
SAFETY INFORMATION

A BPA Technical Panel which comprised of the Chairman of STC the Chairman of Riggers Committee and the JNCSO's have recently co-operated with T.S.E. in the preparation of Safety Notice No: 4/88.

The Panel felt that the following information should also be brought to the attention of all parachutists.

- 1) That narrow bore ripcord housings are not recommended on 'racer' type pop top reserves.
- 2) That 'Rambo' type pilot chutes are not recommended to be used on 'racer' type pop top reserves.
- 3) That packers and riggers pay careful attention to the materials used for closing loops and the pressure on these loops when a rig is closed. The desire to do a 'neat' repack job by shortening loops as much as possible could contribute to stiff or impossible pulls. The finger test of pin movement is not adequate to determine an easy pull as other factors (e.g. bore size of housing, angle of pull etc.) also affect the force needed to operate a reserve ripcord.

It is essential that those people responsible for the safe condition of equipment should satisfy themselves that jumpers are able to operate their reserves with one hand. In particular it should be borne in mind that jumpers using borrowed or new equipment, or who are small of stature may need particular attention paid to them.

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