

SERVICE BULLETIN



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The entire parachute industry received a Manufacturer Product Service Bulletin, Number CW03-01, dated July 15, 2003 from Capewell, affecting Capewell supplied pins and ripcords. The bulletin notifies customers that a mandatory test is required on all Capewell supplied ripcord pins and/or ripcords manufactured and supplied from November 28, 2001 to July 15, 2003. The service bulletin is posted on Capewell's website (www.capewell.com/PIAPIN.pdf).

The root cause of pin failure has not yet been determined; therefore, Irvin requires that a mandatory test be carried out on all ripcords used on Irvin products, regardless of the date of manufacture.

Irvin Aerospace recommends that, as a minimum, the more stringent of the tests identified in the Capewell Service Bulletin, Test #1, be conducted.

All Irvin U.S. and Irvin Canada manufactured parachute systems incorporating a ripcord are affected by this Service Bulletin.