

# Components Approved as Compatible

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Part Number	Description
114702	Instructor Harness and Container
990064	Cypres Tandem AAD 2-pin
990092	Vigil Tandem AAD 2-pin
780630	RSL
627264	Reserve Ripcord
862030	Cutaway Handle
678410	Main Drogue Release Handle(s)
861515	Drogue Riser Through loop
861517	Main Closing Loop
861017	Reserve Closing Loop
861035	Hesitator Loop
570500, n/a	Packing Data Card (any style but must remain with reserve canopy throughout life)
Various	Strong Enterprises Student Harness
430083	Patronus Reserve Canopy - w/ Patronus Free bag 730327 only
430085	Master Reserve w/ Master reserve free bag 730324 only
866061	Reserve Toggles
730324	Master reserve free bag with bridle
730327	Patronus reserve free bag with bridle
790130	Grabber Pilot Chute (TNT)
Various	SET series Main Canopies
n/a	Aerodyne A-2 Tandem Canopy (only with Strong Enterprises Risers)
n/a	Icarus Tandem Canopy (only with Strong Enterprises Risers)
410064	Master Main Canopy
410078	T-520 Main Canopy
834608	Main Risers
866071	Main Toggles (single toggles)
866072	Main Flare Toggles (dual toggles, recommended for T-520 and Master Main)
720532	Main Deployment Bag with Velcro for Y Style Deflation Line
720534	Main Deployment Bag Sewn Shut for Y Style Deflation Line
480026	Drogue with Solid Bridle
813016	Y Style Deflation Line



**Owner's Manual**  
**For packing and maintenance of**

# **Dual Hawk Tandem System**

with

**SET-400 & SET-366 Main Canopies**

Part number: 411540 & 411366

and

**Master Reserve Canopy**

Part number: 430085



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# **! WARNING !**

**Parachuting is a hazardous activity that can result in serious injury or death. Failure to follow all warnings, instructions and required procedures may result in serious injury or death. Parachutes sometimes malfunction even when they are properly designed, built, assembled, packed, maintained and used. The results of such malfunctions are sometimes serious injury or death. There are so many factors, both human and natural beyond our control, that we want you to clearly understand that by using or intending to use our equipment, you are assuming a considerable risk of personal injury or death. If you are not willing to assume that risk, please return the equipment to the dealer where it was purchased for a full refund.**

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**This is a high performance parachute system and must be packed in accordance with the instructions in this manual and in accordance with Service Bulletin #22.**

**Any person using this equipment must have successfully completed a Strong Enterprises Certification Course (TICC). The correct use of this equipment shall be the responsibility of the Strong Enterprises Certified Tandem Instructor.**

# Congratulations on the Purchase of your NEW Dual Hawk Tandem System

**All Tandem jumps made on the Dual Hawk Tandem System must be completed in accordance to FAA FAR 105.45 (Appendix H), this operation manual, and the Training Syllabus for the Tandem Instructor Certification Course (TICC). Any violation of these procedures will cause revocation of privileges.**

**This Dual hawk Tandem System is FAA approved under FAR Part 21, Subpart O, TSO c23b, and FAR 105.45. This manual P/N 510045 is a component of the Dual Hawk Tandem System any deviations from processes or procedures listed in this manual will void the TSO and absolve Strong Enterprises of any liability.**

<b>Component</b>	Instructor Harness and Container	Student Harness	SET-400 / SET-366 Main Canopy and Risers	Drogue	Master Reserve Canopy
<b>Part Number</b>	114702	240073	411540 or 411366	480026	430085
<b>Serial Number</b>					
<b>Date of Manufacture</b>					

Your System will require Re-Certification at 8, 13, and 18 years from the Date of Manufacture in accordance with Service Bulletin #22 (see appendix A). For your convince these critical dates are listed below.

<b>Date of Manufacture</b>	<b>8-Year Recertification (+/- 6 months)</b>	<b>13-Year Recertification (+/- 6 months)</b>	<b>18-Year Recertification (+/- 6 months)</b>	<b>End of Service Life</b>



# List of Acronyms

<b>AAD</b>	<b>Automatic Activation Device</b>
<b>ALS</b>	<b>Anti Line Slump</b>
<b>DHT</b>	<b>Dual Hawk Tandem</b>
<b>FAA</b>	<b>Federal Aviation Administration</b>
<b>FAR</b>	<b>Federal Aviation Regulation</b>
<b>P/N</b>	<b>Part Number</b>
<b>PVC</b>	<b>Polyvinyl Chloride</b>
<b>RSL</b>	<b>Reserve Static Line</b>
<b>SET</b>	<b>Strong Enterprises Tandem</b>
<b>S/N</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>
<b>TICC</b>	<b>Tandem Instructor Certification Course</b>
<b>TSO</b>	<b>Technical Standard Order</b>



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# 1.0 Introduction

The chronicle of tandem skydiving, like so many elements of our sport, began with the vision and enthusiasm of an experienced skydiver trying something new. More significantly, to share the thrill of freefall skydiving with someone else. It was 1977 and most parachutes in use were "rounds". Parachute technology was evolving but still far behind today's sophisticated equipment and procedures.

The skydiver took his wife as his first "Tandem Student," strapping her into the same harness with him for the experiment. Encouraged by the relative success, other skydivers made more jumps.

In November 1982 intrigued by the possibilities of an actual training program centered on tandem skydiving, Ted Strong and Bill Morrissey began engineering the tandem concept into real equipment made specifically for tandem jumping.

The first tandem jump made on this newly engineered equipment was made in January 1983 with Ted Strong as the tandem pilot and Ricky Meadows, an employee at Strong Enterprises, the student.



Two and a half years and hundreds of experimental tandem jumps resulted in tandem skydiving equipment and procedures reaching an acceptable level of feasibility and more importantly, safety. In 1987, US Patent #4,746,084 was issued to Strong Enterprises for this original and pioneering work on the major tandem concepts developed.

Commitment to development and innovation continues today. We at Strong Enterprises are constantly creating new and innovative products living up to the name "The parachute company with imagination"!

Today, almost one million tandem skydives are made each year, bringing the thrill of freefall skydiving to a vast and more diverse audience than ever before.

## 1.1 Scope

This DHT manual P/N 510045 is a component of the DHT system, it covers the manufacturer's instructions for the assembly, operation, packing, maintenance and approved components of this Dual Hawk Tandem Parachute System.





## 1.2 Operational Limitations

The Strong Enterprises Dual Hawk Tandem System is specifically designed for two people with total loads of up to 500 lbs and opening speeds up to 175 knots IAS. The use of unapproved parts and components is prohibited and a violation of both Service Bulletin #22 (Appendix A) and FAA FAR 65.129 (Appendix F).

All Dual Hawk Tandem Systems are authorized to use for eight years from date of manufacture (+/- 6 months), at which point they must be returned to Strong Enterprises or an authorized Strong Enterprises Recertification Center for required updating and recertification. After inspection, and if necessary reconditioning of the system, it may be placed back into service for five more years. At the 13th year from date of manufacture (+/- 6 months) the system must again be sent in for necessary reconditioning/recertification and may be returned to service for an additional five years. At the 18th year from date of manufacture the container/harness, risers and student harness will be taken out of service, however the Master reserve canopy may be recertified one more time for an additional 5 years after which it will be taken out of service.

**COMPLETE SERVICE LIFE OF HARNESS/ CONTAINER & STUDENT HARNESS: 18 YEARS**  
**COMPLETE SERVICE LIFE OF MASTER RESERVE CANOPY: (23) 18 YEARS, WITH POSSIBLE 5 YEAR**  
**EXTENSION TO 23 YEARS.**

## 1.3 Parachute Repack Interval

The Strong Enterprises Master Reserve Canopy is designed for a 365-day repack cycle. Your countries laws may dictate a stricter schedule, check your local regulations. The reserve canopy must be packed by an FAA certificated parachute rigger with a back type rating, military equivalent, or foreign equivalent. Alternately it may be returned to Strong Enterprises or an authorized Recertification Center for complete inspection and repack. If your DHT system is exposed to moisture, excessive dirt or is damaged it should be inspected sooner than the maximum allowed. All records must be kept in accordance with FAA FAR 65.131.

*Note!*

*USA current repack regulations can be found in FAA FAR 105.43*

## 1.4 System Description and Function

The Strong Enterprises Dual Hawk Tandem Parachute System is designed for freefall and open canopy dual instruction applications. It is protected under U.S. patent numbers 4,399,969 and 4,746,084. It allows two people, a Strong Enterprises Certified Tandem Instructor in the rear and a student in the front, to jump using one extra large main parachute while having the back up reliability of a compatible reserve parachute. The packed system, ready to jump, measures 26 inches long by 16 inches wide by 8 inches thick.

The assembly consists of the Dual Hawk Tandem instructor harness and container assembly, a student harness, the main deployment system, and the reserve deployment system.

### 1.4.1 Dual Hawk Main Harness/Container Description (U.S. patent 4,746,084)

#### 1.4.1.1 Main Harness

The harness is made using type 7 webbing. The type 7 has a tensile strength of 6,000 lbs. It is integrated directly into the container. The harness has integrated reserve risers and drogue risers that ensure loads are evenly spread throughout. The harness is secured to the instructor by three adjustable attachment points; one chest strap and two leg straps. Additionally there are two lower adjustment points that allow users of all shapes and sizes a comfortable and secure fit.



The specially designed 3-D ring has been proven to withstand over 10,000 lbs of force without bending or breaking. Its unique design attaches the student harness directly to the main canopy this serves two main purposes. First it allows independent loading of the instructor and student harnesses under the main or reserve canopy allowing the Tandem Instructor to fly under canopy unencumbered by the weight of the student. Secondly since it is a solid piece of hardware it isn't consistently stretching the main lift webbing, eliminating a wear point and extending the life of the harness.

### **1.4.1.2 Main Container**

The main container is made of 1,000 denier nylon Cordura material and consists of two parts, the reserve pack tray and the main pack tray.

The reserve pack tray is equipped with all the pockets and channels to allow the installation of a two pin tandem AAD. The closing flap configuration allows for clean, quick reserve deployments. With only two flaps to clear, the pilot chute loses little to no momentum leaving the pack tray and is quickly in clean air extracting the reserve canopy. The guide rings on the top flap ensure that ripcord pins remain untangled, unbent, and allow a quick inspection of pins, RSL ring, and routing giving the instructor peace of mind knowing everything is in order. No complicated rigging to inspect! On the outside bottom of the reserve container there is a small hide-away pocket that can be used for spare closing loops and through loops.

The main pack tray is designed to hold canopies from 360 sq. ft. to 520 sq. ft. This is achieved through our innovative flap and two-loop configuration. The closing flaps fold neatly around the main deployment bag and the two loop closing ensures that even if the closing pin is worked loose from one loop the top and bottom flaps will secure the deployment bag until the instructor is ready to deploy the main canopy. The dura-stretch pouch on the outside bottom of the main pack tray ensures a secure and accessible position for the drogue. Covered channels along the outside of the main pack tray secure the drogue bridle preventing accidental and unwanted snags while allowing quick and easy deployment when the drogue is tossed during free fall.

### **1.4.1.3 Handles and RSL**

The DHT has four handles each with a specific purpose.

There are two drogue release handles. The handles are a PVC grip with a 5/32 inch coated aircraft cable, 41 inches long. Both drogue release ripcords (primary and secondary) are located on the instructor's right main lift web. The primary main drogue release ripcord and ripcord cable housing is designed to be detached from the instructor's main lift web and attached to the student's main lift web as the student is being connected to the instructor. The primary drogue release is clipped to the student harness and is used to teach the student how to activate the main canopy. The primary drogue release is equipped with a bungee system that ensures the handle remains with the system and will not be lost or "thrown away". Both the primary and secondary drogue release handles perform the same job, by using a through loop system. Either the primary, secondary, or both can be used without affecting the function of the system. When pulled the drogue release lets the through loop release the drogue 3-ring and allows the drogue bridle to detach from the harness and pull the main deployment bag from the main pack tray.

The Cutaway handle is a soft Cordura "pillow" that attaches outboard on the instructor's right main lift web and has two coated 3/32" stainless steel cables. The easy grip "finger pocket" handle allows a quick, no-slip pull. An additional safety feature of the cutaway handle is the addition of a drogue release loop. The instructor's drogue release cable is placed through this loop ensuring that



all three main canopy points (two main risers and one drogue riser) are released upon cutaway, eliminating the chance of a main/reserve entanglement. When pulled the cutaway handle releases both main riser three ring systems as well as the drogue three ring, allowing the instructor to completely remove him/herself from the malfunctioning canopy.

Attached to right side main riser is a Reserve Static Line (RSL) lanyard. Release of main canopy (cutaway) will pull RSL lanyard taunt. RSL lanyard terminates with a ring which is placed around the cables holding the reserve straight pins. Once RSL lanyard is tight it will pull the reserve pins opening the reserve container. This allows spring loaded pilot chute to be released. The RSL will most likely have the reserve container open before the parachutist has a chance to pull the reserve ripcord. This does not mean the parachutist can neglect to pull the reserve ripcord.

The reserve ripcord is an angled "D" (Raft) handle located outboard on the instructor's left main lift web. The shorter cable is 25-1/4 inches while the longer cable is 26-1/2 inches. A locking ripcord pin terminates each cable. When pulled the reserve handle allows the reserve pack tray to open and releases the spring loaded pilot chute.

### **1.4.2 Dual Hawk Student Harness Description**

Similar to the main harness the student harness is made of type VII webbing throughout. The student harness is secured to the student by four fully adjustable attachment points; two leg straps, one chest strap, and one belly band. There are six additional adjustment points; one on each main lift webbing, one on each lower side, one across the small of the students back and the Y-mod strap. When properly fitted these adjustment points ensure the student is secure in the harness and will be comfortable during the skydive.

The student harness is secured to the main harness using two 5000-pound butterfly snaps for the upper attachment to the instructor harness, and two 2500-pound adjustable quick ejector snaps for the lower/side attachments. This heavy duty hardware ensures that the student remains secured to the instructor.

### **1.4.3 Main Deployment System**

The main deployment system consists of the drogue and bridle, the main deployment bag, and the main canopy.

The drogue chute incorporates a hemispherical design with an open diameter of 3 feet. A deployment handle (drogue pud) is located at the apex. It is designed to create enough drag to keep the tandem pair in a steady belly to earth free fall position while slowing the descent rate to 120mph. This ensures a more stable free fall and keeps the tandem pair falling at approximately the same rate as an individual skydiver. As well as giving the student a more accurate representation of a solo skydive. The drogue is attached to the main canopy by a 12 ft bridle made of 1-1/2 inch Kevlar, with a deflation system that runs from the apex of the drogue canopy to the main canopy bridle attachment point. When either drogue release is pulled the drogue remains inflated pulling the main deployment bag and canopy fully from the pack tray. By keeping the drogue inflated throughout the process we avoid an exaggerated "trap door" effect and keep positive force from the drogue to the risers throughout deployments. The deflation line only collapses the drogue once the canopy is free of the deployment bag and opening. This works the same as a solo parachute system again giving the student the most realistic training possible. Once the main canopy begins to inflate the drogue is deflated to avoid unnecessary stress to the top of the main canopy while in flight and extends the life of both main canopy and drogue.



The ALS (Anti Line Slump) main deployment bag eliminates line slump (also known as line dump) on deployment while allowing the use of rubber bands to stow the lines. Once the drogue has pulled the ALS bag from the pack tray the ALS bag releases one line stow at a time keeping the lines under constant, uniform tension. This constant, uniform tension keeps the deployment symmetrical and helps to minimize malfunctions caused by line dump and lop-sided openings. The inner flap keeps the bag closed while the lines are deploying ensure a properly sequenced deployment. There are two variations available for the ALS bag. 1) Open side bag; Velcro© sides allow opening and closing of the deployment bag around the folded canopy. 2) Closed side bag; eliminating the Velcro reduces wear while still allowing the folded canopy to be neatly placed inside.

The main canopy is constructed and tested to handle loads up to 500 lbs. Strong Enterprises offers four main tandem canopies; the Master Main, the T-520, the SET-400, and the SET-366. In addition tests have been conducted and proven the Icarus 364, 365, 400, and the Aerodyne A2 350, 370, and 389 canopies to be compatible when used with Strong Enterprises risers and main deployment bags. All Strong Enterprises main canopies can be ordered with Spectra, HMA, or Vectran lines. For more technical information about the main canopies please see the chart below.

**! WARNING !**  
**The drogue MUST be deployed before activating the main canopy!**  
**NO DROGUE = NO MAIN**

Component	With SET400	With SET366	With Master 425	With T520
System Weight, lbs	54	53	53-1/2	55-1/2
Span, ft	40	34.5	31-1/2	38-1/2
Chord, ft	12.6 to 10.4	11.8 to 9.7	13-1/2	13-1/2
Area, sq. ft.	402	360	425	520
Weight (less risers), lbs	15	14	14	16-1/2
Canopy Fabric	1.18 oz, 0 cfm	1.18 oz, 0 cfm	1.1 oz, 0-3 cfm	1.1 oz, 0-3 cfm
Slider Dimensions, in x in	34 x 34	34 x 34	33 x 33	33 x 36
Forward Speed (400 lbs), mph	30	30	26	20
Rate of Descent, fps	12-14	14-16	12-14	10-12
Max Suspended Weight, lbs	500	500	500	500

#### 1.4.4 Reserve Deployment System

The reserve deployment system consists of a pilot chute and bridle, a reserve deployment bag, and a reserve canopy.

The Grabber Reserve Pilot Chute is a spring type, 36-inch diameter, high drag pilot chute made of ripstop nylon with a meshed lower portion. With 28 lbs of pressure the spring quickly launches the pilot chute into the air when released. The bridle consists of a 13-foot length of type XII nylon webbing. This gives the pilot chute enough distance to get clean air but not too much so as to slow deployment of the reserve. The reserve deployment bag is a wedge shaped "free" type bag made



from ripstop nylon with four grommets on the locking flap and four stows on each side. Similar to the ALS bag the freebag is extracted from the reserve pack tray and lines are uniformly and symmetrically released from the line stows. Finally the last stow is released and the pilot chute pulls the freebag off and away from the reserve canopy. The freebag and pilot chute are not attached to the canopy allowing the reserve canopy to perform its function without interference or additional stress.

The Master Reserve is specifically designed to handle two people and loads up to 500 pounds. The canopy has nine cells and is 425 square feet. The fabric is 1.12 oz, 0-3 cfm ripstop nylon with 700 lb Kevlar cord for all lines. The Master Reserve is reinforced with Kevlar tapes as well to allow it to survive the worst scenarios imaginable. Once clear of the freebag the canopy inflates from center out.

When deploying the reserve parachute, it is recommended that the tandem pair be in a stable, face to earth position. However, some instances require immediate reserve deployment.

Priority One – Pull.

Priority Two – if possible, pull stable.

1. Assume a hard arch position.
2. Look at and grasp the reserve ripcord handle.
3. Pull the reserve ripcord handle to full arm extension.

**! WARNING !**  
**Consult the training materials of the Strong Enterprises Tandem Instructor Certification Course or contact Strong Enterprises directly for more detailed emergency procedures.**

## **1.5 Harness Adjustment**

The following information is provided as a general guideline and is not intended to be used as a Tandem Instructor Certification Course.

### **1.5.1 Instructor Harness**

1. Ensure that all straps are adjusted all the way out and not twisted.
2. Unhook B-12 snaps and let the leg straps hang free.
3. Lift rig up by its main lift webs and put it on as you would a coat.
4. Thread chest strap through friction adapter and tighten until both main lift webs are parallel with each other. Be sure it is not routed through the reserve ripcord handle.
5. Fold and stow excess chest strap in elastic keeper.
6. Route leg straps around your legs, removing all twists and fasten B-12 snaps to their V-rings.
7. Tighten leg straps evenly until they are snug but not uncomfortable and stow excess webbing in elastic keepers.
8. Tighten lower side back strap. The harness should now be fitted and snug.
9. Stow excess webbing of all adjustable straps.



**! WARNING !**

**The student harness must be donned and adjusted completely while on the ground - NEVER in the airplane. Check and double-check proper fit BEFORE boarding the aircraft. Once the student is properly fitted, you should resist the urge to further tighten the MLW in the airplane while the student is seated. Doing so may inhibit the student's ability to arch. Keep other minor adjustments (such as rear diagonals) to an absolute minimum.**

**1.5.2 Tandem Student Harness**

Following the simple steps below will assure your students safety, and offer them a comfortable Tandem Skydiving experience.

**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE STUDENT!**

1) Extend all adjustments completely out to the stops. Help student don the harness and position the harness on shoulders.



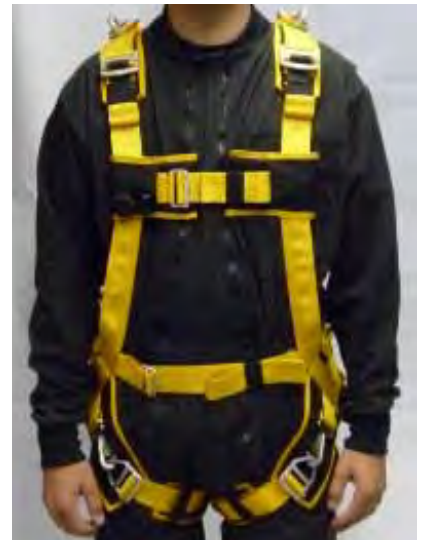
2) Fasten the chest strap securely and stow excess webbing in elastic keeper.



3) Fasten bellyband so chest strap and bellyband are equally snug. The main lift webs should be parallel from shoulder to hip.



4) Tighten leg straps with leg pads just under the buttocks, and apex of leg straps at hips. Stow excess webbing in elastic keepers.



5) Adjusting main lift webs so sewn risers are centered on the shoulder, and butterfly snaps rest just behind the shoulder.



6) Tighten rear diagonals so harness is secure against student's back. Ensure elastic keeper is pulled up to secure loose webbing.



7) Tighten horizontal back strap. The lower harness should now be fitted and snug. Ensure elastic keeper is pulled over to secure loose webbing.



8) Tighten Y-mod strap located below harness back pad. The Y-mod does not need to be excessively tight to work correctly. Ensure student can still lift their legs with Y-mod secured, if the Y-mod is restricting the student from lifting their legs, loosen the adjustment to allow movement.



### ***Note!***

*As of December 31st 2007, all Dual Hawk Tandem Student Harnesses are required to be retrofitted with the Y-Mod student Harness Modification. This is to prevent a poorly fitted student harness from creating an unsafe situation for tandem students.*





## 1.6 Malfunctions

This section is only to be used as a general guideline for identifying and dealing with malfunctions. It is not a course of instruction. Only professional training from a current qualified Strong Enterprises Tandem Examiner using a suspended harness can properly prepare you to manage a malfunction.

Malfunctions are divided into two categories: total malfunctions and partial malfunctions.

A **total malfunction** is the failure to initiate deployment of the main parachute. Reasons for a total malfunction may include, but are not limited to, a lost or floating ripcord handle a hard ripcord pull or non deployment of the drogue. Because you will be at or near terminal velocity, a total malfunction requires immediate action. The proper procedure is to promptly activate the reserve while remaining in a stable, face-to-earth position.

A **partial malfunction** is a partial deployment of the main parachute. Partial malfunctions can be further subcategorized as high-speed and low-speed. High-speed malfunctions (drogue-in-tow, bag lock, streamer) require quick thinking and immediate action. Low-speed malfunctions (hung slider, line over, broken lines, torn cells and any spinning malfunction) typically allow more time to assess and react to the circumstances. If the decision is made to cutaway from a malfunctioning main parachute and deploy the reserve parachute, use the following procedures:

1. Look at and grasp the cutaway handle with your right hand.
2. Look at and grasp the reserve ripcord handle with your left hand.
3. Peel the cutaway handle from the main lift web and pull to full arm extension.
4. Confirm the canopy has been completely released.
5. Pull the reserve ripcord handle to full arm extension.

### **! WARNING !**

**If the drogue did not release after pulling one of the two main drogue release ripcord handles, attempt to release the drogue by pulling the second main drogue release ripcord handle before implementing the emergency procedure described above.**

## 1.7 Packing Data Card

The Packing Data Card is a historical packing document that accompanies the reserve parachute canopy throughout its service life. The packing data card provides a means of recording scheduled (normal repacks and maintenance) and unscheduled (cutaways/AAD fires) actions performed during the reserve parachutes' life cycle. A packing data card should remain with the reserve canopy, not the container. Data must be recorded in compliance with FAA FAR 65.131 (Appendix G). When full, the data card should be retained and attached to a new card.



## 1.8 Care of your Dual Hawk Tandem System

Observe these precautions to maximize the service life of your Strong Enterprises Dual Hawk Tandem System. Use care in handling packed parachutes as metal parts could cause personal injury. Remove all jewelry when packing or performing maintenance on the parachute. Damage to the canopy materials could result from watches, rings, bracelets, etc. Avoid handling the ripcord grip when working with a packed parachute. Use every effort to protect the parachute from the weather elements, dust, dirt, oil, grease, and acids. Place unpacked parachutes in appropriate kit bags. Cover canopy during periods of inactivity. Avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight, inspection lights, or fluorescent lights. Nylon material is subject to deterioration under ultraviolet light. Use a heated building to store parachutes when available. Store parachutes in a dry, well-ventilated location, protected from theft, dampness, fire, dirt, insects, rodents, and direct sunlight.

**CAUTION**  
**LEAVING ANY PART OF THIS PARACHUTE SYSTEM**  
**EXPOSED TO THE SUN WILL GREATLY DECREASE ITS**  
**SERVICE LIFE!**

## 1.9 Component Service Life

The expected service life of the Strong Enterprises Dual Hawk Tandem Parachute System components are as follows:

Component	Expected Service Life	
Harness/Container/Student Harness	2000	Jumps
SET-400-366 main canopy	1200	Jumps
Master and T520 main canopies	1200	Jumps
Drogue	1200	Jumps
Lines on main canopy	400	Jumps
Master Reserve	20	Deployments
Lines on reserve canopy	20	Deployments

## 1.10 Inspection

### 1.10.1 General Inspection

We are justifiably proud of our quality assurance methods, however, prior to assembly of any parachute system, a current and qualified rigger should perform a complete inspection, examining for any defects or oversights in construction. Line lengths (especially critical in ram-air canopies) should also be checked. See Sections 9 & 10 for line length and trim data (also includes control line and brake settings).



### **1.10.2 Left - Right References**

All references to left or right in this manual are based on the wearer's perspective unless otherwise specified.

### **1.10.3 Suspension Line References**

The "A" lines are at the leading edge (nose) of the canopy, with the "B", "C", and "D" lines progressing back toward the trailing edge (tail). Upper and lower control lines are identified as "E" and "F" lines, respectively, and "G" lines connect the lower control lines to the toggles.

### **1.10.4 Reserve Pre-Packing Inspection**

A thorough inspection is required during every reserve canopy repack. This can be done by turning the complete system (harness and canopy) face up. Standing on a chair, hold the top leading edge (nose) of the canopy at shoulder height, spreading each cell apart to look inside. Inspect each seam and panel for damage. Check to make sure the risers are not twisted while verifying proper line continuity. The slider grommets should be closely inspected for imperfections. Check the tightness of screws on L-bars.

### **1.10.5 Initial Inspection**

Upon receiving systems a qualified rigger or equivalent should inspect to ensure that all parts are complete per the part list. Next check that the reserve is sealed and signed. Also check that the serial numbers match the documentation and data cards. Finally a pre-jump inspection should be completed before the rig is considered ready for use.

## **1.11 Reporting of Equipment Improvement Recommendations**

In our effort to continuously improve our products, processes, and services, we invite you to send us your comments. As a properly trained and qualified user of this equipment, you are uniquely suited to provide us with valuable feedback regarding design and/or performance. Tell us what you like as well as what you don't like. Send us an email or mail us a letter to:

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## **2.0 FAA Approved Components** The following may be outdated, please refer to the current "Approved Components List" for complete list of approved components. (\*\* The Carrying Bag, Pull-up Cord, and Packing Data Card are not DHT Specific)



*430085 Canopy,  
Master Reserve, 1 ea*



*411540 Canopy,  
SET-400, 1 ea*



*411366 Canopy,  
SET-366, 1 ea*



*114702 Instructor Harness/  
Container 1 ea*



*240073 Student Harness with  
Y-Mod, 1 ea*



*AAD, 2-Pin Tandem, 1 ea  
990064 - Cypres 2  
990092 - Vigil 2*



*480026 Drogue  
w/ Y-Deflation line  
and 20.25" flex pin, 1 ea*



*780630 Reserve static line  
lanyard w/ring, 1 ea*



*834608 Risers, Main, Type VII  
w/toggle pockets, 1 pr*





**866061 Toggles, Reserve, 2 ea**



**627264 Ripcord, Reserve, 1 ea**



**673410 Ripcord, Main Drogue Release (MB)(Optional), 2 ea**



**678410 Ripcord, Main Drogue Release (PVC) (Optional), 2 ea**



**862030 Breakaway/Drogue Release Handle, 3-ring (red) 1 ea**



**730324 Deployment Free Bag with bridle, Reserve, 1 ea**



**866071 Toggles, Master, SET-400, and SET-366 Yellow, 2 ea**



**790130 Pilot Chute, Grabber, 1 ea**

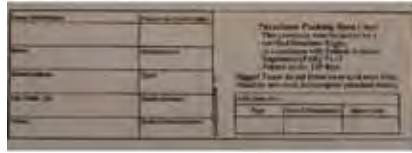


**861515 Drogue Riser thru-loop), 1 ea**





**720531 Deployment Bag #2, Fits #2 main container, 1 ea**  
**720532 Deployment Bag #3, Fits #3 main container, 1 ea**



**570500 Packing Data Card, 1 ea**



**861035 Reserve Hesitator Loop w/washer, 1 ea**



**099039 Pull-up cord, 1 ea**



**861517 Closing Loop, Main, 2", Spectra 1800 lb, 2 ea**



**861014 Reserve Closing Loop, w/ Cypres washer 1-1/4", 2 ea**



**813016 Y-Deflation Line, 1 ea**



**816003 Carrying Bag, 1 ea**



**510045 rev. I Owner's Manual, Dual Hawk Tandem Parachute System, 1 ea**

(\*\* The Carrying Bag, Pull-up Cord, and Packing Data Card are not DHT Specific)

## 3.0 Required Packing Tools and Consumables

### Tools:

- A - Packing paddle, 1 ea**
- B - AAD approved pull-up cord, 2 ea**
- C - Temporary locking pin, 2 ea**
- D - Screwdriver, flat head**
- E - Seal press**
- F - Knee plate**
- G - Positive leverage closing device**

### Consumables:

- H - Lead seal**
- I - Seal thread**
- J - Rubber Bands**



## 4.0 Operator Pre-Jump Inspection

Prior to donning the system, perform an airworthiness inspection.

### Check the front side:

- **Risers:** Check that RSL is attached and properly routed. Examine 3-ring and ensure that only one small ring is routed through each larger ring. Make sure none of the rings are bent. Ensure the red loop runs through only the smallest ring, then through the grommet, then through the end of the cable housing and the cutaway cable runs through the red loop. Make sure there are no twists in the red loop.
- **Cutaway Handle and Secondary Drogue Release:** Make sure handle is snug in pocket. Check that Velcro® locations are clean and handle is firmly held in place. Make sure secondary drogue release cable is properly routed through metal loop attached to cutaway handle.
- **Primary Drogue Release:** Make sure primary (student) drogue release ripcord is secured.
- **Reserve Ripcord:** Make sure handle is snug in pocket. Check that Velcro® locations are clean and handle is firmly held in place.
- **Harness:** Check to ensure that the webbing is not damaged. Check the chest strap hardware and the leg strap hardware for rust that might inhibit function and/or damage webbing. Pay close attention to the B-12 snaps on the leg straps, snap the gate open and closed to ensure the spring is still effective and the gate is not bent preventing complete closure.

### Check the back side:

- **AAD:** Make sure AAD is turned on. Visually confirm that the LCD screen is reading what is specified by the manufacture to be correct for Tandem jumping.
- **Reserve Container:** Examine that the ripcord pin is seated correctly and seal is not broken. Check the Data card to make sure reserve is in date. Make sure RSL ring is between the two guide rings. Pull slack from cable toward ripcord pins.
- **Main Container:** Make sure the flex-pin is routed correctly starting at drogue riser and passing through housing to exit near first grommet. Ensure both main closing loops are around flex-pin and in good condition.
- **Drogue Riser:** Ensure drogue bridle and ring are faced in the correct direction and that the assembled 3-ring is properly routed with only one small ring routed through each larger ring. Make sure thru-loop only goes through small ring, and each drogue release cable only passes through one loop on the thru-loop.
- **Drogue Bridle Routing:** Check that bridle is free of twists and routed properly.
- **Drogue:** Check that drogue is fit snugly in pouch. Test that the drogue is properly packed by pulling on drogue pud. Ensure that the whole drogue moves with the pud and does not unravel. Reseat the Velcro® securely.

Should you notice any problems, the system should not be used until properly inspected by a certified rigger or equivalent and issues or problems are resolved.





## 5.0 Packing the Master Reserve Canopy

### Rigger Qualifications

FAA FAR 105.43 (b) states that only a certificated and appropriately rated senior or master parachute rigger may pack a reserve parachute that will be carried for use aboard an aircraft in the U.S. By following the instructions in this manual, any current, appropriately rated rigger should be able to assemble and pack the Strong Enterprises Master Reserve canopy.

## 5.1 Assembly

### 5.1.1 AAD Installation

Currently, the Cypres, and Vigil two pin Tandem AAD's are the only units approved for use with the Strong Enterprises Dual Hawk Tandem System. All channels and pockets are factory-stitched into the rig and no modifications are necessary. Installation requires no tools and can be accomplished by a senior or master rigger using the following technique.

#### 5.1.1.1

Following manufacturer instructions, test the unit before installation.



#### 5.1.1.2

Place the processing unit in pouch.



#### 5.1.1.3

Route control unit out from the right side of pouch, through the channel, up to top of the container.



**5.1.1.4**

Place control unit in clear pocket, on top of the reserve stiffener flap.



**5.1.1.5**

Route right and left cutters, through the left and right channels (1 ea), under the Velcro® and place in elastic keepers on each side flap.



**5.1.2 Attaching Pilot Chute**

**5.1.2.1**

Route bridle from freebag through loop at base of reserve pilot chute.



### 5.1.2.2

Bring bridle loop to top of pilot chute and thread over top of pilot chute.



### 5.1.2.3

Work loop to base of pilot chute and pull bridle tight to lock in place.

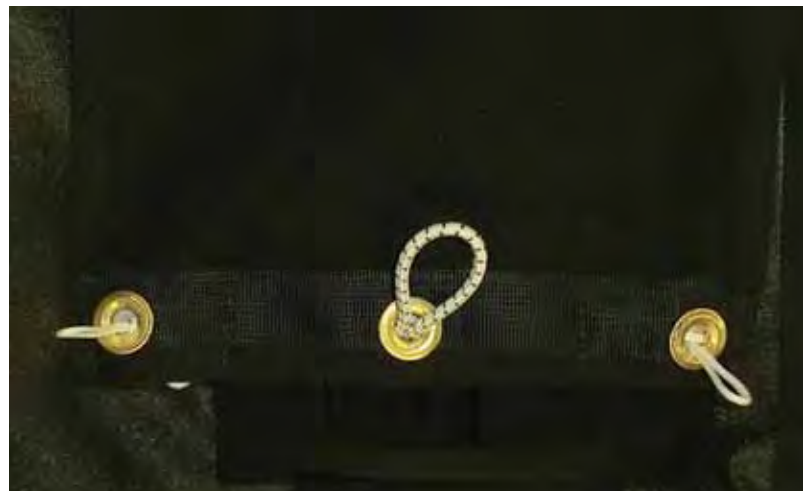


**! WARNING !**  
**This reserve deployment bag assembly must not be attached to the reserve canopy.**

## 5.1.3 Install Hesitator loop and closing loops

### 5.1.3.1

Place hesitator loop through center grommet on reserve sub flap. Then place two AAD approved closing loops through the grommets on either side of the reserve sub flap.



## 5.2 Continuity Check of the Master Reserve Canopy

Parts of these packing instructions are similar to those shown in other manuals. This method has worked best under all speeds and conditions as tested by Strong Enterprises. This procedure utilizes a combination of flopping and stacking the canopy and is the only approved method of packing the Master Reserve canopy.

**! WARNING !**  
**PRO packing of the Master Reserve canopy**  
**IS NOT APPROVED.**

### 5.2.1

Anchor the harness/container so that the container is accessible. Lay the canopy out on it's side. (Pictures are shown with the nose of the canopy to the left, but you may orientate the canopy either to the left or right.)



### 5.2.2

Starting at the risers run each line group up to the canopy ensuring that all lines are clear and that control lines pass through rear slider grommets.



## 5.3 Setting the Brakes

### 5.3.1

Pull the control line through the guide ring located on the rear riser until both brake loops (built into lower control lines) are just above the ring.

#### ***Note!***

*Make sure that control lines are routed through loop at top of riser.*

### 5.3.2

Bring the locking loop (located on the riser behind the steel ring) up through both brake loops.

### 5.3.3

Pass locking loop through the guide ring and open the Velcro keeper.

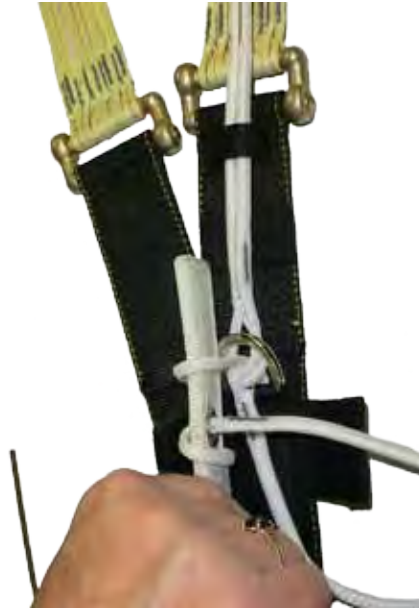
#### ***Note!***

*Pulling both left and right control lines at the same time will help keep the tail neat.*



**5.3.4**

Insert the tip of the toggle (the portion of the toggle above the grommet) through the locking loop. Do not go past the grommet.

**5.3.5**

Place the tip of the toggle in the elastic keeper and mate the toggle to the Velcro© on the riser.

**5.3.6**

S-fold the excess line and lay it next to the toggle.



### 5.3.7

Close the Velcro® keeper around the toggle and excess line.



### 5.3.8

Repeat procedure on the opposite riser.



### *Note!*

*Visually check the lines, they should all be straight, with no slack between the canopy and the harness.*

## 5.4 Folding the Canopy

### 5.4.1

Position slider near connector links. Clear the canopy with a combing motion, picking up the center seam on the nose and pleating each cell all the way to the tail.



### 5.4.2

Starting at the nose of the canopy, fold (do not stack) the nose over in line with the "A" line group.



### 5.4.3

Next make a half fold between the "A" line group and the "B" line group.





#### **5.4.4**

Continue with one more fold so that the "A" line group is lying directly on top of the "B" line group. Maintain tension when folding to keep the lines taut.



#### **5.4.5**

Now move to the tail and with one hand controlling the canopy slide the tail section over to the "D" line group.



#### **5.4.6**

Take the canopy and gently pull away from the lines. This will bring the attachment points of the tail and "D" lines together while keeping the lines taut.



**5.4.7**

Taking the top of the canopy in one hand and the "D" and control lines in the other lift and place the "D" and control lines on top of the "C" line group.

***Note!***

*Maintain line tension during all stacks by pulling on the canopy.*

**5.4.8**

Move the slider up to the base of the stabilizers. Make certain that any twists in the lines are ABOVE the slider.



### 5.4.9

There will be a twist in the lines of the "A" line group. This is normal because of the folding of the nose.



### 5.4.10

To remove the twist, **grab the "A" line tabs as a group and gently untwist** the canopy and line tabs.



### 5.4.11

This moves the twist into the canopy fabric allowing the lines to remain clear of all twists.



**5.4.12**

Spread the slider out flat (it will be folded in half span-wise).

**5.4.13**

Fold the corners of the slider down to form a point.

**5.4.14**

Insert slider between the stabilizers. Reach into the slider and spread the folded corners out so that the slider lays flat.



**5.4.15**

Taking the "C", "D" and control lines in one hand and the top of the canopy in the other lift canopy.



**5.4.16**

Bring canopy over "A" and "B" lines.



**5.4.17**

Then bring back to lay on top of "A" and "B" line groups. This makes an S-fold in the canopy so that all line groups are neatly stacked on top of each other.



**5.4.18**

Open the tail by counting half of the seams and opening as a group.



**5.4.19**

Gently lift the tail to ensure that all control lines are running down the center of the tail section.



**5.4.20**

Dress the tail so that the center of the tail is on top.



### 5.4.21

Pull trailing edge down just below slider grommets.



### 5.4.22

Wrap the tail around each side to make a smooth roll. You know the canopy is tight enough if it is the same width as the free bag.



## 5.5 Putting the canopy into the freebag

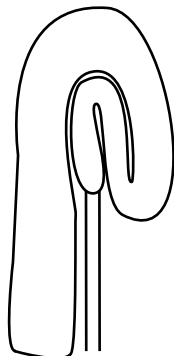
### 5.5.1

While controlling the lines S-fold the lower portion of the canopy. (approximately 14")



### 5.5.2

Next bring the upper portion of the canopy over the previous fold keeping everything secure.



Side View of Folds





**5.5.3**

Position freebag with hesitator loops facing up and closing flap facing down.



**5.5.4**

Slide folded portion of the canopy into the freebag, filling both corners completely.



**5.5.5**

Tightly roll the remaining canopy, being cautious not to pull canopy out of freebag.

**5.5.6**

Tuck rolled canopy into freebag. This fills out the bag and give a nice wedge shape.

**5.5.7**

Make sure that lines are exiting from the center of the freebag.



### **5.5.8**

To close the freebag route the center locking bungee stow through the respective grommet and lock with a 1-1/2" bight of suspension line. Push plastic sleeve up to meet suspension lines.



### **Note!**

*Make sure the plastic sleeves are installed properly by stretching the bungee to its fullest capacity then sliding the plastic sleeve up as close to the bight of suspension line as possible.*



### **5.5.9**

Close the second center locking bungee in the same manner as the first with a 1-1/2" bight of suspension line.



**5.5.10**

To finish closing the closing flap continue in the direction of last stow and lock outside locking bungee with a 1-1/2" bight of suspension line.

**5.5.11**

In the same manner, stow the remaining outer locking stow.

**5.5.12**

Stow the remainder of the lines in the side locking bungees until lines are within 12 inches of the connector links.

***Note!***

*Stows should be no longer than the bound edge of the freebag.*



## 5.6 Closing the Reserve Container

### 5.6.1

Bring the risers and freebag over the reserve container, laying the freebag in the main pack tray. Spread the risers along the bottom of the pack tray so that the toggles are outboard and the risers form a "V" shape.



### 5.6.2

Fold the freebag back on top of the risers. Keep the lines neat while folding the freebag back over the risers.



### 5.6.2

Using a pull up cord route the elastic hesitator loop through the center grommet of the bottom sub flap.



**5.6.3**

Make a bight of the bridle no more than 1-1/2" through the elastic hesitator loop.

**5.6.4**

Close the sub flaps by using AAD approved pull-up cords and routing them through the grommets on the lower sub flap.

**5.6.5**

Pull closing loops through grommets and insert temporary pins.



### 5.6.6

Close the side flaps next by mating the Velcro® at each lower corner of the container.



### *Note!*

*To get a nice fit bring bottom corner up around freebag and hold in place while tucking opposite top corner of freebag into top corner of container.*



### 5.6.7

Route pull up cord through the AAD cutters and then through the grommets on each respective side flap. Pull closing loops through and lock with temporary pins.



**5.6.8**

S-fold the pilot chute bridle on top of the bottom sub flap vertically using approximately seven-inch folds.

***Note!***

*To make packing easier route pull up cords through their respective grommets on the bottom closing flap before compressing pilot chute.*

**5.6.9**

Take the folded pilot chute bridle and move slightly to one side. Fan out pilot chute bridle evenly between the grommets.

**5.6.10**

Place the knot connecting pilot chute to bridle centered on top of fanned out bridle.





### 5.6.11

Position the pilot chute centered between the side flap grommets and compress pilot chute at the bottom of the reserve container. Make sure that all pilot chute fabric is compressed inside the spring.



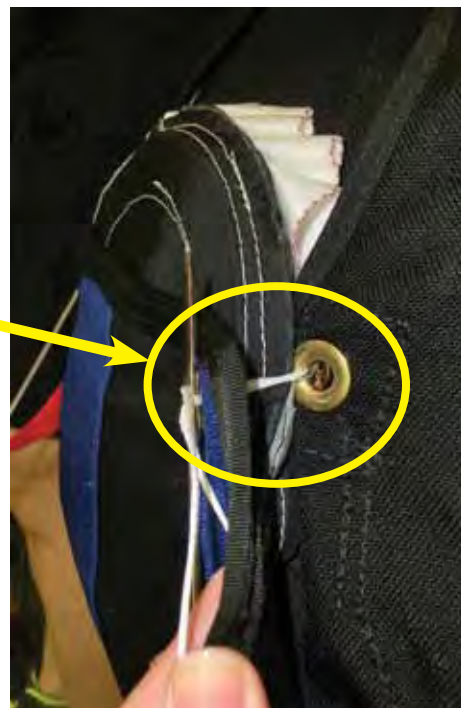
### 5.6.12

Bring bottom closing flap over pilot chute and, using pull up cords pull closing loops through grommets. Lock in place with temporary pins.



### **Note!**

*After locking in place make sure no fabric from pilot chute is between closing loop and pilot chute top.*



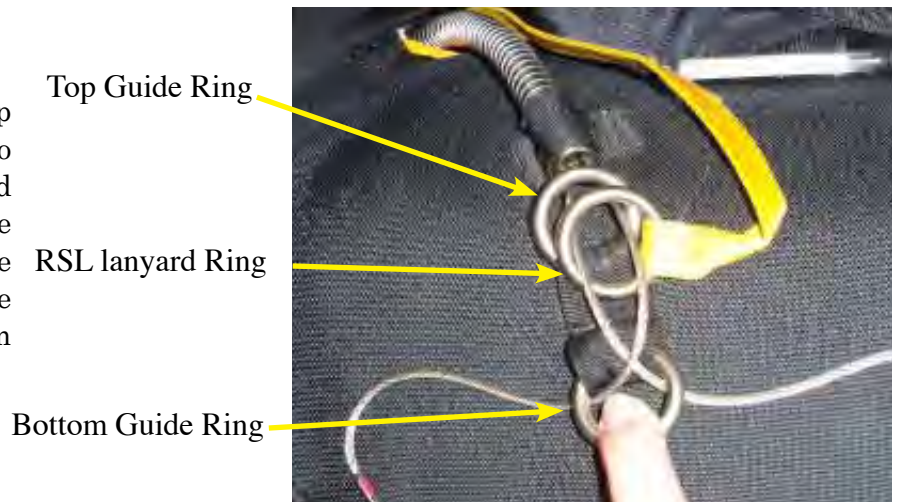
**5.6.13**

Route pull up cords through their respective grommets on the top reserve closing flap.



**5.6.14**

Locate the guide rings on the top reserve closing flap and the two ripcord cables. Route both ripcord cables through the top guide ring (the one located closer to the ripcord cable housing) then through the ring on the RSL lanyard then through the bottom guide ring.



**5.6.15**

Pull right side closing loop through top reserve closing flap and lock with longest reserve ripcord cable pin.



### 5.6.17

Pull left side closing loop through top reserve closing flap and lock with remaining reserve ripcord cable pin.



### 5.6.18

Remove pull up cord. To avoid possibly breaking closing loop, first route pull up cord under ripcord pin and then slowly remove pull up cord. Makes sure that ripcord pins are facing inward to avoid possible snags.



### 5.6.19

The RSL lanyard is laid next to the ripcord cable housing along the top reserve closing flap to the inside of the left riser cover.



**5.6.20**

Secure RSL by placing tuck tabs from RSL lanyard into channels located under left riser cover. Insert top tab first and then bottom tab.

**5.6.21**

Close the reserve riser covers over the reserve risers by placing the tuck tabs around the risers.



**5.6.22**

Close both riser covers. Make sure not to catch the RSL when closing the cover.



**5.6.23**

Seal the furthest pin from the cable housing (right). Fill out the data card and personal log, and close the pin protector flap by folding the tuck tabs around the reserve closing flap.



**CAUTION**  
**COUNT YOUR TOOLS!**



## 6.0 Packing Main Canopies

Tandem mains are jumped by two people; therefore, reliability and confidence levels dictate that the parachute be packed according to the manufacturer's instructions by current and competent riggers/packers, thoroughly trained in this procedure. The person packing this parachute must be completely familiar with ram-air type parachutes, preferably checked out as a Strong Enterprises Certified Tandem Instructor.

According to FAR 105.43: The main parachute of a tandem system must have been packed within 180 days before the date of its use by a certificated parachute rigger, the person making the next jump with that parachute, or a non-certificated person under the direct supervision of a certificated parachute rigger.

### 6.1 Assembly

#### 6.1.1 Hook up Drogue

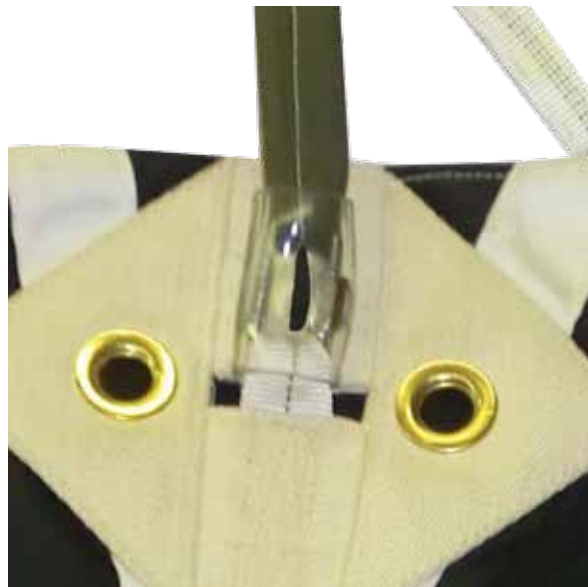
##### 6.1.1.1

Lay ALS bag flat with #3 flap and the drogue release ring facing up. Install rubber bumper over bridle. Attach Kevlar drogue bridle to #5 Rapide link on top of the ALS bag. Tighten nut, finger tight plus 1/4 turn with a 3/8" wrench.



**6.1.1.2**

Slide plastic bumper over link and handtack in place with two turns through the link bumper and the bridle.



**6.1.1.3**

Feed Y-lines through #4 grommet on either side of the Rapide link.



**6.1.1.4**

Attach y-lines to the #5 Rapide link on top of the canopy. Tighten nut, finger tight plus 1/4 turn with a 3/8" wrench.



## 6.1.2 Attaching Main Risers

### 6.1.2.1

Lay risers with toggle side facing up above the container. The riser with the swedish link should attach to the left side.



### 6.1.2.2

Place the medium ring from the risers down through the 3-D ring. Next bring the small ring from the riser down through the medium ring. Then bring the red loop around the small ring only and run it through the grommet.



### **Note!**

*Make sure that small ring ONLY goes through medium ring and that red loop ONLY goes through small ring.*

### 6.1.2.3

Run the red loop through the fitting on the end of the housings and lock in place using the cutaway cables. The excess cable can then be put into the housings on the risers. Connect reserve static line lanyard to the snap shackle located on the left riser.

### **Note!**

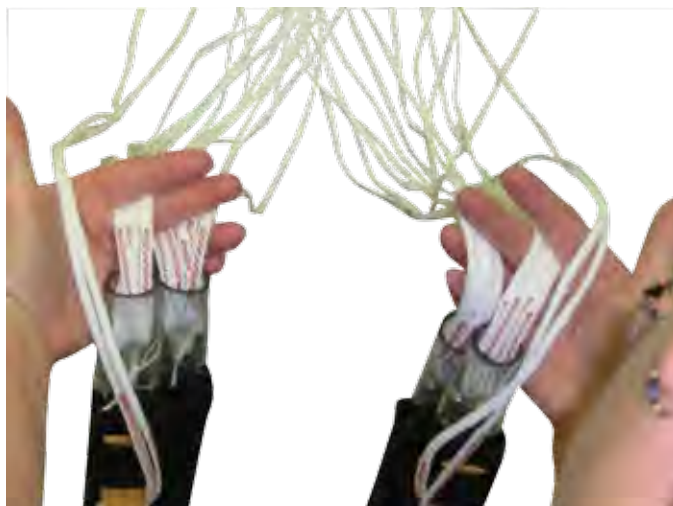
*Use of RSL is optional.*





### 6.1.2.3

Ensure there are no twists in the line groups by taking each line group and control line group in your hands and follow them up to canopy.



## 6.1.3 Install Closing Loops

### 6.1.3.1

Place one closing loop through each of the two grommets on the bottom closing flap. Same length is used in both locations.



## 6.2 Setting the Brakes

### 6.2.1

Pull the control lines through the guide ring until the brake loop is just below the steel guide ring on the rear riser.



**6.2.2**

Bring the locking loop (located on the riser) up through the brake loop.

**6.2.3**

Bring the locking loop up through the guide ring on the riser.

**6.2.4**

Clear the second control line by gently pulling the line back through the ring.



### 6.2.5

Insert the tip of the toggle through the locking loop and stow in elastic keeper located on riser.



### 6.2.6

Snap the toggle to the riser, then fold the toggle between the middle and lower hand grip loops and tuck the lower end of the toggle into the toggle pocket located on the riser. S-fold the excess control line and stow in the elastic keeper under the toggle.



### 6.2.7

Repeat procedure on the opposite riser.



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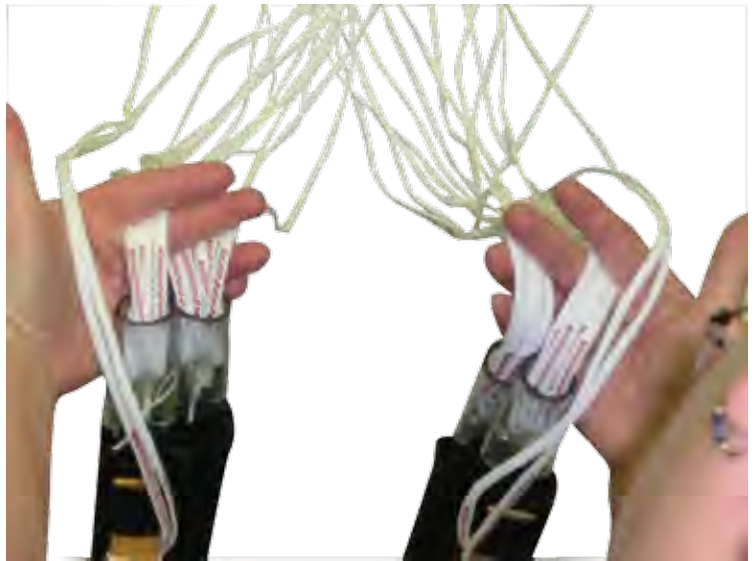
**THE LOOP ON THE RISER MUST BE USED IN ORDER TO KEEP THE BRAKE LINE LOOP FROM DIGGING INTO THE SIDE OF THE TOGGLE, MAKING BRAKE TOGGLE RELEASE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE DURING A MALFUNCTION. THE INNER CONTROL LINES ARE NOT "BRAKED"!**



## 6.3 Flaking the Canopy

### 6.3.1

At the risers, pick up the lines and use your fingers to separate the front lines, rear lines, and control lines.



### 6.3.2

While facing the canopy, and still using your fingers to keep the lines separated, walk forward pushing the slider ahead of you until it is seated against its stops.



### *Note!*

*At this point you may use a hook to hold the canopy in place or you may put the canopy over your shoulder to hold it.*

### 6.3.3

Place the canopy on a hook or over your shoulder and flake the nose. This is done by running a hand down each cell and pulling the cell slightly. This will also align all "A" line tabs so they are even.



### 6.3.4

On each side of the canopy attach a rubber band to the third control line attachment tab from the outside.



### 6.3.4

Stow the two left inner control lines in the left rubber band and the two right inner control lines in the right rubber band, using a double wrap.

#### ***Note!***

*Failure to stow inner control lines greatly increases the chance of a "line over" malfunction.*



### 6.3.5

Reach down into the right side of the canopy between the "A" and "B" lines and pleat all material out from between the line attachment tabs, this should include 5 lower tapes and the stabilizer. Again reach down into the right side of the canopy between the "B" and "C" slider stops and pleat all material out from between those line attachment tabs, this should also include five lower tapes and the stabilizer. Pleat the small section of stabilizer out from between the "C" and "D" slider stops. Ensure that all "D" lines are pulled into the center of the canopy and are clearly visible. Dress the left side of the canopy in the same manner.



**6.3.6**

Quarter the slider so that it is ready to cup air the moment it is deployed. Make sure that the four corners are spread and ensure that the slider pocket is out in front of the nose.

**6.3.7**

In order to soften the openings on new canopies you can roll the nose once the canopy gets broken in there is no need to do anything with the nose other than to let it hang down naturally, grasp it and push it into the canopy folds a few inches.

**6.3.8**

Locate the center of the tail near the warning label and pull it up so that it covers the slider grommets.



**6.3.9**

Swing the tail seams around the canopy so that they meet in front of the nose and roll them together several times.



**6.3.10**

While keeping the tail seams held firmly in your hand, carefully lay the canopy down flat on the packing surface with the lines taut. Purge the air from the canopy and dress to the approximate width of the deployment bag.



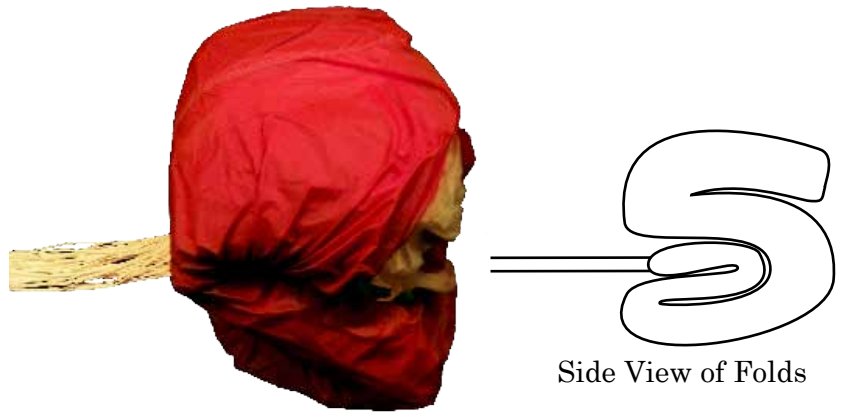
**6.3.11**

S-fold the lower canopy by grasping at the lines and folding up approximately 10-inches.



**6.3.11**

Make your next S-fold by folding the upper canopy back over the first fold keeping everything neat and secure with your other hand. Fold the canopy once back on top of itself and completing the S-fold. Tuck the remaining bit under and to the center.

**6.4 Placing the canopy in the ALS bag****6.4.1**

While controlling the canopy slide the ALS bag under the folded canopy with the 3 locking bungee stows toward the packing surface. Bring the ALS bag around the canopy making sure to fill out the corners.

**6.4.2**

Make your first line stow by bringing the center inner rubber band up through the center grommet and locking in place with a bight of suspension line. Continue with the two side stows closing the canopy in the bag.

***Note!***

*If you have a Velcro ALS bag you would now close the Velcro around the canopy.*





### 6.4.3

Stow the remainder of the suspension lines to within about 4 feet of the links using rubber bands on sides of the bag. Keep stows neat and only the width of the bag.



### 6.4.4

Fold the ALS flap down over the suspension lines. Starting with the outside stows bring the bungee loop through the outside grommet and lock in place with a bight of suspension line. Continue with the opposite outside stow and finish with the center stow.



### *Note!*

After the canopy has been jumped, several feet of deflation line will be protruding from the bridle of the drogue. Before the bag can be packed into the container, this line must be pulled back inside the bridle. This is done by grasping the drogue deployment pud (located at the apex of the drogue canopy) and extending the drogue bridle to its fullest length. Doing this will pull the deflation lines back inside the bridle.



## 6.5 Closing the Container

### 6.5.1

Bring the deployment bag over the reserve and place into the container with the lines facing down.



### 6.5.2

Dress the risers neatly along the outside of the reserve container and lay the lines neatly in the bottom of the pack tray.



### 6.5.3

Next push the top corners of the ALS bag into the top corners of the main pack tray so that the ALS bag is laying flat in the container. Route drogue bridle to bottom of container and back towards top.



### 6.5.4

Locate the ring on the drogue bridle and lay the bridle and the ring on the ALS bag so that the label reading "This Side Faces Reserve Container" is facing the reserve container.



### 6.5.5

Attach the drogue bridle by placing the medium ring from the drogue riser (located between the main and reserve pack trays) through the ring from the drogue bridle. Next place the small ring through the medium ring and lock in place using the thru-loop.



### *Note!*

*Make sure that small ring ONLY goes through medium ring and that thru-loop ONLY goes through small ring.*

### 6.5.6

To secure the thru-loop in place open the Velcro on the back of the drogue riser and insert the drogue release cable into the loop and through the channel. Close Velcro around drogue release cables.



**6.5.6**

Insert the flex pin located on the drogue bridle into the housing located on the drogue riser. Next route a pull up cord through the uppermost closing loop of the bottom flap and through the uppermost grommet on the top flap. Lock in place using the flex pin from the drogue bridle and remove pull up cord.

**Note!**

*Make sure that drogue bridle is exiting to the right of the top flap.*

**Note!**

*Loop closest to the housing is loose and is a redundant safety feature on the two-loop system.*

**6.5.7**

Lay the drogue riser along the channel between the main and reserve pack trays. Tuck the extra bridle under the bottom flap. Route drogue bridle out right side of container.



Run a pull up cord through the bottom closing loop from the bottom flap and up through the lower grommet on top flap.

**6.5.8**

Next close the right side flap by bringing the pull up cord through the grommet on the right side closing flap and pulling closing loop through grommet. Hold in place using flex pin.



### 6.5.9

Close the left flap by bring the pull up cord through the grommet on the left closing flap and pulling the closing loop through. Lock in place with the flex pin.



### 6.5.10

Remove the pull up cord by gently pulling it out. Do not route the cord under the flex pin as, over time, doing so will create a groove in the coating of the flex pin and decrease it's life.



### 6.5.11

Stow the excess flex pin in the pocket provided. Close the flex pin protector flap and stow in its pocket.



**6.5.12**

Route the bridle down the container on the right cover flap channel.



**6.5.13**

Close the bridle cover flap by tucking it into the space provided.



**6.5.14**

Close the center flap by gently tucking it under the main closing flaps.



## 6.6 Packing the Drogue

### 6.6.1

Remove all the twists in the bridle; check to make sure the drogue is armed and neatly lay the drogue out flat and smooth with the Velcro® at the deployment pud facing upwards.



### **Note!**

*Fold near the bottom of the container so you can easily gauge the final size of your folded drogue with reference to the drogue pouch.*

### 6.6.2

Make your first fold in the drogue, folding it a little more than in half so that the base (shown black in picture) is just above the drogue pud.



### 6.6.3

Next bring the drogue body up to the base. All the mesh should now be inside the folds of the drogue.



**6.6.4**

Fold the base over the folded body exposing the drogue pud.

**6.6.5**

S-folds with the bridle on top of the base, leaving approximately 18"-24" of the bridle unfolded.

**6.6.6**

Now fold a small portion of the body over half the S-folded drogue bridle, again using the bottom of the container to gauge the final size of your folded drogue.

**6.6.7**

Fold the drogue into thirds leaving the drogue pud in the center of the folded drogue. Folding the sides so they are at an angle towards the pud will even out the materials and distribute the bulk evenly.





**6.6.8**

Fold the other side over the first. Make sure that the drogue pud is centered.



**6.6.9**

Roll it up tightly from one side to the other. Remove any twists from the Kevlar bridle.



**6.6.10**

Turn the container on its side and stow the excess drogue bridle in the drogue pouch.



**6.6.10**

Stow the drogue in the pouch so that the drogue pud remains outside the pouch.

***Note!***

*The open side of the drogue should be placed along the bottom of the container. This way the relative wind helps keep the drogue rolled during bridle stretch.*

**6.6.11**

Mate the Velcro on the drogue pud to the container.

**6.6.12**

Stand the system up and close the riser covers. Inspect the entire assembly.

**COUNT YOUR TOOLS!**

## 7.0 Repair Guidelines

When possible, stitching and re-stitching on parachute items constructed from cloth, canvas, and webbing should be accomplished with thread that matches the color of the original stitching.

All straight stitching should be 7-11 stitches per inch, and locked by over stitching the existing stitching by at least 2-inches. Zigzag should extend at least 1/2-inch into undamaged stitching at each end. Re-stitching should be made directly over the original stitching, following the original stitch pattern as closely as possible.

All thread on the canopy should be V-T-295E, Size E, VY, and applied with a light or medium duty machine.

### 7.0.1 Canopy

Any holes or tears in the canopy fabric should be patched with a single side patch using a French fell seam.

#### Type of Repair

Re-stitching:

Patch, single side:

Cell replacement:

Reinforcement tape replacement:

Suspension line replacement:

Slider Stop Replacement:

Bridle Attachment Replacement:

#### Limitations

No limit as to length or number

Size limit: Maximum 50% of cell surface

Limit of 2 per cell

Factory replacement only

Factory replacement only

No limit

Limit of 6

Limit of 1

### 7.0.2 Drogue

Use re-stitching or single side patch. Anything more, replace.

### 7.0.3 Bridles

Damaged bridles should be replaced.

### 7.0.4 Harness

Any portion of the harness that is structurally damaged should be replaced in a manner to duplicate the original.

### 7.0.5 Container

Standard single side patches or replacement of the damaged area is authorized.

### 7.0.6 Ripcords

Damaged ripcords should be replaced.

### 7.0.7 Data Card

The data card is a record of the history of a reserve canopy and should remain with the reserve canopy throughout its life. When filled, they should be attached to a new card so that a complete history can be maintained.

### **Note!**

*Darning and ripstop tape are not authorized for certified canopies as they may weaken the fabric. Single side patches are recommended for even small, damaged areas.*

## 8.0 25-Jump Maintenance Inspection

The Strong Enterprises Dual Hawk Tandem System is manufactured under strict quality control standards from the finest materials available. However, your care will determine the useful service life of the system. Always use a drag mat under the harness and container when packing to avoid damage to the risers and hardware. Keep the rig and canopies out of direct sunlight as much as possible to prevent deterioration of the nylon and to keep the colors from fading.

While inspecting and maintaining this system, Strong Enterprises highly recommends you use the 25-Jump Inspection Checklist included at the end of this section. Please make copies of the checklist in order to have a separate sheet for each container and canopy in use. While conducting this inspection, keep in mind that an inspection does not make a parachute system airworthy. The inspection itself is useless unless any identified problems are corrected.

### 8.1 Harness (Instructor and Student)

#### 8.1.1 Hardware:

Inspect all hardware for rust that might inhibit the operation of the unit. Inspect for proper hardware. Snap or "click" the gates open and closed on the B-12, butterfly and quick ejector snaps to verify the spring inside is still operational. Inspect the large O-Ring student side attachment point on the main harness to ensure O-Ring secure. Inspect the tackings on the B-12 snaps.

#### 8.1.2 Webbing:

Inspect all webbing on both harnesses for cuts or fraying. Inspect all 4 -points and single needle stitching to ensure they are not unraveling. Look at the overall appearance of the harness and try to locate any excessive fading in color by its dull dry look. This is an indication of over exposure to ultraviolet rays which can weaken the webbing substantially.

### 8.2 Container

#### 8.2.1 Grommets:

Inspect all the grommets for rough edges, dents or bends in the metal. Rough edges can be smoothed out with very fine emery cloth; large dents or bends in the metal require resetting or replacement. Grasp the grommet with two fingers and try to spin the grommet in place to ensure that it is still set properly and secured to the container. It should not move at all. Next make sure that a finger nail can not be slid under rim of grommet (fingernail test). If you can get your fingernail under the rim grommet needs to be reset.

#### 8.2.2 Drogue Riser:

Tighten the screws on the separable "L" link that attach the drogue riser to the diagonal back straps. Ensure the tackings that attach the ripcord cable housings to the drogue riser are secure and have not come loose. Inspect the drogue riser for cuts or frays in the webbing.

#### 8.2.3 Fabric:

Inspect all closing flap and tuck tab stiffeners. Ensure they are intact and not broken. Look at the overall appearance of the fabric and binding tape looking for any holes, tears, or broken stitches in the fabric. Oil and grease may be removed with alcohol, lighter fluid or other approved cleaning solvents. Inspect drogue pouch, make sure it is secure, no loose stitching. Check for holes in drogue pouch. Ensure the pouch securely holds drogue.



### **8.2.4 Velcro®:**

Mate all Velcro® to ensure it stays secured. Clean off any grass or dirt that might have accumulated on it. Worn out Velcro® should be replaced.

## **8.3 Ripcords, Drogue Release Handles and Housings**

### **8.3.1 Ripcords and Drogue Release Handles:**

Ensure ripcord hardware is approved for use with the system and is free of heavy wear. Inspect the ripcord cable for kinks, broken strands, rough areas, proper dimension, and a smooth crack free plastic coating. \*A closing loop stuck in a cracked plastic coating resulted in a tandem fatality. Check cables to ensure that no metal cable strands have become exposed, and that cables are approved for use with system. Inspect the reserve ripcord pins to ensure they are not bent. Check that the swedge's on reserve, primary, and secondary ripcord cables are approved parts and are secure. The most common fail spot is where the cable connects to the swedge.

### **8.3.2 Three-Ring Release:**

Inspect the 400 lb red H.G. line for cuts and frays. Ensure all rings are securely attached, no loose stitching. Inspect rings to make sure all are free of dents, rough edges, cracks, and are proper shape. Make sure to check both main risers and drogue riser.

### **8.3.3 Cables and Cable Housings:**

Keep cables and housings clean: Pull the release cables out of the housings and make sure there are no kinks or prominent curves in the cable. Pay particular attention where the cable leaves the housing, as a bend or sharp curve may increase pull force as it feeds back through the housing. If the cable shows signs of unraveling, or cracks in the plastic coating it should be replaced. Ensure housings are all complete, no broken or missing housing caps. Clean the cables, the inside of the housings, and the 400 lb H.G. line on the riser which holds down the small ring, then lubricate using any of the following:

- i) We use these two products, Pedros Extra Dry by Pedros USA and White Lightning a similar product described as a self-cleaning lubricant ([www.whitelightningco.com](http://www.whitelightningco.com)). Approximately \$7.00 a bottle from your local bicycle shop. We found it easiest to just squirt the lubricant into the end of the (cleaned) cable housing since it dries completely. Both parts get lubricated with one simple procedure. Be careful as it may stain your fabric.
- ii) SuperLube with Teflon - This is a spray that can be found at auto parts stores. Leaves a dry film of Teflon. (Don't lubricate the loop with Teflon Spray.)
- iii) Silicon spray - Be sure to wipe off the wet silicon with a clean dry rag as this residue will attract contaminant's. (Don't lubricate the loop with Silicon). All cable housings including the small release cable housings should be inspected for damage. Check all tackings to ensure they are secure, replace tackings if loose.



## 8.4 Main Canopy

### 8.4.1 Lines:

Check lines for stretch or shrinkage. While anchoring riser links follow to line tabs, if lines look like a smile they are out of trim. Symptoms include slow openings and tension knots. Use line dimension and trim chart in sections 9 and 10 if lines are out of trim. Inspect the lines for excessive wear and replace if necessary. Tandem systems are subject to heavier loads. This should be taken into consideration when looking at a frayed line that is questionable. Inspect the bartacks at the links, at the cascades, and at the canopy attachment points.

### 8.4.2 Risers:

Check hand tacking of housings installed in rear riser channels. Ensure the housings are clean and free of debris. Inspect the webbing at the 3-ring for signs of wear. Any wear at this location can lead to riser failure. DO NOT install used risers on a new canopy. ***“The life of the risers is no longer than the life of the canopy.”*** per Strong Enterprises. Inspect the stitching on the complete riser for unraveling. Inspect the stainless steel snap shackle (Swedish link) to ensure it functions properly. Inspect the #6 Rapide Links for cracks and tightness.

### 8.4.3 Slider:

Inspect the fabric for holes or burns, repair as necessary. Inspect the grommets for burrs and separation, replace or reset if necessary. Grasp the grommet with two fingers and try to spin the grommet in place to ensure that it is still set properly and secured to the slider. It should not move at all. Next make sure that a finger nail can not be slid under rim of grommet (fingernail test).

### 8.4.4 Fabric:

Check the seams and line attachment points for stitch integrity. This can be done by turning the canopy face up and standing on a chair, hold the top leading edge (nose) of the canopy at shoulder height, spreading each cell apart to look inside. Inspect each panel for damage. Inspect the canopy for holes, tears, burns, broken stitching and repair as needed. Inspect bridle attachment point for wear.

## 8.5 Drogue and Deployment Bag

### 8.5.1 Drogue:

Starting at the top of the drogue and working down, inspect the canopy fabric for holes or tears. Ensure drogue pud is secure and in tact. Check inside the drogue where deflation lines is attached. Check stitching and bar tacks. Inspect the reinforcing tape for missing stitches. Ensure the zigzag stitching at fabric base is complete. Inspect the mesh for rips and holes.

### 8.5.2 Bridle:

Moving down to where the drogue is attached to the bridle, inspect zigzag stitching for any unraveling. Inspect the entire bridle for loose stitching and signs of wear. Check for wear at the cotton wrapped end of bridle. Hockey tape can be used to wrap end of bridle, this will help prevent wear. Ensure plastic bumper is in place over #5 Rapide Link, and neither are damaged. The plastic bumper helps to keep the Rapide Link nut from wearing the bridle. Inspect drogue 3-Ring attachment and main closing pin attachment, replace or repair as necessary.



### **8.5.3 Y-Deflation Line:**

Inspect bartacks on Y-deflation line for unraveling and deflation line itself for wear. Most wear is found at the point where the two pieces of tubular come together in the Y, so check carefully. When replacing the Y-deflation line the new deflation line can be pulled through the bridle, from the top, using the old deflation line by attaching the two together.

- 1) When replacing the Y-deflation line the new deflation line can be pulled through the bridle, from the top, using the old deflation line by attaching the two together.
- 2) Cut existing line and lark's head new line to apex attachment point.
- 3) Tie old line to one end of new line. There is no need to tie both ends. Ensure both are out when finished.
- 4) Using the bridle opening pull new deflation line through bridle.

### **8.5.4 Deployment Bag:**

Ensure shock cord loops are not broken or frayed and are no longer than 3". Inspect the rubber bands, Velcro© and grommets on the deployment bag, replace if required.

## **8.6 Master Reserve Canopy**

Fabric	Thoroughly inspect during every 180-day repack cycle.
Lines	Thoroughly inspect during every 180-day repack cycle.
Freebag	Thoroughly inspect during every 180-day repack cycle.
Bridle	Thoroughly inspect during every 180-day repack cycle.
Pilot Chute	Thoroughly inspect during every 180-day repack cycle.



# 8.7 DHT 25-Jump Inspection Check List

Use this check-list to ensure all steps of the 25-Jump Maintenance Check are completed.

Harness/Container SN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_ In Service Date \_\_\_\_\_

				<i>Date of Inspection (Month/Year)</i>	<b>Refer to Maintenance Inspection:</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Harnesses (Instructor and Student)</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				No rust on hardware	74	8.1.1
				Proper hardware installed.	74	8.1.1
				Springs on snaps still functional.	74	8.1.1
				4-point stitching on instructor side O-Ring attachments secure with no broken stitches.	74	8.1.1
				Hardware functional and tacked (leg strap Quick Ejectors).	74	8.1.1
				No cuts on webbing.	74	8.1.2
				Stitching is not unraveling on webbing.	74	8.1.2
				No excessive fading of webbing.	74	8.1.2

<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Container</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				No rough edges, dents, or bends in grommets.	74	8.2.1
				Grommets secure and in place.	74	8.2.1
				Grommet fingernail test complete.	74	8.2.1
				Drogue riser "L" link screws tight.	74	8.2.2
				Closing pin housing on drogue riser securely tacked.	74	8.2.2
				No cuts or frays in drogue riser webbing.	74	8.2.2
				Closing flap and tuck tab stiffeners in good condition.	74	8.2.3
				No holes or tears in Cordura or binding.	74	8.2.3
				No broken stitches in Cordura or binding.	74	8.2.3
				Drogue pouch secure.	74	8.2.3
				No holes in drogue pouch.	74	8.2.3
				Opening securely holds Drogue.	74	8.2.3
				All Velcro© locations are clean.	75	8.2.4
				Velcro© is secure and in place.	75	8.2.4

<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Ripcords, Drogue Release Cables and Housings</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				No excessive wear of ripcord hardware.	75	8.3.1
				No kinks, frays, or broken strands in ripcord cables.	75	8.3.1
				Cable tip is not exposed.	75	8.3.1
				Reserve Pin straight.	75	8.3.1
				Swedge's are secure and approved parts.	75	8.3.1
				Red H.G. line on 3-ring release not frayed or cut.	75	8.3.2
				Rings on 3-ring release secure.	75	8.3.2
				No dents, cracks, or rough edges on rings.	75	8.3.2
				No prominent curves in 3-ring release cable.	75	8.3.3
				Housings complete, no broken or missing housing caps.	75	8.3.3
				Cable housings free of all dirt, gravel, sand, debris and are lubricated.	75	8.3.3



Main Canopy SN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_ In Service Date \_\_\_\_\_

				<i>Date of Inspection (Month/Year)</i>	<b>Refer to Maintenance Inspection:</b>	
25	50	75	100	Main Canopy	Page	Section
				Like line group deviation within 1-inch.	76	8.4.1
				No excessive wear in lines.	76	8.4.1
				No loose stitching at link, cascade, and canopy attachment bartacks.	76	8.4.1
				Rear riser cable housings secure.	76	8.4.2
				Rear riser cable housing clean and free of debris.	76	8.4.2
				No webbing wear at 3-ring attachment point.	76	8.4.2
				Stitching on riser webbing unbroken.	76	8.4.2
				Swedish link functional.	76	8.4.2
				No cracks in Rapide Links.	76	8.4.2
				No holes in slider, stitching good.	76	8.4.3
				No burrs on slider grommets.	76	8.4.3
				Slider grommets secure.	76	8.4.3
				Grommets on slider do not spin.	76	8.4.3
				Fingernail test on slider grommets complete.	76	8.4.3
				Seam and line attachment stitch intact.	76	8.4.4
				All panels free of damage.	76	8.4.4
				No holes, tears, or burns in the fabric.	76	8.4.4
				No excessive wear at bridle attachment point.	76	8.4.4

25	50	75	100	Drogue and Deployment Bag	Page	Section
				No holes or tears in fabric.	76	8.5.1
				Reinforcing tape on drogue body undamaged.	76	8.5.1
				Stitching and zigzag at base of drogue canopy complete.	76	8.5.1
				Drogue mesh free of holes and tears.	76	8.5.1
				No loose or broken stitching in bridle.	76	8.5.2
				No holes or excessive wear in the bridle.	76	8.5.2
				Bridle attachment point not worn or frayed.	76	8.5.2
				Bumper and Rapide Link not damaged and in correct place.	76	8.5.2
				3-ring attachment complete and not bent or damaged.	76	8.5.2
				Y-deflation line bartack not loose or fraying.	77	8.5.3
				No excessive wear and no twists in the Y-deflation line.	77	8.5.3
				Drogue flex pin smooth, no nicks in coating, no broken strands in cable.	77	8.5.3
				Shock cord loops not broken or frayed, and not stretched out longer than 3 inches.	77	8.5.4
				Rubber bands in place and in good condition.	77	8.5.4
				Deployment bag grommets secure.	77	8.5.4
				Velcro secure and in good condition.	77	8.5.4





# 9.0 Line Installation SET-400 Main Canopy

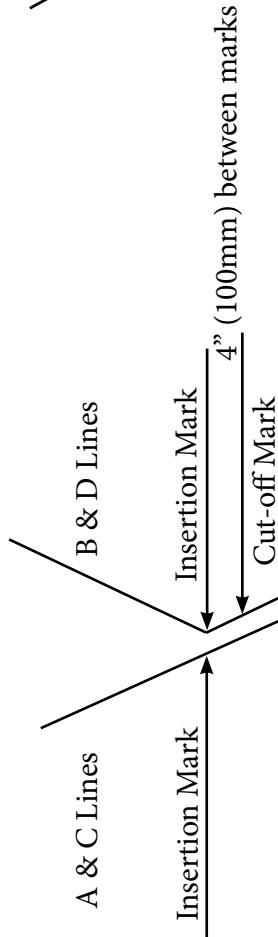
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Line set PN 865053 (1500 Spectra® lines)

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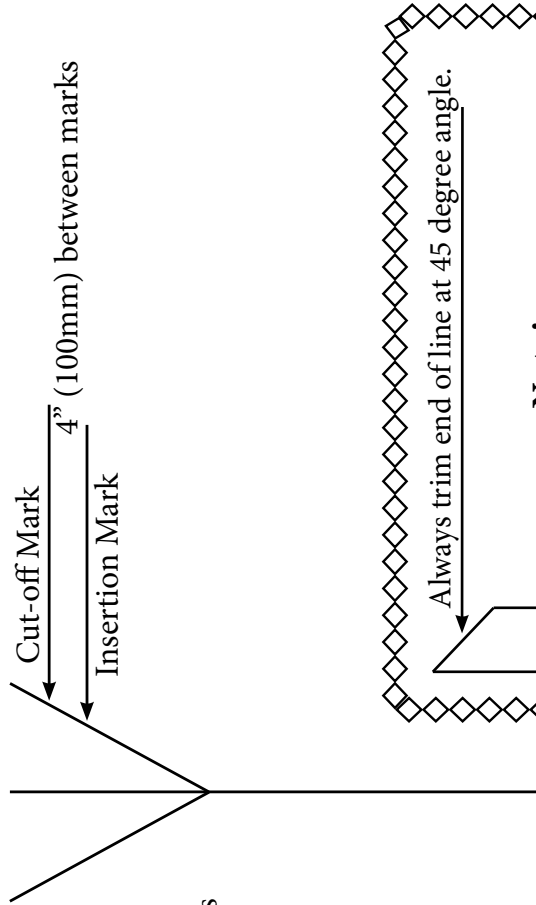
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- C - Black
- D - Red

Suspension Lines



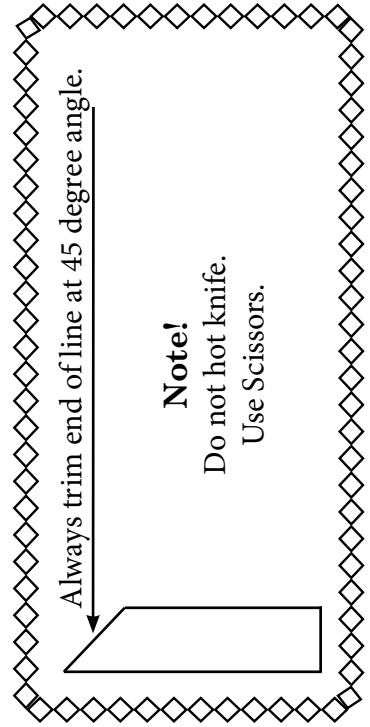
Insert B/D line at insertion mark.  
 Line up with mark on A/C line.  
 Pull line out approximately 4.5" down.  
 Zig-zag, double-throw (308)  
 Pull out end of line and cut off  
 in 45 degree angle at cut-off mark.

Control Lines E1 and E2 (two uppers)



Always trim end of line at 45 degree angle.

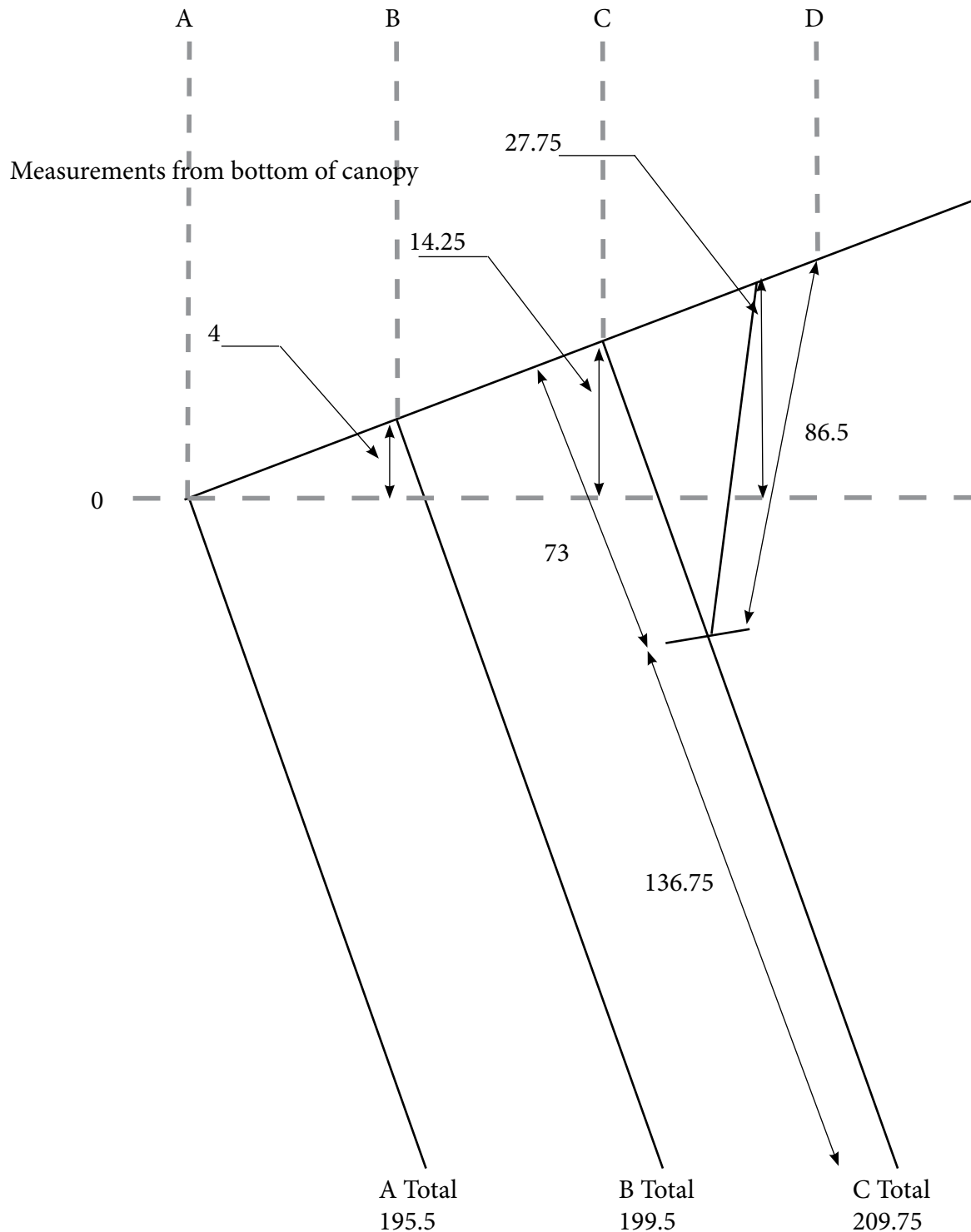
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 Do not hot knife.  
 Use Scissors.



# 9.1 SET-400 Main Canopy

## Trim and Line Length, Inner Lines, Ribs 4,5,6,7

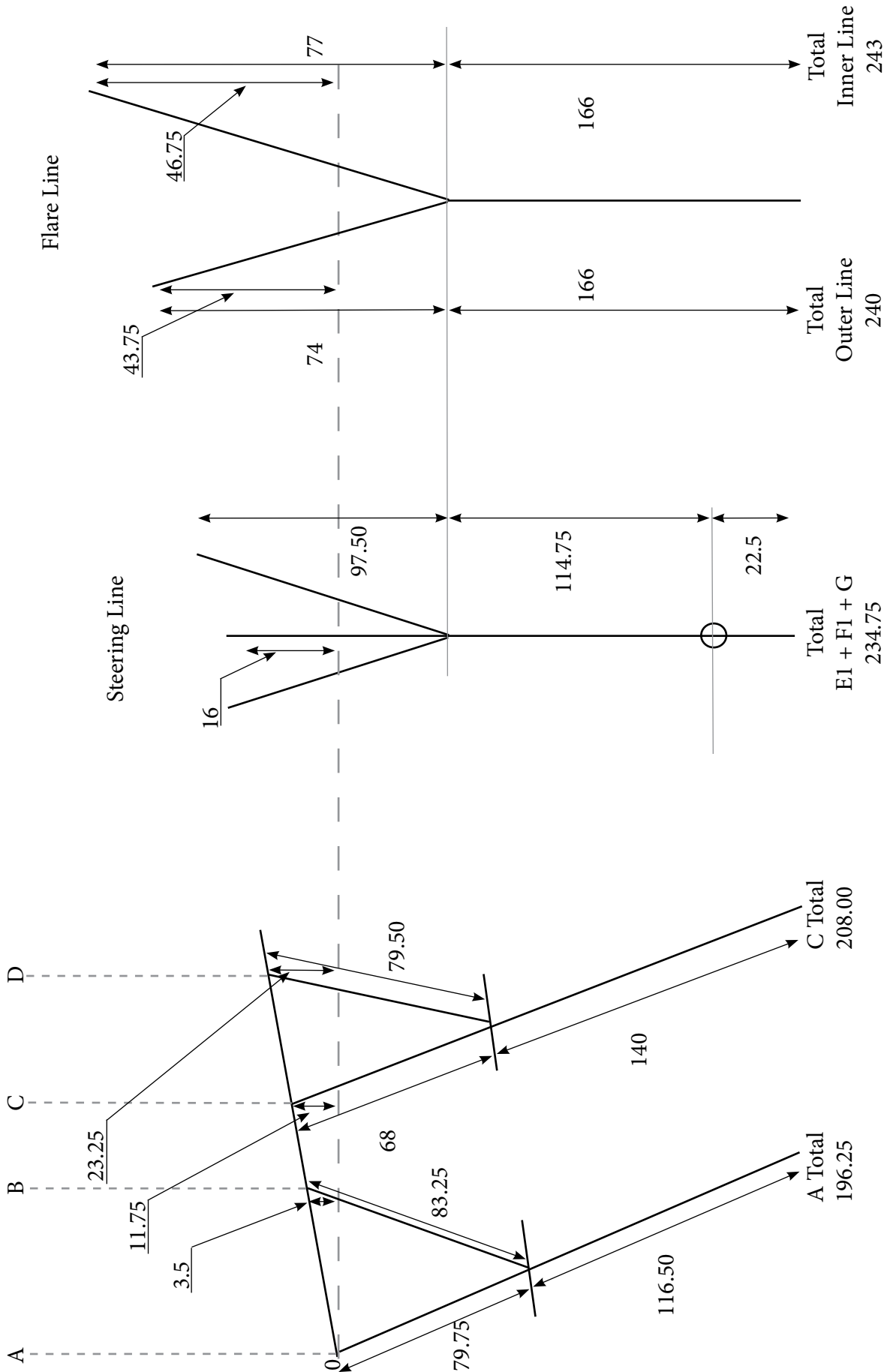
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**(Trim measurements underlined with dotted line - - -)**



# 9.2 SET-400 Main Canopy

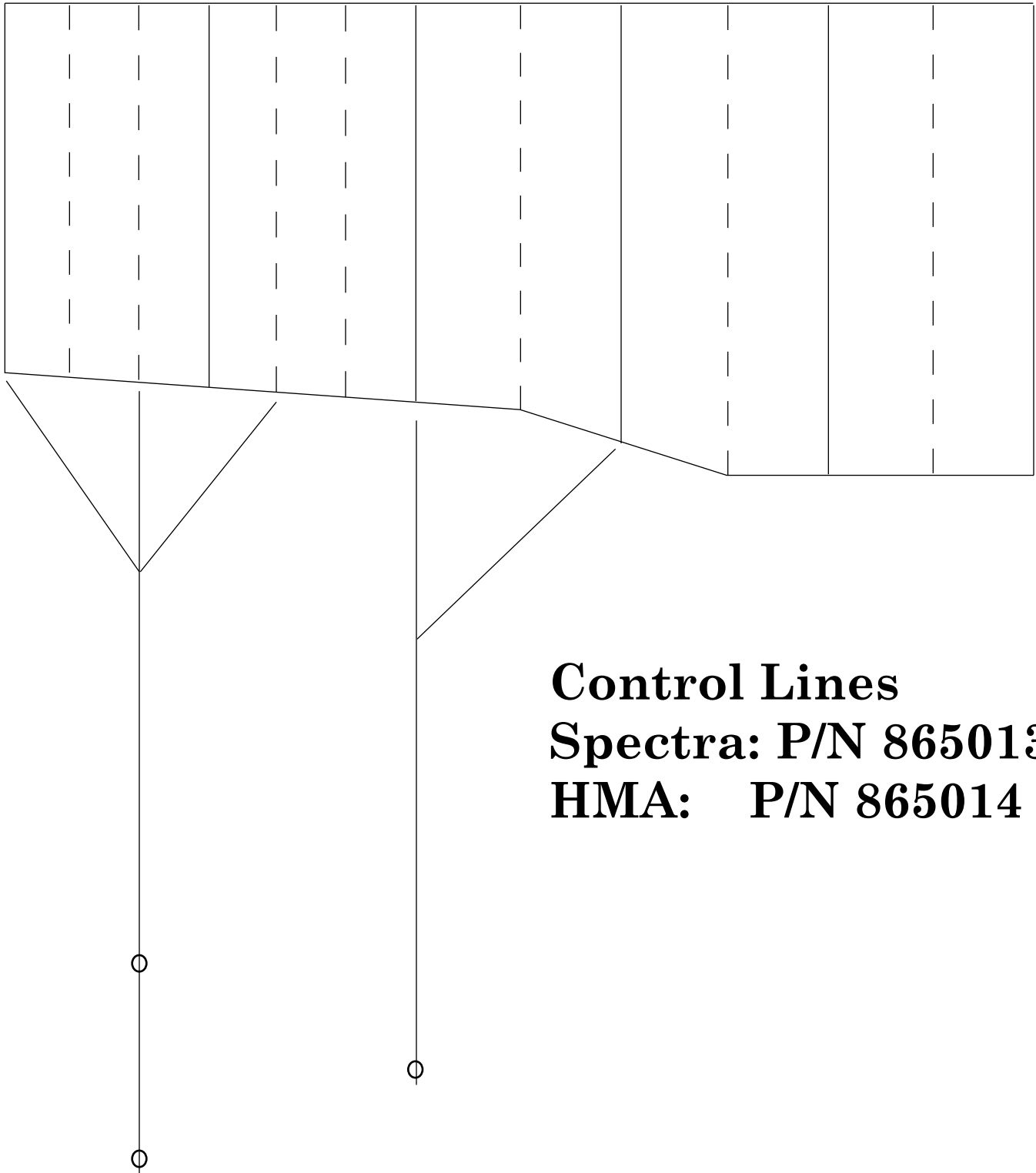
## Trim and Line Length, Outer Lines, Ribs 1,2,3,8,9,10

Measurements are installed on canopy.  
Trim over A-line (0 point) with brakes set.



## 9.3 Control Line Attachment SET-400

- Denotes Structural Rib
- - - Denotes Soft Rib



**Control Lines**  
**Spectra: P/N 865013**  
**HMA: P/N 865014**



# SET-400 Line Dimensions

SN \_\_\_\_\_

Date Inspected \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By \_\_\_\_\_

How to use this chart

- 1) Measure the individual line
- 2) Write the measurement in the space provided below the recommended length
- 3) Subtract the two numbers. This is the amount the line is out of trim

	L	E	A	D	I	N	G	E	D	G	E	
<b>A</b>	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50	195.50
<b>B</b>	199.50	199.50	199.50	199.25	199.25	199.25	199.25	199.25	199.50	199.50	199.50	199.50
<b>C</b>	208.00	208.00	208.00	209.25	209.25	209.25	209.25	209.25	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00
<b>D</b>	219.00	219.00	219.00	222.75	222.75	222.75	222.75	222.75	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00
<b>CL</b>	233.50	233.50	233.50	239.50	239.50	239.50	239.50	239.50	233.50	233.50	233.50	233.50



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Notes:  
 All lines measured from one end to the other  
 Control lines are measured without the toggle  
 Like dimensioned lines should not vary more than 2"

# 10.0 Line Installation SET-366 Main Canopy

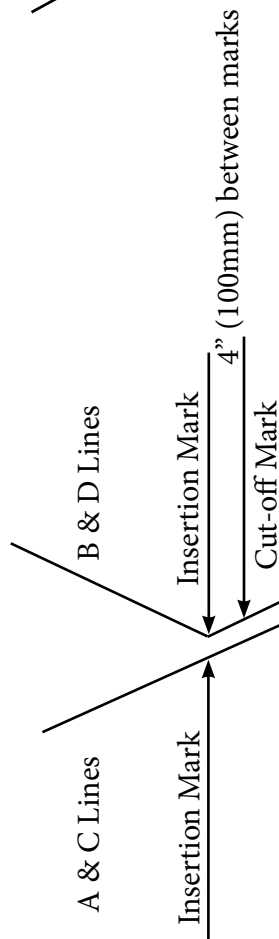
## SET-366 (PN 411366):

Line set PN 865357 (1500 Spectra® lines)

Color Codes on suspension lines:

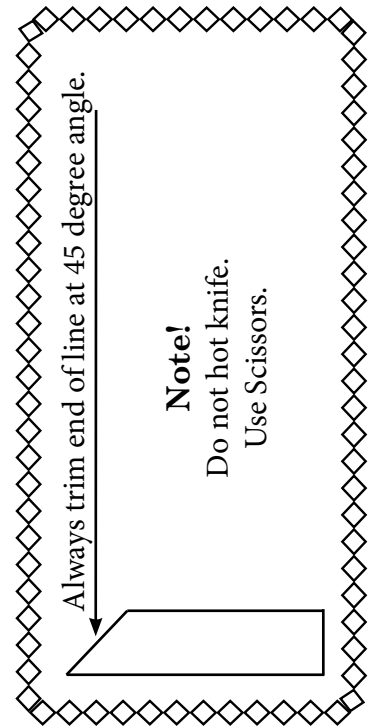
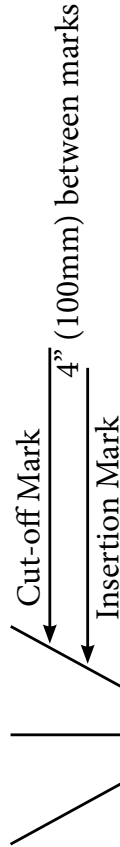
- A - Green
- B - Blue
- C - Black
- D - Red

Suspension Lines



Insert B/D line at insertion mark.  
 Line up with mark on A/C line.  
 Pull line out approximately 4.5" down.  
 Zig-zag, double-throw (308)  
 Pull out end of line and cut off  
 in 45 degree angle at cut-off mark.

Control Lines E1 and E2 (two uppers)



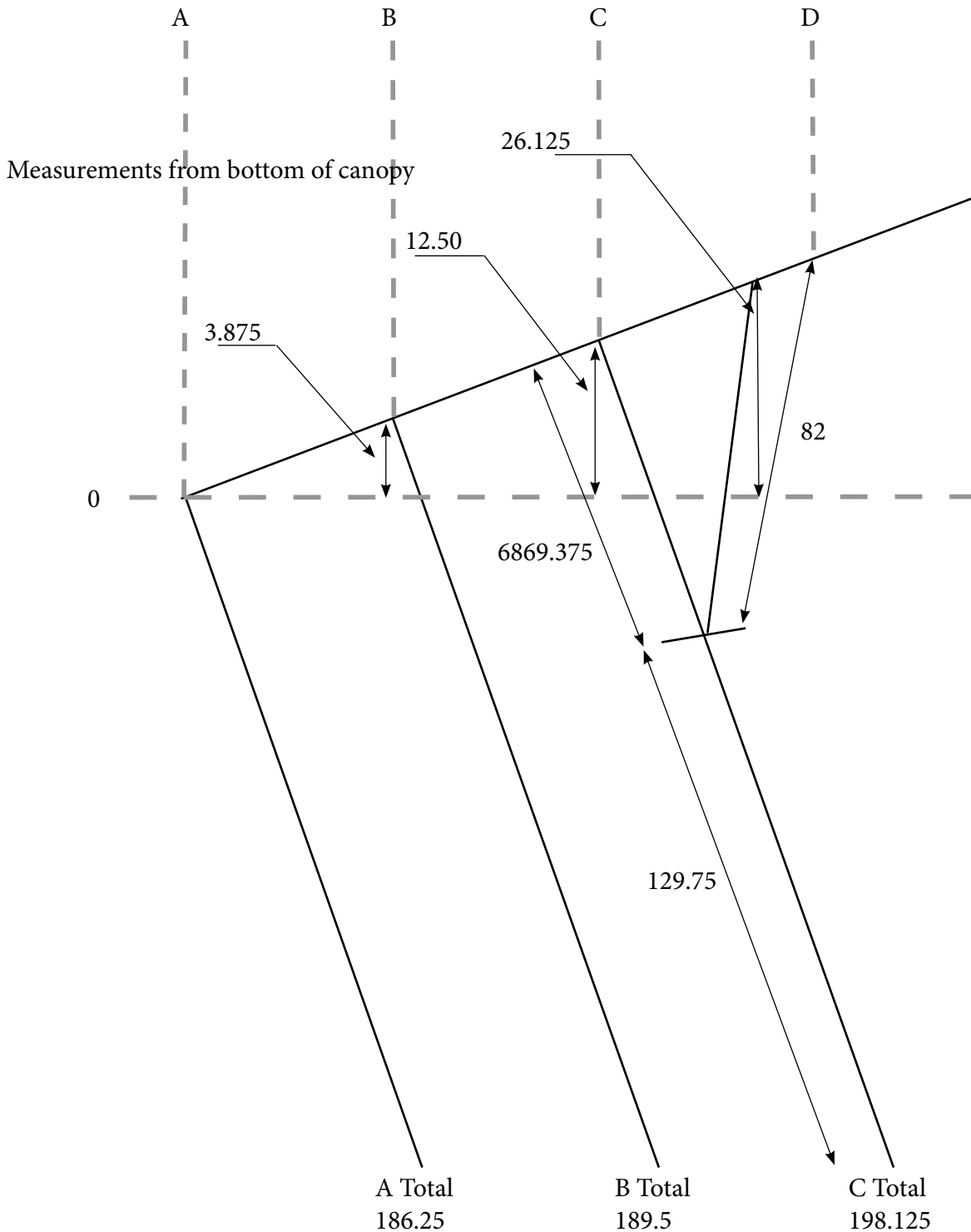
**Note!**  
 Do not hot knife.  
 Use Scissors.



# 10.1 SET-366 Main Canopy

## Trim and Line Length, Inner Lines, Ribs 4,5,6,7

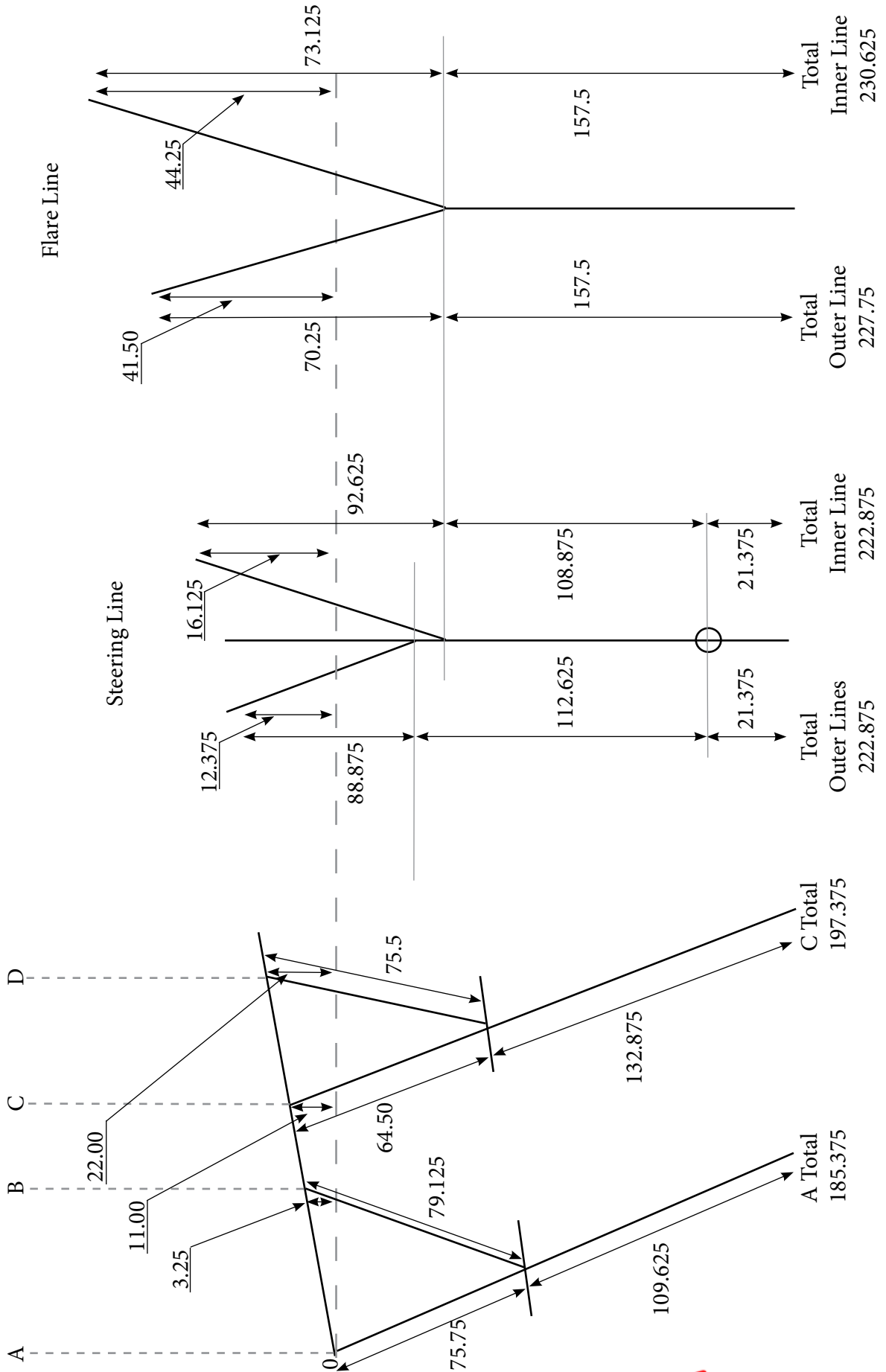
**Measurements are installed on canopy.**  
**Trim over A-line (0 point) with brakes set.**  
**(Trim measurements underlined with dotted line - - -)**





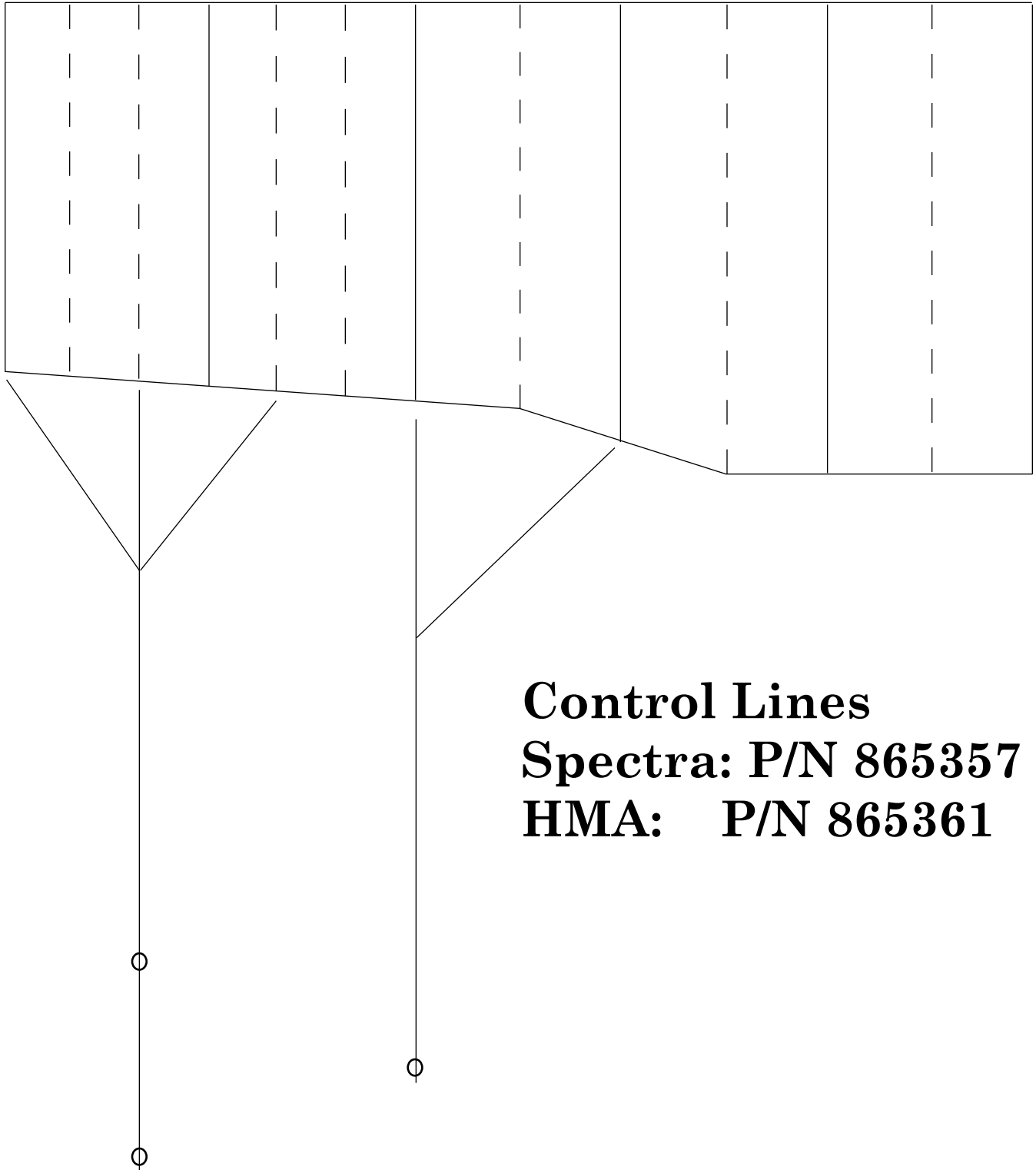
# 10.2 SET-366 Main Canopy Trim and Line Length, Outer Lines, Ribs 1,2,3,8,9,10

Measurements are installed on canopy.  
Trim over A-line (0 point) with brakes set.



## 10.3 Control Line Attachment SET-366

- Denotes Structural Rib
- - - Denotes Soft Rib



**Control Lines**  
**Spectra: P/N 865357**  
**HMA: P/N 865361**



# 10.4 SET-366 Line Dimensions

**SN** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Inspected** \_\_\_\_\_

**Inspected By** \_\_\_\_\_


**How to use this chart**  
 1) Measure the individual line  
 2) Write the measurement in the space provided below the recommended length  
 3) Subtract the two numbers. This is the amount the line is out of trim

	L	E	A	D	I	N	G	E	D	G	E	
<b>A</b>	185 3/8	185 3/8	185 3/8	185 3/8	185 3/8	185 5/8	185 5/8	185 5/8	185 3/8	185 3/8	185 3/8	185 3/8
<b>B</b>	188 3/4	188 3/4	188 3/4	188 3/4	188 3/4	189 1/2	189 1/2	189 1/2	188 3/4	188 3/4	188 3/4	188 3/4
<b>C</b>	197 3/8	197 3/8	197 3/8	197 3/8	197 3/8	198 1/8	198 1/8	198 1/8	197 3/8	197 3/8	197 3/8	197 3/8
<b>D</b>	208 3/8	208 3/8	208 3/8	208 3/8	208 3/8	210 3/4	210 3/4	210 3/4	208 3/8	208 3/8	208 3/8	208 3/8
<b>CL</b>	222 7/8	222 7/8	222 7/8	222 7/8	222 7/8	230 5/8	227 3/4	227 3/4	222 7/8	222 7/8	222 7/8	222 7/8

**Notes:**  
 All lines measured from one end to the other  
 Control lines are measured without the toggle  
 Like dimensioned lines should not vary more than 2"

**Conversion Chart:**  
 1/8 = 0.125    1/4 = 0.25  
 3/8 = 0.375    1/2 = 0.5  
 5/8 = 0.625    3/4 = 0.75  
 7/8 = 0.875

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# APPENDIX A: Service Bulletin #22

## PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN #22

20 February 1997

Revised January 2005

- A) Dual Hawk Tandem, Use of Unapproved Components
- B) Dual Hawk Tandem Service Life

STATUS: Mandatory compliance.

COMPLIANCE DATE: 20 May, 1997.

### IDENTIFICATION:

Dual Hawk Tandem Systems; PN 103000 through 103005 (Dwg No. 1151 & 68E10001).

### BACKGROUND:

- A) Strong Enterprises has determined that Dual Hawk Tandem Systems with components not approved by Strong Enterprises present a hazard that is not acceptable for tandem jumping.
- B) The rapid improvements of the Dual Hawk Tandem System have shown considerable safety enhancements. It is also evident that most systems older than eight years have considerable wear and deterioration with loss of performance and could pose a threat to the users.

### SERVICE BULLETIN:

- A) Only components approved by Strong Enterprises may be used on the Dual Hawk Tandem System for tandem jumping.
- B) All Dual Hawk Tandem Systems shall have a service life of eight years from date of manufacture or be returned to Strong Enterprises for re-inspection and recertification. It may then be placed back into service for five years.

This service bulletin does not change the requirements for periodic inspections and maintenance as outlined in the FAA Exemption or manufacturers instructions.

### DISTRIBUTION:

All Dual Hawk Tandem System owners, national aero clubs, PIA, USPA, Skydiving, Parachutist.

### NOTE:

**All Dual Hawk Tandem Systems are authorized to use for eight years from date of manufacture, at which point they must be returned to Strong Enterprises or an authorized Strong Enterprises Recertification Center for required updating and recertification. After inspection, and if necessary reconditioning of the system, it may be placed back into service for five more years. At the 13th year from date of manufacture the system must again be sent in for necessary reconditioning/recertification and may be returned to service for an additional five years. At the 18th year from date of manufacture the container/harness, risers and student harness will be taken out of service, however the Master reserve canopy may be recertified one more time for an additional 5 years after which it will be taken out of service.**

**COMPLETE SERVICE LIFE OF CONTAINER/HARNESS & STUDENT HARNESS: 18 YEARS  
COMPLETE SERVICE LIFE OF MASTER RESERVE CANOPY: (23) 18 YEARS,  
WITH POSSIBLE 5 YEAR EXTENSION TO 23 YEARS.**



**EXPLANATION OF SERVICE BULLETIN #22**

20 February 1997

Revised April 2005

A) Dual Hawk Tandem, Use of Unapproved Components

B) Dual Hawk Tandem Service Life

Strong Enterprises has taken a proactive step to ensure public safety and the safety of our certified Tandem Instructors by issuing Service Bulletin 22 on 20 February 1997 (attached).

The purpose of Bulletin 22 is to assure that Dual Hawk Systems more than 8 years old are still safe to use, and components that Strong Enterprises has not tested or approved as being compatible are not being used in these systems.

Dual Hawk Tandem Systems that are not in compliance with Bulletin 22 are considered by Strong Enterprises to be un-airworthy. Therefore, the TSO on that system is void and any tandem jumps made on these systems are made in violation of FAR 105.45 (a).

Any Strong Enterprises certified tandem instructor who enters into an aircraft with the intention of making a tandem jump, and the Dual Hawk System he intends using on that jump is not in compliance with Strong Enterprises Bulletin 22, has automatically voided his Strong Enterprises tandem instructor certification and that jump will be made in violation of FAR 105.43 (a) and Strong Enterprises' tandem exemption.

The appropriate FAA FSDO offices will be notified of the serial number, location, and owner of all Dual Hawk Tandem Systems that are not in compliance with Bulletin 22. In consideration of the liability exposure of USPA, a copy of notices related to Bulletin 22 will be forwarded to USPA.

Compliance with Bulletin 22 is quite simple:

1. Use only manufacturer-approved components in your Dual Hawk system.
2. If a Dual Hawk system is more than 8 years old, return it to Strong Enterprises for inspection, refurbishing if needed, and recertification as airworthy.
3. Inspection and re-certification needs to be accomplished every 5 years. After a Strong Enterprise inspection it may then be placed back into service for five years.

Recertified components are marked:

1. Instructor Harness: On left reserve riser.
2. Student Harness: On horizontal back strap.
3. Container System: Inside main container.
4. Main Canopy: Sewn to tail seam in center.
5. Reserve Canopy: Sewn to tail seam in center.



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## Components made by other manufacturers

Items: Main canopies, reserve canopies, risers, drogues, deployment bags, AAD's.

Strong Enterprises cannot, in good conscience, permit the use of equipment in a Strong Tandem System that has not gone through an approval process.

Approval of other manufacturers components for use in Strong Tandem Systems can be accomplished by the manufacturer supplying:

1. General design specifications; size, pack volume, carrying capacity, other need to know criteria.
2. Basic testing criteria; tested parameters, heaviest load, lightest load, speed, altitude, etc.
3. Performance data; history, malfunctions, time in service, user inspection criteria, maintenance requirements, limitations, etc.
4. A sample, including service manual and packing instructions for testing by Strong Enterprises qualified staff. (Sample to be returned).

What Strong Enterprises will do:

1. Review manufacturers information submitted to verify component is suitable for tandem jumping in a Strong Tandem System.
2. Perform evaluation solo and tandem jumps to verify product is acceptable and compatible for use in the Strong Tandem Systems.
3. Upon acceptance of a component for use in a Strong Tandem System, Strong Enterprises will issue a letter stating, approval and limitations if any.
4. If item is not accepted as compatible for use, a letter of un-acceptability will be mailed to the manufacturer.
5. Return provided sample item to manufacturer.



## APPENDIX B: Service Bulletin #23

### TANDEM SERVICE BULLETIN #23

9 September 1997

Revised January 2005

STATUS: Compliance optional.

IDENTIFICATION: Dual Hawk Tandem Systems: PN 103000 through 103005  
(Dwg. No. 1151). All serial numbers.

BACKGROUND: Through the development of tandem jumping equipment, the integration of a Reserve Static Line (RSL) has been both required and beneficial. In recent years the addition of a Cypress AAD and since 1 November 1994, the requirement of the Cypress has made the requirement of an RSL less critical. A recent tandem accident is in part attributed to the RSL.

SERVICE BULLETIN: Disconnecting the Dual Hawk Tandem RSL is now authorized by Strong Enterprises. Complete removal of the RSL is not necessary. Disconnect the RSL by opening the shackle, removing the yellow RSL webbing and folding it back up 3 to 4 inches under the Velcro® reserve riser cover flap.

It is important for Tandem Instructors that will be using a Dual Hawk Tandem System with the RSL disconnected to review emergency reserve procedures. Procedures should incorporate touching all handles in sequence (drogue release handles, cut-away handle, reserve ripcord) as soon as the drogue is deployed. This should be performed on each and every tandem jump. It is also equally important that verification is performed before each jump that the Cypress AAD unit is turned on.

QUALIFIED PERSONNEL: Equipment owner, Strong Enterprises Tandem Instructor, Senior or Master Rigger or foreign equivalent.

COMPLIANCE DATE: Not applicable.

DISTRIBUTION: All Dual Hawk Tandem System owners on record, national aero clubs, PIA, USPA, Parachutist, Skydiving, [www.strongparachutes.com](http://www.strongparachutes.com)



# APPENDIX C: Service Bulletin #24

TANDEM SERVICE BULLETIN #24

STATUS: Mandatory.

COMPLIANCE DATE: June 2, 2006.

IDENTIFICATION: (TICC) Training Syllabus, Appendix M, PN 590011 Rev L  
Dual Hawk Student Harness, PN 240075-4.

**BACKGROUND:** Strong Enterprises started tandem parachuting in 1983, developed, TSO'd and has marketed the Dual Hawk Tandem system since 1985. Tandem jumping is the most popular method of providing a skydive to people interested in experiencing the sport. Presently there have been over 2,000 Dual Hawk Tandem Systems manufactured and sold throughout the world. There are over 4,300 registered Tandem Instructors certified to use the Dual Hawk Tandem System. It is estimated that there have been over 2 million tandem jumps made on the Dual Hawk Tandem System. Although there have been parachute malfunctions and canopy damage, there has been no incidents or reports of harness (student or instructor harness) failure. A recent (May 27, 2006) tandem passenger fatality, in which the student slipped out of the harness backwards between the back diagonal straps and the horizontal back strap during main canopy deployment has led to this Service Bulletin.

**FACTORS:** This specific accident involves a 5'4" female student that weighed 230 lbs. The Tandem Instructor was 5'11" and 145 lbs. Ground video footage verifies that the harness was not properly adjusted and extremely loose on the student before boarding the aircraft. Video footage of the drogue fall shows the student's horizontal back strap was located under at least one leg strap (between the leg strap and the student's leg), not around the lower back as intended. Also, the main lift webs, diagonal back straps and lower attachment points from the tandem instructor to the student harness are all out to the maximum length.

**SERVICE BULLETIN:** It is important for Tandem Instructors to know that they are ultimately the responsible person for all aspects of the tandem jump. They are responsible to assure a proper fit of the harness, its comfort and safety as well as the entire performance of the tandem jump for themselves and the student. The procedure of fitting the harness must be accomplished on the ground, where adjustments in proper harness fit can comfortably be made, thoroughly checked and verified, before boarding the aircraft.

Each and every current Strong Tandem Instructor should review the Dual Hawk Tandem Service Manual (DHT) Rev. L, Appendix M, to re-familiarize themselves with instructions for fitting the Student Harness PN 240075-4 to the student. These instructions are attached to this Bulletin. (Listed in section 1.6.1.3 pg 8)

It is also important for Drop Zone management to establish guidelines of any physical or mental limitations for evaluating potential tandem students to as certain that they are capable of being able to provide a safe and comfortable tandem parachute jump within these parameters.





## APPENDIX D: Service Bulletin #28

### PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN #28

October 2, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Vigil II Automatic Activation Device, manufactured by Advanced Aerospace Designs, testing and approval for use in the Dual Hawk Tandem System. (Reference: SE Service Bulletin 22 & explanation)

**STATUS:** Limited approval of use in Dual Hawk Tandem System of Vigil II Units manufactured after 10/2007.

**IDENTIFICATION:** Vigil II Unit: S/N5051/74 (#9649). Date of Manufacture: 10/2007.  
Cutters, Type 3: 9582600-74 11-07-4 L421, 9582006-17 11-07-4 L421, 9582006-47 11-07-4 M147.

**BACKGROUND:** Strong Enterprises was asked to provide approval for the Vigil II AAD for use in the Dual Hawk Tandem System. It has always been Strong Enterprises' policy to test products and components in a real environment before approving any item for general tandem use with the Dual Hawk Tandem System.

In 2007 and 2008 Strong Enterprises completed four drop-sessions with the Vigil II in which approximately eight drops were performed. Each drop was performed with the Vigil II on Tandem mode.

**NOTE: Tandem mode is required for all tandem jumps.**

The last session, April 15 thru 17, 2008 involved three drops:

- #1. No drogue, 500 lbs (226 Kg), altitude 7,246 Ft. (2258 m) AGL. Speed 163 mph (262 Km/hr). Reserve activation achieved.
- #2. No drogue, 500 lbs (226 Kg), altitude 7,246 Ft. (2258 m) AGL, Speed 147 mph (236.5 Km/hr), altitude 7,246 Ft. (2258 m). Reserve activation achieved.
- #3. No drogue, 500 lbs (226 Kg), altitude 3,000 Ft. (914 m) AGL. Speed 91 mph (146.5 Km/hr). Reserve activation achieved.

**SERVICE BULLETIN:** This service bulletin authorizes use of the Vigil II DoM 10/2007 or later and Dual Cutters DoM 11/2007 or later, when installed in accordance with the Dual Hawk Tandem Manual installation guidelines, P/N510045, Rev. H, 05/08, Sec. 5.1 and Vigil II Instruction Manual. **As previously noted, the Vigil II AAD is only approved for the Dual Hawk Tandem System when used in Tandem Mode.**

**APPROVAL DATE:** September 5, 2008

**LIMITATION:** As with any add-on component, Strong Enterprises assumes no liability nor makes any guarantees that the equipment will function as intended if installed correctly.

**AUTHORITY:** Strong Enterprises, 11236 Satellite Blvd. Orlando, FL 32837.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Manufacturer, FAA, USPA, Foreign Parachute Organizations, all Dual Hawk owners on record, Parachutist, Skydiving Magazine, [www.strongparachutes.com](http://www.strongparachutes.com).



# APPENDIX E: Service Bulletin #29

## PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN #29

October 2, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Argus Automatic Activation Device (AAD), testing and approval for use in the Dual Hawk Tandem System. (Reference: SE Service Bulletin 22 & explanation)

**STATUS:** Limited approval of use in Dual Hawk Tandem System of Argus AAD Units manufactured after 05/2007.

**IDENTIFICATION:** Argus AAD Unit: FW-01, DoM: 05/2007.

2-Pin Cutters: 092666-119A/06 DoM 04/2006. 092773 373A/07 DoM 01/2007. 092773 024A/07 DoM 01/2007.

**BACKGROUND:** Strong Enterprises was asked to provide approval for the Argus AAD for use in the Dual Hawk Tandem System. It has always been Strong Enterprises' policy to test products and components in real environments before approving any item for general tandem use with the Dual Hawk Tandem System.

In 2007 and 2008 Strong Enterprises completed four drop-sessions with the Argus AAD in which approximately eight drops were performed. Each drop was performed with the Argus on Tandem mode.

**NOTE: Tandem mode is required for all tandem jumps.**

The last session, April 15 thru 17, 2008 involved three drops:

- #1. No drogue, 500lbs (226Kg), altitude 7,246 Ft. (2258m) AGL. Max speed 194mph (312Km/hr). Reserve activation achieved, canopy open by 1750 Ft (533.4m).
- #2. With drogue, 500lbs (226Kg), altitude 7,246Ft. (2258m) AGL, Max speed 147mph (236.5Km/hr). Reserve activation achieved, canopy open by 1750Ft (533.4m).
- #3. With drogue, 500lbs (226Kg), altitude 3,000Ft. (914m) AGL. Max speed 105mph (169Km/hr). Reserve activation achieved, canopy open by 1900Ft (579m).

**SERVICE BULLETIN:** This service bulletin authorizes use of the Argus AAD DoM 05/2007 or later and Dual Cutters DoM 01/2007 or later, when installed in accordance with the Dual Hawk Tandem Manual installation guidelines, P/N510045, Rev. H, 05/08, Sec. 5.1 and Argus User's Guide. **As previously noted, the Argus AAD is only approved for the Dual Hawk Tandem System when used in Tandem Mode.**

**APPROVAL DATE:** September 5, 2008

**LIMITATION:** As with any add-on component, Strong Enterprises assumes no liability for faulty installation or misuse of the equipment nor makes any guarantees that the equipment will function as intended, even if installed correctly.

**AUTHORITY:** Strong Enterprises, 11236 Satellite Blvd. Orlando, FL 32837.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Manufacturer, FAA, USPA, Foreign Parachute Organizations, Dual Hawk owners on record, Parachutist, Skydiving Magazine, [www.strongparachutes.com](http://www.strongparachutes.com).

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# APPENDIX F: Service Bulletin #31

## PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN #31

March 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Argus AAD, manufactured by Aviacom SA/NV use in the Dual Hawk Tandem System.

STATUS: Mandatory. Strong Enterprises withdraws approval (SB #29) for Argus AAD use in Dual Hawk Tandem, under Service Bulletin #22, dated February 20, 1997. See: FAA Part 65.129(e).

IDENTIFICATION: Dual Hawk Tandem System P/N 103000 through 103005.

We do not approve the Argus AAD's to be used in any of Strong Enterprises solo skydiving systems.

BACKGROUND: At least four documented instances of ARGUS AAD units have been recorded where the units have fired and the cutter failed to fully cut the reserve closing loop. These instances have been worldwide and documented with photographs of partially cut reserve loops. This failure mode subjects users to an extreme hazard and possibly death by not being able to activate the reserve parachute at all.

FAA, Part 65.129 (e) states, "No certificated parachute rigger may pack, maintain, or alter a parachute in any manner that deviates from the procedures approved by the administrator or the manufacturer of the parachute."

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 29, 2011.

### AUTHORITY:

Ted Strong, President  
Strong Enterprises  
11236 Satellite Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32837 US

### DISTRIBUTION:

Manufacturer, FAA, USPA, PIA Tech Comm. and Rigging Comm., Foreign Parachute Organizations, all Dual Hawk Tandem Examiners and Instructors, Dual Hawk Tandem owners on record, Parachutist, [www.strongparachutes.com](http://www.strongparachutes.com)





## **APPENDIX G: – FAA FAR 65.129**

### **§ 65.129 Performance Standards.**

No certificated parachute rigger may—

- (a) Pack, maintain, or alter any parachute unless he is rated for that type;
- (b) Pack a parachute that is not safe for emergency use;
- (c) Pack a parachute that has not been thoroughly dried and aired;
- (d) Alter a parachute in a manner that is not specifically authorized by the Administrator or the manufacturer;
- (e) Pack, maintain, or alter a parachute in any manner that deviates from procedures approved by the Administrator or the manufacturer of the parachute; or
- (f) Exercise the privileges of his certificate and type rating unless he understands the current manufacturer's instructions for the operation involved and has—
  - (1) Performed duties under his certificate for at least 90 days within the preceding 12 months; or
  - (2) Shown the Administrator that he is able to perform those duties.





## **APPENDIX H: – FAA FAR 65.131**

### **§ 65.131 Records.**

(a) Each certificated parachute rigger shall keep a record of the packing, maintenance, and alteration of parachutes performed or supervised by him. He shall keep in that record, with respect to each parachute worked on, a statement of—

- (1) Its type and make;
- (2) Its serial number;
- (3) The name and address of its owner;
- (4) The kind and extent of the work performed;
- (5) The date when and place where the work was performed; and
- (6) The results of any drop tests made with it.

(b) Each person who makes a record under paragraph (a) of this section shall keep it for at least 2 years after the date it is made.

(c) Each certificated parachute rigger who packs a parachute shall write, on the parachute packing record attached to the parachute, the date and place of the packing and a notation of any defects he finds on inspection. He shall sign that record with his name and the number of his certificate.





## **APPENDIX I: – FAA FAR 105.45**

### **§ 105.45 Use of Tandem Parachute Systems.**

(a) No person may conduct a parachute operation using a tandem parachute system, and no pilot in command of an aircraft may allow any person to conduct a parachute operation from that aircraft using a tandem parachute system, unless—

(1) One of the parachutists using the tandem parachute system is the parachutist in command, and meets the following requirements:

- (i) Has a minimum of 3 years of experience in parachuting, and must provide documentation that the parachutist—
- (ii) Has completed a minimum of 500 freefall parachute jumps using a ram-air parachute, and
- (iii) Holds a master parachute license issued by an organization recognized by the FAA, and
- (iv) Has successfully completed a tandem instructor course given by the manufacturer of the tandem parachute system used in the parachute operation or a course acceptable to the Administrator.
- (v) Has been certified by the appropriate parachute manufacturer or tandem course provider as being properly trained on the use of the specific tandem parachute system to be used.

(2) The person acting as parachutist in command:

- (i) Has briefed the passenger parachutist before boarding the aircraft. The briefing must include the procedures to be used in case of an emergency with the aircraft or after exiting the aircraft, while preparing to exit and exiting the aircraft, freefall, operating the parachute after freefall, landing approach, and landing.
- (ii) Uses the harness position prescribed by the manufacturer of the tandem parachute equipment.

(b) No person may make a parachute jump with a tandem parachute system unless:

- (1) The main parachute has been packed by a certificated parachute rigger, the parachutist in command making the next jump with that parachute, or a person under the direct supervision of a certificated parachute rigger.
- (2) The reserve parachute has been packed by a certificated parachute rigger in accordance with §105.43(b) of this part.
- (3) The tandem parachute system contains an operational automatic activation device for the reserve parachute, approved by the manufacturer of that tandem parachute system. The device must—
  - (i) Have been maintained in accordance with manufacturer instructions, and
  - (ii) Be armed during each tandem parachute operation.
- (4) The passenger parachutist is provided with a manual main parachute activation device and instructed on the use of that device, if required by the owner/operator.
- (5) The main parachute is equipped with a single-point release system.
- (6) The reserve parachute meets Technical Standard Order C23 specifications.



# APPENDIX J: TSO Letter for Dual Hawk Tandem System



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
Federal Aviation  
Administration

Central Region  
Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office  
1075 Inner Loop Road  
College Park, Georgia 30337

FEB 27 1985

Mr. Edward Strong  
President  
Strong Enterprises  
11236 Satellite Blvd.  
Orlando, Florida 32809

Dear Mr. Strong:

This is in response to your July 31, 1984, request for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization to identify the Strong Enterprises' Dual Hawk Tandem System, Part Number 1165-4, in accordance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 21, Subpart O, Technical Standard Order (TSO) C23b.

We find your Statement of Conformance, dated July 31, 1984, and your Quality Control Manual, dated July 1981, acceptable.

The following data, submitted with your July 31, 1984, letter will be retained on file for this authorization:

1. Statement of Conformance, dated July 31, 1984.
2. System Drawing for Hawk Tandem System, dated July 31, 1984.
3. Drop Test Summary Sheet, dated July 31, 1984.

Effective this date, you are authorized to identify the Strong Enterprises' Dual Hawk Tandem System, Part Number 1165-4, with the applicable TSO markings required by FAR 21.607(d).

This authorization is not transferable to another person or location and is effective until surrendered, withdrawn, or otherwise terminated by the Administrator.

Your responsibilities as a holder of a TSO authorization are outlined in FAR 21, Subpart O and FAR 21.3.

The TSO Specialist for your program is Jerry Boutwell, telephone (404) 763-7407.

Sincerely,

John R. James  
Manager, Atlanta  
Aircraft Certification Office



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# APPENDIX K: DHT 25-Jump Inspection Check List

Use this check-list to ensure all steps of the 25-Jump Maintenance Check are completed.

Harness/Container SN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_ In Service Date \_\_\_\_\_

				<i>Date of Inspection (Month/Year)</i>	<b>Refer to Maintenance Inspection:</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Harnesses (Instructor and Student)</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				No rust on hardware	53	8.1.1
				Proper hardware installed.	53	8.1.1
				Springs on snaps still functional.	53	8.1.1
				4-point stitching on instructor side O-Ring attachments secure with no broken stitches.	52 53	8.1.1
				Hardware functional and tacked (leg strap Quick Ejectors).	53	8.1.1
				No cuts on webbing.	53	8.1.2
				Stitching is not unraveling on webbing.	53	8.1.2
				No excessive fading of webbing.	53	8.1.2

<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Container</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				No rough edges, dents, or bends in grommets.	53	8.2.1
				Grommets secure and in place.	53	8.2.1
				Grommet fingernail test complete.	53	8.2.1
				Drogue riser "L" link screws tight.	53	8.2.2
				Closing pin housing on drogue riser securely tacked.	53	8.2.2
				No cuts or frays in drogue riser webbing.	53	8.2.2
				Closing flap and tuck tab stiffeners in good condition.	53	8.2.3
				No holes or tears in Cordura or binding.	53	8.2.3
				No broken stitches in Cordura or binding.	53	8.2.3
				Drogue pouch secure.	53	8.2.3
				No holes in drogue pouch.	53	8.2.3
				Opening securely holds Drogue.	53	8.2.3
				All Velcro© locations are clean.	54	8.2.4
				Velcro© is secure and in place.	54	8.2.4

<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Ripcords, Drogue Release Cables and Housings</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				No excessive wear of ripcord hardware.	54	8.3.1
				No kinks, frays, or broken strands in ripcord cables.	54	8.3.1
				Cable tip is not exposed.	54	8.3.1
				Reserve Pin straight.	54	8.3.1
				Swedge's are secure and approved parts.	54	8.3.1
				Red H.G. line on 3-ring release not frayed or cut.	54	8.3.2
				Rings on 3-ring release secure.	54	8.3.2
				No dents, cracks, or rough edges on rings.	54	8.3.2
				No prominent curves in 3-ring release cable.	54	8.3.3
				Housings complete, no broken or missing housing caps.	54	8.3.3
				Cable housings free of all dirt, gravel, sand, debris and are lubricated.	54	8.3.3



Main Canopy SN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_ In Service Date \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Main Canopy</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				Like line group deviation within 1-inch.	55	8.4.1
				No excessive wear in lines.	55	8.4.1
				No loose stitching at link, cascade, and canopy attachment bartacks.	55	8.4.1
				Rear riser cable housings secure.	55	8.4.2
				Rear riser cable housing clean and free of debris.	55	8.4.2
				No webbing wear at 3-ring attachment point.	55	8.4.2
				Stitching on riser webbing unbroken.	55	8.4.2
				Swedish link functional.	55	8.4.2
				No cracks in Rapide Links.	55	8.4.2
				No holes in slider, stitching good.	55	8.4.3
				No burrs on slider grommets.	55	8.4.3
				Slider grommets secure.	55	8.4.3
				Grommets on slider do not spin.	55	8.4.3
				Fingernail test on slider grommets complete.	55	8.4.3
				Seam and line attachment stitch intact.	55	8.4.4
				All panels free of damage.	55	8.4.4
				No holes, tears, or burns in the fabric.	55	8.4.4
				No excessive wear at bridle attachment point.	55	8.4.4

<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Drogue and Deployment Bag</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
				No holes or tears in fabric.	55	8.5.1
				Reinforcing tape on drogue body undamaged.	55	8.5.1
				Stitching and zigzag at base of drogue canopy complete.	55	8.5.1
				Drogue mesh free of holes and tears.	55	8.5.1
				No loose or broken stitching in bridle.	55	8.5.2
				No holes or excessive wear in the bridle.	55	8.5.2
				Bridle attachment point not worn or frayed.	55	8.5.2
				Bumper and Rapide Link not damaged and in correct place.	55	8.5.2
				3-ring attachment complete and not bent or damaged.	55	8.5.2
				Y-deflation line bartack not loose or fraying.	56	8.5.3
				No excessive wear and no twists in the Y-deflation line.	56	8.5.3
				Drogue flex pin smooth, no nicks in coating, no broken strands in cable.	56	8.5.3
				Shock cord loops not broken or frayed, and not stretched out longer than 3 inches.	56	8.5.4
				Rubber bands in place and in good condition.	56	8.5.4
				Deployment bag grommets secure.	56	8.5.4
				Velcro secure and in good condition.	56	8.5.4



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