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<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>1 AAD use/firings</b> <b>2 OMEGA Container</b>	
<b>Equipment Manufacturers</b>	<b>1 AADa – various manufacturers</b> <b>2 Performance Variable e.K.</b>	

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- 1 An incident or experience in the field being reported.*
  - 2 The issue of a notice by a manufacturer or by a National Parachuting Organisation.*
- In the case of equipment being the subject of the bulletin the reader is advised to check with the manufacturer regarding the current status or position of that equipment.*

<b>Area of concern</b>	<b>1 AADs</b>	<p>Following the issue of a bulletin by Airtec GmbH (see IPC T &amp; S, SB3 CYPRES2 181105) and Airtec web site – Technical and Safety Officers are questioning the functioning of AADs produced by other manufacturers.</p> <p><b>It is reasonable to assume, whether or not a manufacturer has issued a bulletin, that if the performance parameters (altitude and vertical rate of descent) of an AAD are met/exceeded then that AAD will do as designed and will fire.</b> For exact answers and specific enquiries those concerned should contact the AAD manufacturer whose product is used.</p>
	<b>2 Omega Container</b> There have been some enquiries recently about the current status of the	<p>On 12 July 2005 Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), the CAA of Germany, issued an Airworthiness Directive, D-2005-248, grounding Omega containers.</p> <p>On 21 July 2005 LBA issued a further AD,</p>

	<b>Omega container</b>	<p>D-2005-248R1 allowing use of the Omega if it is modified according to the instructions in the Performance Variable Service Bulletin SB-O-200501 dated 18 July 2005. The full text of these ADs can be seen on the LBA web site - <a href="http://www.lba.de">http://www.lba.de</a></p> <p>The Performance Variable web site which has full instructions of the modification to be made to the container, is <a href="http://www.myskyshop.com">http://www.myskyshop.com</a></p>
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