

Item #1 Astra Upgrades from FXC

ASTRA Optional Improvements to 04 September 1996:

For the owners of ASTRA EXPERT serial numbers 0101 through 1192, FXC is offering a free software and sensitivity upgrade. The software upgrade increases the rate of descent parameter that is used to cause an "activate" condition in the Astra Expert. The sensitivity upgrade will increase the accuracy of the sensors at very high rates of descent. The upgrades are not required for units with serial numbers greater than 1192, which automatically have the upgrades as standard.

Owners may decide not to take advantage of this free upgrade because they either will switch the unit "off" immediately after canopy deployment or because they are always conservative in their canopy control. However, FXC recommends that all Astra owners take advantage of the offer as, at some future time, the system may be sold or loaned to someone who is less careful with their canopy control.

To take advantage of this offer, check the serial number of the Astra. If the serial number is between 0101 and 1192, package the unit and send by traceable methods (courier, registered mail, etc), including a note requesting the free upgrade and listing your return address. The unit will be returned 7 working days after receipt.

If you send a unit in for upgrade prior to January 1, 1997, the Astra battery pack will automatically be replaced with a free brand new battery, at no charge. The upgrade will still be available after January 1, 1997.

If you have any questions about the Astra, contact FXC Corporation, 3410 South Susan ST., Santa Ana, CA 92704. Phone (714) 556-7400 Fax (714) 641-5093 Email fxc@pia.com

Item #2 Storage of Parachutes

Around this time of year many skydivers are putting their equipment away for the winter season. Riggers should be aware of the correct methods for care and storage of parachutes. If unsure, refer to Poynter Vol 1 or 2, Section 7.98 for information.