute assembly. PdF advise the following AAD's are acceptable:
- Cypres (Tandem Model)
 - FXC EUROPE 12000 (standard FXC 12000)
- JUMP SHACK POLICY: The Jump Shack has mandated the use of an AAD on the Elite Tandem. Jump Shack advise the following AADs are acceptable:
- Cypres (Tandem Model)
- APF POLICY: That an AAD acceptable to the manufacturer be fitted to all Tandem equipment by 1 January 1995. *(The AAD shall be set to activate the reserve parachute at a safe altitude)*
- COMPLIANCE DATE: As specified in policy.
- AUTHORITY: APF Board of Directors decision 7 May 1993. Manufacturers policy as stated.
- DISTRIBUTION: All APF Packer As