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SUBJECT: HOBBIT LOWER STEERING LINES

STATUS: ADVISORY

IDENTIFICATION: Hobbit reserve canopy Part No. P010 supplied on two MS22002 L-bar connector links.

BACKGROUND: The Hobbit for a two riser system was supplied on MS 22002 connector links and employed a tab with grommet to set the brakes at the links as illustrated in Fig 1.

The Hobbit on four (4) Rapide links was supplied with lower steering lines 100mm longer because the brake setting ring is, by convention, always placed 100mm below the link. Illustrated in Fig.2.

MANUFACTURER ADVISORY: When changing a Hobbit reserve from a two-riser installation as illustrated in Fig. 1 to a four-riser installation as illustrated in Fig. 2 then longer lower steering lines must be installed. With 4 risers the lower steering lines must have a length of 1650mm between the upper/lower steering line junction and the brake lock loop. When converting to four risers then four No.6 Rapide links must be substituted for the two L-Bar connector links.

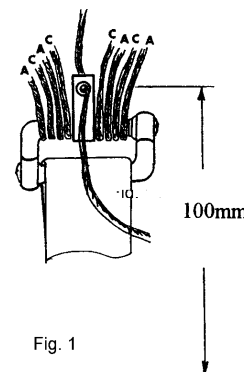


Fig. 1

Packers and Riggers servicing Hobbit reserves are advised to check the lower steering line length against the manufacturers specification in case the link change has been made at sometime without also installing longer lower steering lines.

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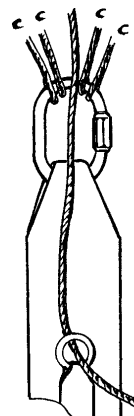


Fig. 2

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