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SUBJECT: .260" ID Ripcord Housings

STATUS: Mandatory

IDENTIFICATION: All SOFTIE BACKPACKS with .260" ID housings
Mini, Micro, Wedge, Survival, & Long
Serial Numbers between 4500 & 5900

BACKGROUND: In January 1997 a smaller diameter (.260") ID ripcord housing was introduced on most SOFTIE backpacks. It has been brought to our attention that a few rigs with the smaller diameter housings have had a pull force in excess of 22 lbs. Further investigation has shown that the end of the housing was tacked too close to the grommet, causing the cable between the pins to wedge at the housing before the first pin had cleared the closing loop. In March 2000 a newer & larger (.344" ID) ripcord housing was introduced eliminating the possibility of this interference.

SERVICE:

1. Measure the distance from the edge of the grommet to the end of the metal ripcord housing (see diagram on page 2). The correct measurement should be from 40mm to 55mm. (1 9/16" to 2 3/16").
2. If the measurement is less than 40 mm., cut & remove the tacking at the harness end.
3. Retract the housing to the correct distance by rotating it counter-clockwise.
4. Hand tack the housing at the harness end using Super Tack (Para-Gear Part Number T1050) in the standard method.
5. Verify that the ripcord housing is properly & securely tacked at the container end.

OPTIONAL SERVICE: Return to manufacturer for housing retrofit.

COMPLIANCE DATE: Next Repack

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