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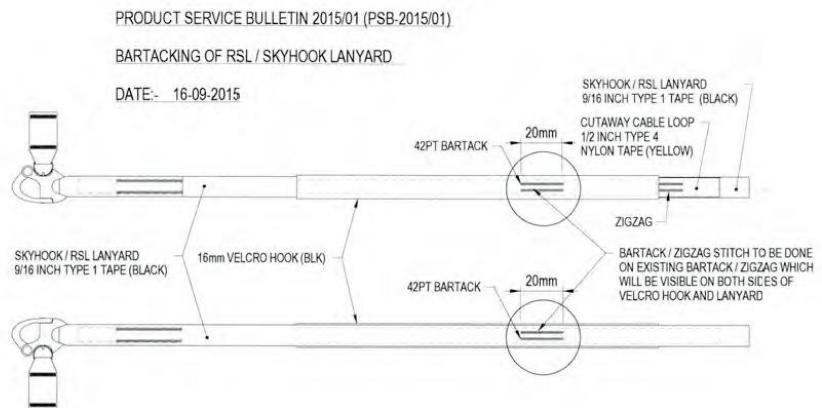
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| <b>Technical &amp; Safety Information Notice No.</b> | <b>BARTACKING OF RSL/SKY HOOK LANYARD</b><br><br><b>W.N. 51</b>   |
| <b>Date of Issue</b>                                 | <b>20 September 2015</b>  |
| <b>Subject Matter and Applicability</b>              | <p><b>PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN 2015-01 (PSB # 2015-01)</b><br/>issued 16 September 2015 by Parachute Systems, 32 Melbourne Road, Dalbridge, Durban, South Africa 4014</p> <p><b>ISSUE IDENTIFICATION: PSB # 2015-01</b></p> <p><b>BARTACKING OF RSL/SKY HOOK LANYARD</b><br/><b>NAME:</b> RSL/Sky hook lanyard (Part Nr. PSP-0303) Fitted to Parachute Systems Vortex Harness containers.<br/><b>Affected Vortex Rigs: All rigs fitted with a new style RSL and Sky hook system on the right side of the rig. As from 07/2014</b></p> <p><b>Serial Numbers: Sky-hook systems</b><br/>0323182,0323198,0323210,0323213,0323220,0323221,0323226,<br/>0323233,0323236,0323241,0323244,0323247,0323249,0323250,0323253,<br/>0323254,0323256,0323259,0323266,0323269,0323271,0323273,0323274,<br/>0323276,0323285,0323288,0323291,0323300,0323305,0323308,0323339,<br/>0323416,0323418,0323419,0323422,0323425,0323427,0323430,0323431,<br/>0323433,0323436,0323437,0323440,0323443,0323446,0323447,0323450,<br/>0323456,0323457,0323458,0323459,0323468,0323471,0323473,0323475,<br/>0323476,0323477,0323478,0323479,0323480,0323481,0323488,0323490,<br/>0323494,0323497,0323498,0323501,0323502,0323507,0323508,0323509,<br/>0323510,0323511, 0323513,0323515,0323516,0323518,0323580,0323583</p> <p><b>Serial Numbers: RSL Systems</b><br/>0323489,0323491,0323495,0323503,0323504,0323512,0323527,<br/>0323589</p> |
| <b>Details</b>                                       | <p><b>SKY HOOK LANYARD CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION PROCEDURE:</b><br/>The Sky-hook lanyard, which is manufactured by PS has been found, in some cases, to have a construction omission. The yellow loop is not included in the bar tacks on the lanyard in some cases. This could tear off when the RSI/Skyhook is activated.<br/>Because the Velcro is fitted over the bar tacks on one side of the lanyard, it is not possible to see if they are through the yellow loop</p>   |

when inspecting a completed lanyard.  
While there have been no reports on the lanyard pulling apart, we advise that the affected rigs be bar tacked or zigzagged IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE NEXT JUMP.  
We apologise for the inconvenience and strongly urge that all of these items are inspected before the next jump even if serial numbers are not on the above list.

**PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW:**

**To be carried out by a Master Rigger or equivalent**

1. Add two Bar tacks or two rows of Zigzag stitching over the existing bar tacks. These will then be visible on both sides of the lanyard, through the Velcro tape.
2. This can be done without the reserve being opened.



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| <b>Compliance</b>            | <b>COMPLIANCE DATE:</b> 16 September 2015<br><br><b>STATUS:</b> <b>MANDATORY BEFORE NEXT JUMP</b>   |
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