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### **'NEXT' TANDEM 3-RING FAILURE**

An incident occurred on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2005, when a 3-ring release on a 'NEXT' Tandem rig failed during a main deployment.

The Tandem Instructor experienced a hard opening, during which the right-hand riser released, because the middle ring and the riser locking loop broke.

The RSL ring was also torn off.

On subsequent inspection, it was noted that the middle ring on the left-hand riser was also slightly distorted.

***The manufacturers were contacted and they stated that they have decided to change the supplier and change-over to stainless steel rings, made in Europe.***

The current rings are manufactured in the USA. At the time of this notice being issued the manufacturers had not yet examined the equipment nor video footage of the descent.

***It is the manufacturer's opinion that 'Collins' lanyards should be fitted to 'NEXT' Tandem rigs.***

