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Affected equipments: Metal Cutaway Handles for Tandem / MMS Ref: P2010167600 & P1010167600

Products that may be affected: - ATOM tandem Harness-Container(P/N : 740-1)

- MMS Harness-Container (P/N : 740-2)

Observations:

A user reported the breaking of one of the coated cables of a MMS metal cutaway handle for main canopy (ref P1010167600). The breaking occurred at the contact point between the coated cable and the upper drilling of the metal handle. The affected handle is 11 years old, this model has been discontinued since 1998.



Analysis:

The repetitive bendings of the metal part of the cables, at their contact point with the metal handle, have caused the ageing and the weakening of the cable resistance. The metal cutaway handles for Atom Tandem (ref P201016700), which are identical to the MMS metal cutaway handles, are bound to be affected.

The described ageing does not affect textile handles (Tandem, MMS or others).

Recommendations for use:

Control each equipment that may potentially be affected before using it again.

Action:

THE METAL CUTAWAY HANDLES FOR ATOM TANDEM & MMS REF P2010167600 & P1010167600

- 1. <u>To be done RIGHT NOW</u>: Inspect the cables at their contact point with the handle. Replace any handle the cables of which would show signs of breaking.
- 2. <u>To be done AS SOON AS POSSIBLE</u>: Replace all the handles even though the cables do not show any signs of breaking.

Comments: As the metal handle that are affected have been discontinued, they can be replaced by the following handles:

- Designation : Tandem release handle "grip"
- Référence : 2010167200
- Contact: +33 (0)1 34 32 77 77