



SAFETY NOTICE

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T.S.E. T17 Reversed Risers

On the 29-04-97, Thomas Sports Equipment (TSE) issued a Product Service Bulletin (No 197/TSE) concerning the above risers. It has come to light that the geometry of many of these risers is incorrect and when tested have proved difficult, or impossible to cutaway.

Therefore **any** harness/container fitted with the above risers is to be grounded, with immediate effect, until such time as a test is successfully carried out (see below), to ensure that the risers can be cutaway with ease.

1. The harness should be hung from top of the risers, so that the parachutist who intends using the equipment, has his/her feet just above the ground.
2. There should be safety people either side of the person who is to cutaway, to prevent injury, should the parachutist fall awkwardly.
3. Before the parachutist attempts to cutaway, weight must be added to the parachutist, to simulate added 'G' force, e.g. 'a rotating malfunction'.

Two other persons should be hung from the sides of the harness, around the hip/leg area, (therefore there being 3 body weights). Ensure that the suspension tackle is strong enough.

4. A one handled 'cutaway' must then be easily achieved.
5. As the predominant harness/container is likely to have soft housings, qualified personnel must ensure that the cutaway cable is re-routed correctly.
6. A full line check etc. must be carried out to the main canopy before re-connecting.
7. After completing the test, the Equipment Inspection Check List must be endorsed by the CCI or CCI appointed Rigger indicating as to whether the equipment may be used, or not.

N.B. (1) Any queries regarding the above test, contact the BPA Office.

N.B. (2) Any parachutists with the above riser should contact Thomas Sports Equipment - (01262) 678299

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