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## <u>Item #1 – Mandatory Grounding</u>

Sun Path Products Inc. have issued Service Bulletin SP03 (<a href="www.sunpath.com">www.sunpath.com</a>) which mandates immediate grounding of all Javelin Student and Student Odyssey rigs with adjustable main lift web.

A recent incident involving a hard opening of the main canopy resulted in the left side of a Javelin Student main lift web separating. Effective immediately all Javelin Student and Student Odysseys must be grounded and subjected to a thorough and intensive inspection of the harness system. This inspection must be performed by an FAA Master Rigger, a CSPA Rigger "B" or by Sun Path Products, Inc.

Correct inspection procedures can be obtained from the Sun Path website.

## <u>Item #2 – Icon Upgrade</u>

Aerodyne, makers of the Icon harness/container system, has issued Service Bulletin SB 071204 in which they give details on a method to reduce webbing slippage on stainless steel leg strap adapters. This bulletin overrides a bulletin (TB 002) issued in January of 2004 in which a piece of T12 webbing was added to the T7 webbing. This buffer is to be removed when upgrading to SB 07 1204.

Details of the upgrade are available from Aerodyne at <www.aerodyne-int.com>

## <u>Item #3 – Packing Instructions</u>

If riggers are having a hard time finding packing instructions for some of the older (obsolete) equipment out there, there is a website that may help.

http://www.parachuteriggers.com/packing%20instructions.htm

Keep in mind that some manufacturers have a mandated life-span on their equipment.

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