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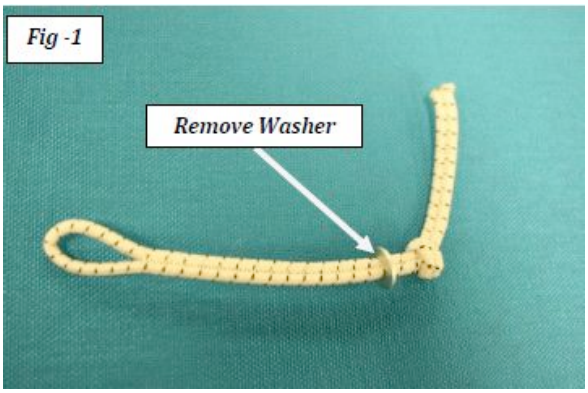
SUBJECT: “Reserve Staging Loop” with support washer. We (manufacturer) require the washer be removed. At the next scheduled repack cycle, remove the washer from the bungee staging loop and tie a double over-hand knot as instructed below and reinstall.

STATUS: MANDATORY

BACKGROUND: During recent inspections prior to repacking the reserve, extra normal wear was found on the reserve closing loop. Further investigation indicates that Vector systems fitted with a (bungee) “Reserve Staging Loop” with support washer may experience this problem. Some washers have sharp edges which had caused minor damage to the closing loop. Thus far, loop damage seen in the field following a 365-day repack cycle has not been considered serious, but is a concern. This Product Service Notification provides a safe solution without altering the function of the staging loop.

SERVICE BULLETIN: At the next scheduled inspection/repack cycle remove the support washer from the “Reserve Staging Loop.” (Fig-1) Inspect the internal and external condition of the staging loop and replace it if any damage is found. Tie a “Double Over-Hand Knot” at the prescribed location. The staging loop length should be 1-inch (25mm) shorter than the reserve closing loop. Mark the loop at the desired length. Fig-2 shows a single over-hand knot. Fig-3 shows the loop end passing one more time through to create the double



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* The “Reserve Staging Loop Modification,” issued on January 15th, 2009 by United Parachute Technologies, was not a mandatory modification and may be removed at any time.

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