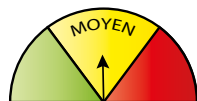




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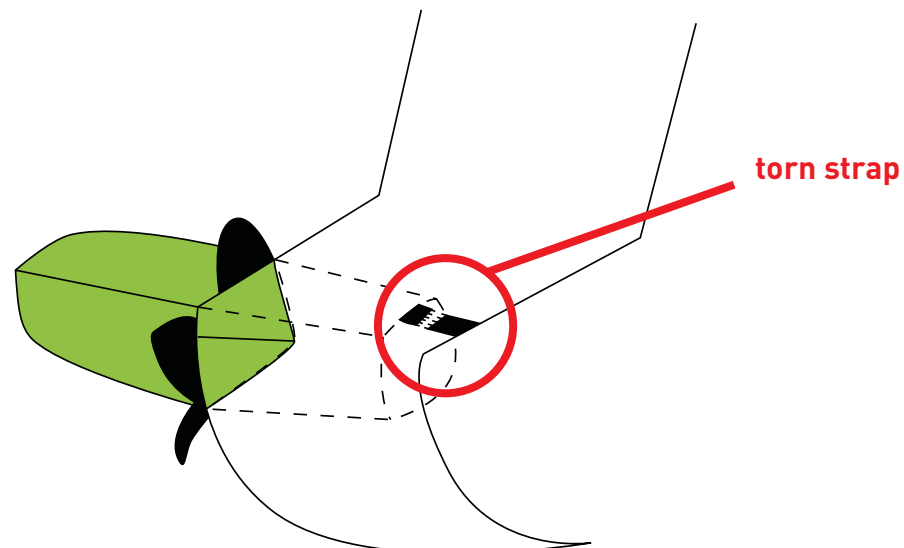
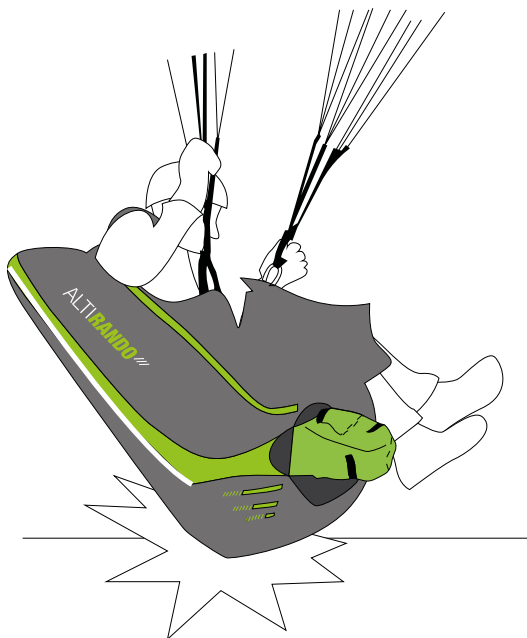
**SUBJECT: reserve parachute pocket could separate itself
from the airbag base**

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PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

During a crash test, we noticed that the reserve parachute pocket could separate itself from the airbag base. When the pocket's holding strap is torn off or the stitching damaged, the pocket is no longer securely held inside the airbag, and a reserve parachute extraction can become difficult if not impossible.



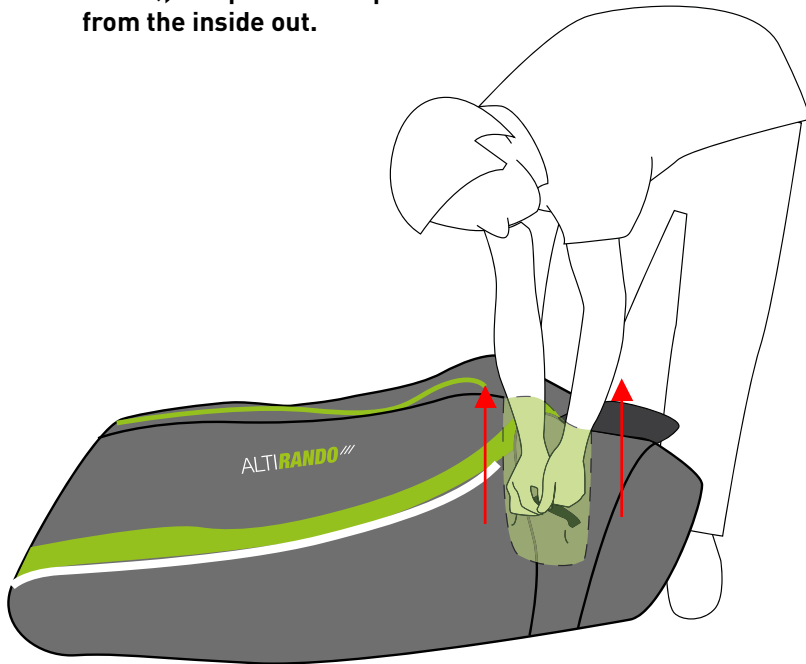
Our various tests show that the pocket damage does not take place when the reserve parachute is inside the rescue pocket (closed). The pocket could be damaged upon impact when used without housing the reserve parachute or when the emergency parachute is deployed.



INSPECTION

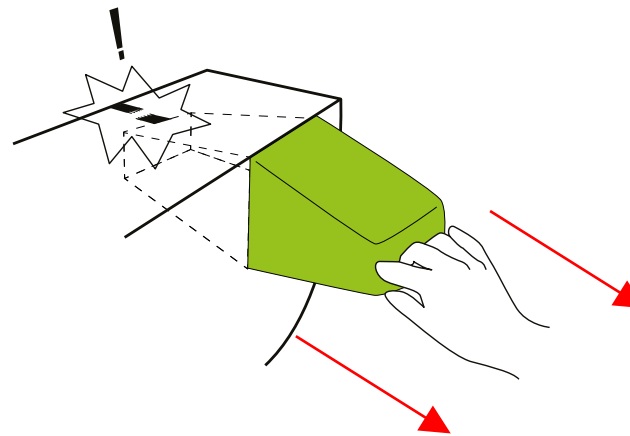
To prevent any issue, we recommend to the pilots who flew without a reserve parachute, or impacted the ground during a reserve parachute deployment, to check their harness as follows:

Open the pocket, take the parachute out (if there is one inside), and pull the the pocket from the inside out.



1st possibility

If the pocket fully unfolds toward the outside (similar to a pulled sock): You need send us the harness back for repair.



2nd possibility

If the harness stays connected by the bottom of the airbag: no problem, install you reserve parachute, do a hang-test (as done after each reinstallation), and close it following the normal procedure. Take care of your gear and Happy Flights!

