Item #1 Altico Bulletin

Altico, makers of the Dolphin harness/container system, has issued a mandatory inspection notice for all of their units manufactured prior to February 2000.

On the underside of the top main container flap, the corners of an unreinforced stiffener may wear through the fabric covering. Although this condition may easily escape notice during normal repacking, the exposed corner can catch a suspension line, producing a horseshoe malfunction.

In January 2000, Altico changed the design of the top flap, adding a reinforcing tape to the underside of the man top flap which greatly reduces the possibility of stiffener "wear through".

Before the next jump all Dolphin containers should be inspected to determine if the reinforcing tape is present, and if not present, determine if the stiffener has worn through. If a corner of the stiffener is exposed, it is MANDATORY that this condition be corrected before further jumps are considered on affected equipment.

Altico Bulletin #ASB 060700 can be viewed at: www.altico.com

Item #2 PIA Links

A link through the CSPA website www.csp.ca connecting to the Parachute Industry Association (PIA) website, www.pia.com, offers links to most of the parachuting manufacturers around the world. Riggers should make periodic checks of these websites to determine if there have been bulletins issued which may affect their day-to-day rigging activities. Copies of these bulletins should be kept on file along with CSPA Technical bulletins and any other pertinent instructions and specifications.

Rating Information

With the introduction of the new CSPA database comes the possibility that your Rigger Rating information may not be included on your new membership card. If you do not have a "continuous' rating it is possible there will be no data regarding your rating printed on the card. This should not present a problem as all CSPA riggers have a Rigger's Certificate to attest to their holding a valid rating - as long as they maintain current CSPA membership.