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APF Service Bulletin N° APF100520-B Issued 13 May 2011

This Service Bulletin replaces APF SB100520 (Issued 20 May 2010)

SUBJECT:

- A) DUAL HAWK TANDEM, USE OF UNAPPROVED COMPONENTS.
- B) DUAL HAWK SERVICE LIFE.

STATUS:

MANDATORY

IDENTIFICATION:

Dual Hawk Tandem Systems: Part No. 103000 through 103005 (Dwg. No.1151 & 68E10001).

BACKGROUND:

A) Strong Enterprises (SE) has determined that Dual Hawk Tandem Systems with components not approved by SE may present a hazard that is not acceptable for tandem jumping.

B) The rapid improvement of the Dual Hawk Tandem System have shown considerable safety enhancements. It is also evident that most systems older than eight years have considerable wear and deterioration with loss of performance and could pose a threat to the users.

MANUFACTURER'S SERVICE BULLETIN:

SE Service Bulletin No. 22 was issued 20 Feb 1997. Status: Mandatory.

A) Only components approved by Strong Enterprises may be used on the Dual Hawk Tandem System for tandem jumping.

B) All Dual Hawk Tandem Systems shall have a service life of eight years from date of manufacture or be returned to Strong Enterprises (or local SE approved service centre / rigger) for reinspection and recertification. It may then be placed back into service for five years. This service bulletin (SE No. 22) does not change the requirements for periodic inspection and maintenance as outlined in the FAA Exemption or manufacturer's instructions.

APF POLICY:

FAA and CASA have a Bi-Lateral Airworthiness Agreement that requires mandatory manufacturer's Service Bulletins be complied with.

APF SB 100520 issued 20 May 2010 replaced RAC 433 A

APF SB 100520-B replaces APF SB 100520 and extends the compliance date.

COMPLIANCE DATE:

That the requirements of SE Service Bulletin No.22 be complied with for all components except the main parachute.

Main parachute compliance pending SE approval to be sought by canopy manufacturer, but no later than 12 months from date of this SB 100520-B.

AUTHORITY:

SE Product Service Bulletin No.22 dated 20 May 97

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