



SAFETY NOTICE

1/08

‘VIGIL’ AUTOMATIC ACTIVATION DEVICES (AADs)

A number of problems have been found, both in the UK and overseas with regard to the cutters on VIGIL AADs. Because of these problems all reserve parachute harness containers equipped with VIGIL AADs (manufactured by Advanced Aerospace Designs) are grounded until the following has taken place:

Check the AAD manufacture date on the manufacturer identity card. If the date is 1 August 2006 or earlier, remove the VIGIL AAD and do not refit to any container.

If the date is later than 1 August 2006, check that the VIGIL AAD cutter is made of stainless steel and the hole has got a vinyl sleeve. If not, replace the selector and the closing loop. The replacement must be with parts supplied by Advanced Aerospace Designs, and must be fitted by suitably qualified riggers.

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