

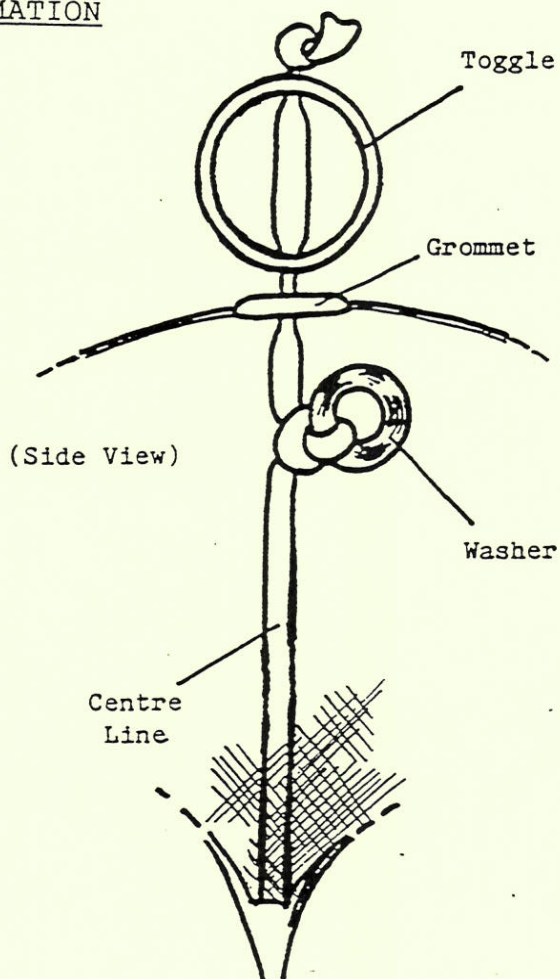
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SAFETY INFORMATION

An incident occurred with a Thomas Sports Equipment 'hand deployed' pilot chute, where a washer which was attached to the 'Centre' line of the pilot chute cut through the centre line. On this occasion the knot where the washer was attached held the centre line together, but pulled through the grommet at top of the pilot chute. Because only the toggle and centre line was pulled from the pilot chute pocket, the pilot chute itself bunched up inside the pocket preventing deployment (see drawing).

If you have a Thomas Sports Pilot Chute, or any pilot chute that has a washer inside, check it to see if there are any rough edges which could cut through the centre line, as it is likely that if it did occur the toggle could come away in your hand.

Any queries, contact either National Coach or Thomas Sports Equipment.



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