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SUBJECT: '94 TALON MAIN CONTAINER CLOSING LOOP POSITION

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IDENTIFICATION: Parachutes Australia '94 Talon Container Systems S/N's 9500 D.O.M. March 1994 to 9863 D.O.M. January 1997

BACKGROUND: '94 Talon systems manufactured by Parachutes Australia between the above dates had a type 12 webbing main closing loop retainer mounted on the main/reserve dividing wall. After an incident on a Vector 2 system with a similar loop mounting system, new position for the loop was located from the smaller, under #2 pin cover flap. From D.O.M. January 1997 onwards '94 Talons have been manufactured with the new loop placement. Talon 2 systems are also unaffected

MANUFACTURER ADVISORY: PA strongly recommends that the loop position be changed from the main/reserve dividing wall to the new position. A 40mm wide elastic retainer is sewn to the under side of the flap to hold the loop after deployment. The loop retainer is placed over the "0" grommet and sewn on 3 sides into the binding tape leaving one side open where indicated for changing the closing loop .

The loop may also be hand tacked in place by the owner until a suitable retainer is installed.

Remove the previous loop retainer after unpicking the first row of stitching that attaches it onto the main/reserve dividing wall and heat seal to prevent fraying. This may be completed by an APF Packer A or foreign equivalent.

See diagram 1. of the new loop positions of the closing loop and elastic loop retainer.

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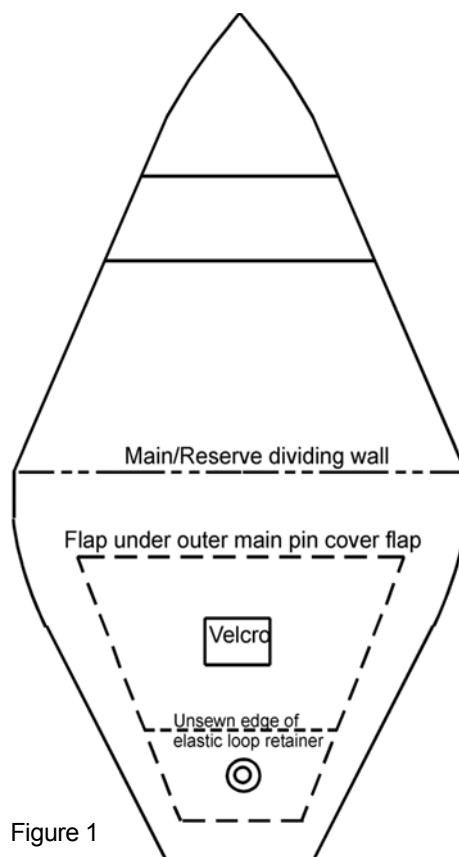


Figure 1