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SAFETY BULLETIN

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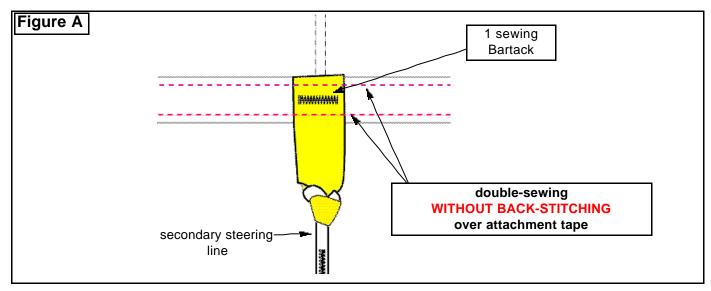
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Concerned Equipments: ALL RESERVE CANOPIES Manufactured between 01/01/1987 to 31/02/1989 (Serial Number 87 01 001 to 89 02 XXX)

Background:

Broken seams located at secondary steering lines trailing edge attachment tapes have been reported on reserve canopy model Minimax 5 (Pn:203).

The assembly of steering lines attachment tapes to trailing edge of the concerned canopy is described by Figure A.



Others types of reserve canopies:

The manufacturing process described Figure A have potentially been used for all others reserve canopies of Parachutes de France from january 1987 to february 1989.

CONSERVATORY DECISION

ALL Parachutes de France RESERVE CANOPIES Manufactured from 01/01/1987 to 31/02/1989 (Serial Numbers 87 01 001 to 89 02 XXX)

ARE GROUNDED BEFORE INSPECTION

Due date: immediatly

QUALIFIED RIGGERS ACTIONS:

- 1- Detailed inspection by qualified rigger of all stitching pattern at trailing edge for steering lines attachment tapes.
 - Pattern per Figure A as above: immediate grounding even if stitching or fabric are fully undamaged
 - Others stitching patterns: unless damaged, airworthiness is not affected
- 2- Record riggers marks on canopy documents, with "BS PdF N°3-2003, Airworthy" or "BS PdF N°2-2003, Grounded".
- 3- Report to PF S.A. using second page of present Safety Bulletin.

PF SA. will issue a Service Bulletin as soon as possible in order to state on measures to return to fly.

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Report to fill up before return to PF S.A.:

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Canopy Model	Serial Number	Rigger + Signature	COMMENTS (please state "AIRWORTHY" or "GROUNDED" (If status grounded clarify if for "as per fig A" or "damaged")

Others stitching patterns different from figure A avalaible for declaring "Airworthiness"





