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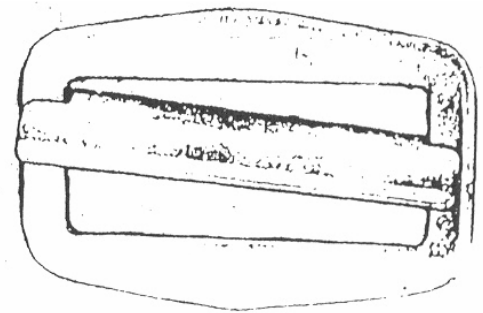
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SUBJECT: MS70101 WARNING NOTICE

STATUS: Mandatory

IDENTIFICATION: part no. MS70101
NPU 59B380
Q.M 100705



BACKGROUND: DJ Associates, Inc. is a Manufacturer of the MS70101 Lightweight Reversible Adaptor in common use on most Parachute Harness Chest Straps.

DJ Associates, Inc. issued a 'MS70101 Warning Notice' on 26 March 1986 to users of the part that the sharp edges on the MS70101 fitting are abusive to webbing buffer on the sewn side, to prevent abrasion and cutting'.

RAC No. 805 dated 26.03.86 'recommended' the use of a webbing buffer with the MS70101 Adaptor.

Most parachute manufacturers (including PA) took the advice of DJ Associated, Inc, and incorporated the webbing buffer on parachute harnesses produced after the warning notice was received.

Since the warning notice there have been four (4) reported instances in Australia alone where a Pigmee Harness manufactured prior to 26 March 1986 using the DJ Associates MS70101 adaptor has been severed during opening shock. Three out of four were on Pigmee's used for student training.

As the problem may not be restricted to DJ Associates MS70101 Adaptors, the APF has promulgated a policy to apply to all.

APF POLICY All dual parachute (Piggyback) harnesses which have a chest strap fitted with the MS70101 Lightweight Reversible Adaptor are to be inspected for the presence of a webbing buffer at the next periodic inspection and reserve repack.



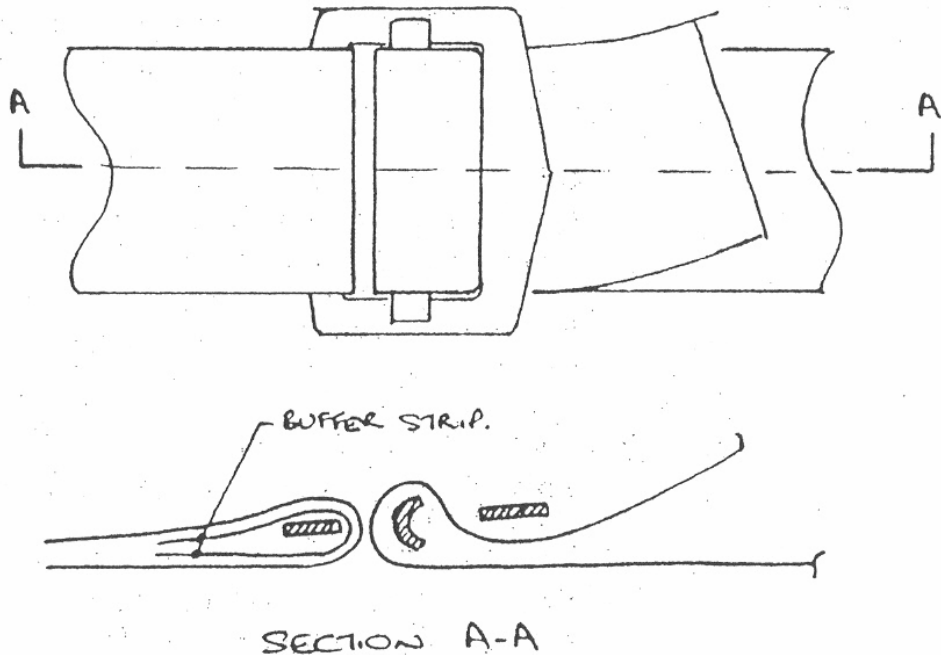
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APF POLICY cont'd

If a webbing buffer is not present the packer 'A' is to incorporate a webbing buffer using a 25 mm (1') length of MIL-W-4088 type 12 webbing (or equivalent) tacked in place as illustrated below, or



alternatively where there is insufficient space to follow the simple procedure above, the manufacturer or Rigger 'B' must incorporate a webbing buffer into the webbing securing the Chest Strap Adaptor by unpicking the stitching securing the Chest Strap and afterwards fixing the adaptor in place by duplicating the original stitching.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1st November 1988

AUTHORITY: Director (Rigging)
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