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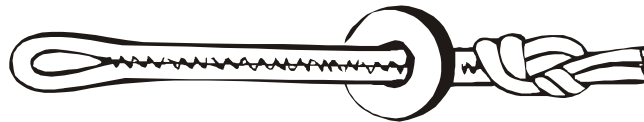
SUBJECT: CLOSING LOOPS AND BACKING WASHER

STATUS: ADVISORY

IDENTIFICATION: All parachutes.

BACKGROUND: A recent incident report identified a badly worn closing loop with damaged fibres at the end nearest the knot. The wear to the loop was caused by the sharp edges of the washer. *Inspection of the closing loop is normally confined to the visible part of the 'formed eye' that wears from contact with the ripcord pin and/or pull-up cord.*

APF ADVISORY: At each scheduled reserve inspection remove the closing loops from both the reserve and main containers and determine if wear exists. Replace loops (*and washers*) when wear has been caused from the sharp edges of the washer.



COMPLIANCE DATE: Next scheduled service.

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