



RIGGING ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: CRACKED RIPCORD PINS - NORTHERN LITE III RESERVE
RIPCORDS

STATUS: Mandatory

IDENTIFICATION: Northern Lite III reserve ripcord installed with handles marked with
“(W) 86”

BACKGROUND: In October 1990, a cracked ripcord pin was found on a Northern Lite III. It was taken to the Jump Shack South and pull tested. The pin slipped and pulled off at 150 pounds of pressure. During the same month, two ripcords were found at Square One Parachute Sales with identical cracks. They were returned to Para-Phernalia for testing. They were determined to also pull off at approximately 150 pounds.

MANUFACTURER’S
SERVICE BULLTIN: All ripcords manufactured with a ripcord handle identified with the marking “(W) 86” should be inspected. The cracks found have all been longitudinal, in line with the cable, on the tope side of the shank. Any ripcords found with a cracked pin shall be removed from service immediately and returned to Para-Phernalia, Inc. for replacement. Replacement ripcords will be made available from Para-Phernalia, Inc. at a charge of \$US 10.00 each upon receipt of the defective ripcord.

APF POLICY: As manufacturer’s service bulletin.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Before next use.

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