

SAFETY NOTICE:- RESERVE DEPLOYMENT ISSUE ON SUP'AIR ALTIX AND EVO XC HARNESSES

It has come to our attention that a small number of pilots have experienced difficulty in deploying their reserve parachutes during test deployments using Sup'Air AltiX and Evo XC harnesses (later designs). The white nylon braided cord attached to the deployment pins has become entangled between the velcro flaps over time making the force required to release the pins excessive. We recommend all owners of these harnesses to check their system and ensure that this cord does not run between the velcro flaps as shown in the attached picture. Alternative solutions of masking the male velcro side or sleeving the cord have also been used effectively.

We advise all pilots to check their pins and ensure that the braided cord is not trapped by the velcro at least 2 or 3 times per season.

NOTE

If you have one of these systems and are unsure about checking it or want a second opinion please seek further advice. I would be happy to help and am sure Nick and Kirsten at Aerofix would also be. Reserves do work; I know!!

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