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VIGIL STATUS

Dear customer,

Pursuant to an incident that happened in Australia today on a static line and Vigil-equipped rig, we recommend that you read and implement the additional information on Service Bulletin # 1.A. (See attached.)

The above incident was caused by the same issue that is listed in Service Bulletin #1, dated 31st March 2004. (This issue is high levels of static electricity.)

We strongly recommend that you exchange your Vigil for the updated version through your distributor/dealer.

Once again, we thank you again for your interest, trust and support.

Blue Skies,


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VIGIL AAD

Service Bulletin #1.A.

Additional Information

Date : 22nd April 2004
Subject : Vigil AAD ground activation due to static electricity
Status : Mandatory replacement of the main printed circuit board on all Vigils identified below
Identification : Any Vigil with a D.O.M. prior to 26 March, 2004

Extra guideline

Please note that the **use of a static line** on a parachute equipped with a Vigil AAD manufactured before 26 March 2004 is **not permitted**.

If you use a static line, you must ensure that the reserve loop does **not** go through the cutter. The reason is because static electricity between plane and parachute can provoke the cutter to misfire, even when the Vigil is not switched on.

Therefore, we recommend that **customer using a Vigil manufactured before 26 March 2004 strictly avoid the use of a static-line equipped rig.**

Advanced Aerospace Designs is now in the process of replacing all units currently in the field. These replacement Vigils ("B" version, manufactured **after 26 March 2004**) have an updated printed circuit board that is shielded from such high levels of static electricity.

Feel free to contact us for more specific details at info@vigil.aero


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