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SUBJECT: PA EMERGENCY & RESERVE PARACHUTE RIPCORD RECALL

STATUS: MANDATORY

IDENTIFICATION: Slimpack / Thinback Ripcord P/No. H006.
Pigmee Reserve Ripcord P/No. H103
S18/Two Up Reserve Ripcord P/No. H112.

BACKGROUND: The Parachute Industry Association Technical Bulletin TB-200 (formerly published as TB-100) recommends that the following materials NOT be used in ripcord components* to be installed on reserve, auxiliary or emergency parachute assemblies:

1. "Plastic" - To include ALL types of thermoplastic, thermosetting and filled varieties regardless of manufacturing methods.
2. Any other material likely to exhibit a catastrophic failure mode with no indication of impending failure.

(* handles, cables, pins, termination balls and/or equivalent components.)

MANUFACTURER ADVISORY: Remove from service all reserve, auxiliary or emergency ripcords with a PLASTIC handle and install the equivalent ripcord with a METAL HANDLE.

PA will exchanged a METAL HANDLE reserve, auxiliary or emergency ripcord, if originally supplied with one of its products, for a PLASTIC HANDLE ripcord for a change over price of A\$25.00 which includes return postage within Australia. (An additional \$10 charge applies for overseas shipping.)

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