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**SUBJECT:** REVERSE RISERS

**STATUS:** MANDATORY

**IDENTIFICATION:** All risers that have the three-ring release assembled so that the rings are under the riser webbing when attached to the harness, generally referred to as reverse risers.

**BACKGROUND:** A recent fatality has highlighted the fact that some jumpers are using reverse risers on equipment that was not designed to use them. When improperly mated to these rigs the risers will not release in a pilot chute in tow / face to earth attitude resulting in an extremely hazardous reserve deployment situation and likely entanglement.

**APF POLICY:** That reverse risers be replaced with standard rings to the outside risers of a type normally supplied by the manufacturer of the rig. Similar risers from an alternate manufacturer can be used if checked for compatibility, see also SB APF01080-A, 3-Ring inspection and maintenance.

Reverse risers may only be used on equipment designed for their use and have the appropriate high mounted harness rings. This must be specified as approved by the manufacturer in their owner's manual, service bulletin or letter stating compatibility for the specified rig.

**COMPLIANCE DATE:** IMMEDIATELY.

**AUTHORITY:** APF DIRECTOR RIGGING

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