



Parachute Industry Association

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

PIA Responsibility for MIL/PIA Standards

The Parachute Industry Association (PIA), in consultation and with agreement by the U.S. Government, has assumed the responsibility to maintain, revise, update and dispose of the old Military Specification and Standards (MIL-SPEC) previously maintained by the U.S. Government related to parachute systems and associated items.

In an effort to streamline specification revisions, the U.S. Government has delegated ownership of certain specifications and standards to commercial entities, typically industry groups. The goal is to efficiently and accurately maintain, update, and disseminate the information contained in such documents. The PIA was delegated the ownership of the specifications and standards concerning parachute systems and associated items.

PIA gathers industry leaders twice a year to review and update the documents under its care. The members of the Specification Committee include raw material suppliers, equipment manufacturers, dealers, as well as Government representatives from all the services in the U.S. military. The contributors to the review process represent multiple countries, as the PIA is an international organization of industry participants.

The specifications maintained by the PIA can be accessed at www.pia.com through the online store. The specifications and standards may be purchased individually, or they may be acquired as a whole by contacting hq@pia.com.

Users of the specifications are advised to check the PIA store for the latest revision of a document. Current documents can be found at <https://www.pia.com/product-category/current/> . Legacy/obsolete/superseded documents are also available on the site under the “Prior Versions” section.

For questions regarding the specifications, please contact PIA via the website at <https://www.pia.com/contact/> .

Respectfully,

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