

SERVICE BULLETIN

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Subject: 400lb Dacron center A lines.

Status: Mandatory

Identification: All Lite and Ultralite versions of the FOX and FLiK BASE parachutes with 400lb Dacron center A suspension lines manufactured from January 24, 2008 to September 27, 2011. The serial number is encoded with the date of manufacture. Example 24__123. The third digit represents the year “6” equals 2006. The forth and fifth digit represent the month “04” represents April.

Background: Apex has received and confirmed reports of two parachutes constructed with 400lb Dacron suspension line that have failed during opening. In both cases the failure occurred just below the B line cascade on the two center A lines. Flight performance and landing performance were affected. One jumper reported that they were able to control heading but forward movement was significantly decreased while decent rate was noticeably increased. Neither jumper has reported sustaining injury during landing.

Service Bulletin: Replace the center A lines in accordance with PMP-0712

Compliance date: IMMEDIATELY, before next use.

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