



## Product Service Bulletin

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**Subject:**

Mandatory cutter replacement in Mirage rigs

**Identification:**

Argus Cutter PN# ARG001CUT manufactured for Aviacom SA by Nobel Energetics.

**Background:**

As part of our evaluation program, the Argus was installed in an RTS M7 Mirage and made 46 jumps. When opening the reserve container the loop was frayed around the area it was going through the cutter. The plastic insert was damaged at some point during closing.

Further investigation showed that the damage was due to the typical set-up of the cutter on top of the concave pilot chute cap modification that the Mirage has since May 2005.

This damage only occurred with the Mirage

After consulting Mirage Systems we decided to replace the cutters in all Mirage rigs with a modified insert-less cutter that has meanwhile been intensively tested and does not cause any damage whatsoever.

**Service bulletin:**

The 'old' cutter with the plastic insert must be returned to Aviacom SA for replacement. The new cutter will be shipped as soon as we have received the old one.

The new cutter is easily identified by the safety seal on the body. The date of manufacturing is November 2006 or later.

Any senior or master rigger or foreign equivalent can unscrew the cutter and replace the old cutter with the modified one. The connector must be locked hand tight in order to ensure the water resistance.

**Compliance date:**

Before the next jump, but no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007.

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### Comments

In order not to create confusion, all Argus cutters manufactured before November 2006 and not sporting a safety seal on the body must be mandatory replaced before June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The cutters will be replaced free of charge.

### Pictures

- 'Old' cutter with plastic insert
- Insert less cutter with safety seal and different shape

