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Area of concern	Emergency Canopy P512. To the right is the text of the PdF Bulletin	Observations – Damage to the P512 Emergency Canopy during a high-speed test opening (150 Kts). The configuration was different from the qualified one Analysis - The damage is due to one or more overlines causing the damage to several panels. It is likely that this incident is due to one or more lines passing over the diaper during the extraction of the container. Recommendation for use – (Further to Safety Bulletin NO. 05/001 of 02/06/2005) Whereas the incident happened in a configuration different than the qualified one, and by safety first principle: - To replace the current rubber bands with mini rubber bands optima P/N 2015000600 - To use an additional mini rubber band optima on attachment tapes number 11 (diaper line) in order to add an additional stow at the beginning of the stowage. Implementation – The recommendations are applicable before the next use of the safety parachute. Publication – This safety Bulletin (PdF Bulletin) has to be joined as an additional to the use and maintenance manual, P/N 9009113300. Those packing recommendations will be integrated in the next issue of the use and maintenance manual P/N 9009113300.
	Tandem Drogue Chute Bridle	The full details of the potential problem and its consequences and the manufacturers' recommendations for dealing with the issue are in the P d F Bulletin accompanying this IPC T & S Bulletin.

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