



RIGGING ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: PULL OUT PILOT-CHUTE (POP) MODIFICATION

STATUS: MANDATORY

IDENTIFICATION: All brands of equipment which incorporate a POP handle (also known as a bunny tail, dildo and pullout) secured externally to the main container by self adhesive means (velcro). Early Pigmee, SST Racer and the Woomera are known examples.

BACKGROUND: A recent fatality has highlighted a problem with some POP handles where it is possible to dislodge the handle from the main container in the aircraft, during exit and/or in freefall and the condition remain undetected until opening time. This condition is known to have caused a number of total malfunctions

APF POLICY: All parachutes which incorporate a POP handle secured by direct velcro adhesive means to the bottom of the main container and which can be inadvertently dislodged shall be modified to either:

- (a) a pillow handle wedged between the bottom and side flap (as with the S18), or
- (b) a pillow handle wedged behind a cover on the bottom flap (as with the Talon, Teardrop and/or Chaser), or
- (c) a rigid handle secured with two elastic pockets (as with the Racer and Racer/Elite).

The work shall be accomplished by an APF Rigger or the original manufacturer.

Note: Roochutes, the manufacturer of the Woomera has requested owners return their Woomera's to Roochutes for the POP handle modification.

COMPLIANCE DATE: The modification shall be incorporated by 15 May 94.

AUTHORITY: APF Director Safety

DISTRIBUTION: All APF members.