

Eisenberg, February 26th 2018

Safety note concerning: Deployment bags for reserve parachutes

Status: OBLIGATORY

Reason:

At the seam-line of the isolated upper loop, which is used to attach the deployment handle, a perforation could possibly cause a material weakening of factory delivered deployment bags. This seam-line, if properly processed, has to be able to bear a load of 70 daN. Yet it was proven that a lower strength of this component can occur.

Please check immediately whether your deployment bag is part of the concerned production lot. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

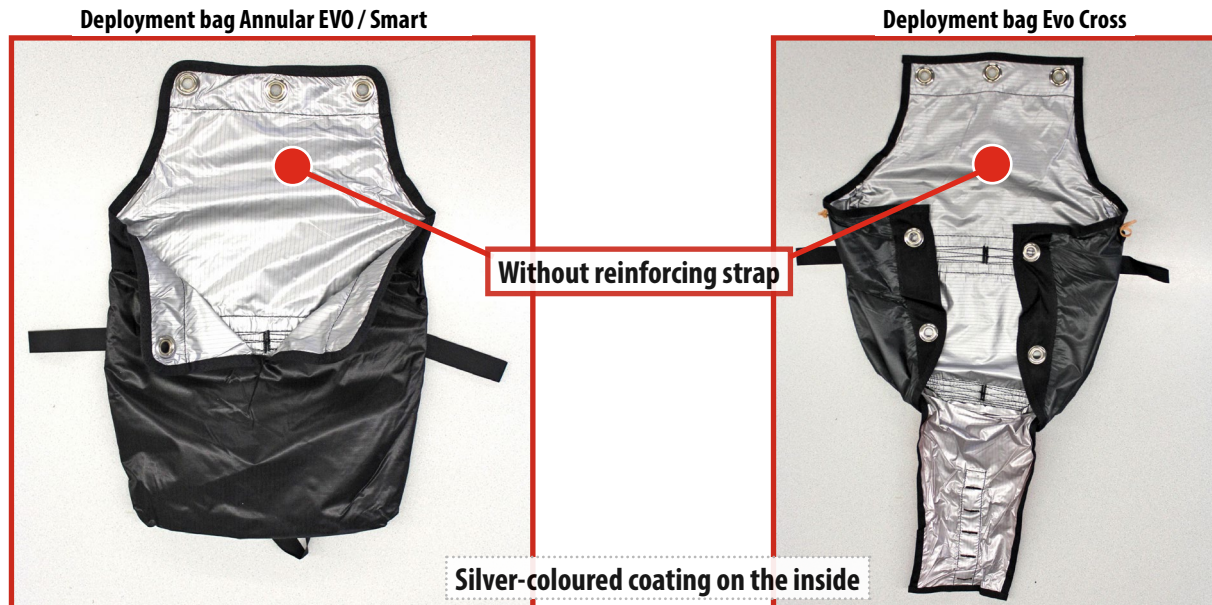
Affected items:

<i>Deployment bag for:</i>	<i>Certification number</i>	<i>Manufactured as of</i>	<i>Starting at serial number</i>
Smart Large	EAPR-RG-7584/12	04/2017	58292
Evo Cross 100	EAPR-RG-7441/12	01/2017	55438
Evo Cross 120	EAPR-RG-7443/12	02/2017	55888
Evo Cross 160	EAPR-RG-7442/12	08/2016	55988
Evo Cross 235	EAPR-RG-0466/16	06/2016	54623
Annular Evo 20	EAPR-RG-7052/08	01/2017	57008
Annular Evo 22	EAPR-RG-7053/08	06/2017	57058
Annular Evo 24	EAPR-RG-7057/08	01/2017	57108
Annular Evo 22 HG	EAPR-RG-7054/08	02/2017	56038
Annular Evo 24 HG	EAPR-RG-7062/08	01/2017	56058
Annular Evo 30	EAPR-RG-7056/08	11/2016	55373
Annular Evo 30 HG	EAPR-RG-7055/08	11/2016	55373
Annular Classic 36	EAPR-RG-7129/08	09/2016	56098
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Identification:

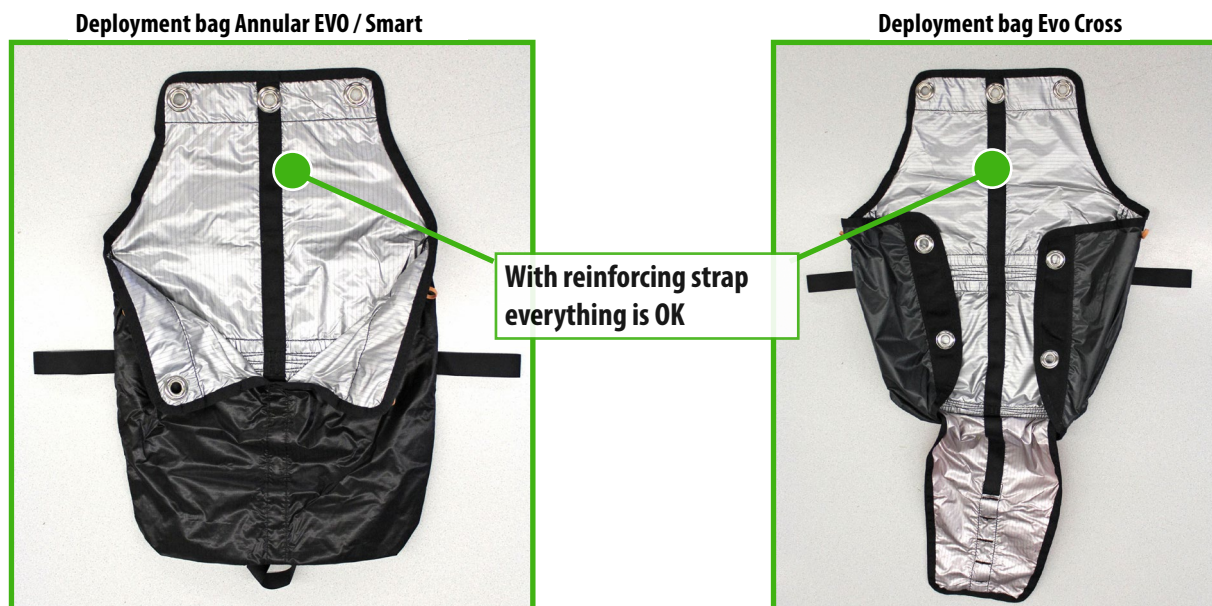
CONCERNED DEPLOYMENT BAGS

The affected deployment bags can be distinguished either by the year of manufacture or their serial number. The best visible indication which distinguishes concerned bags, is their silver-coloured coating on the inside of the deployment bag, if it does not have a reinforcing strap (as can be seen below).



DEPLOYMENT BAGS NOT CONCERNED

Not concerned are earlier items which can clearly be recognised by the missing silver-coloured coating on the inside. Not concerned are all items which have been delivered as of February 2018. These new deployment bags are clearly marked with a check mark (OK) and can be recognised by the additional reinforcing strap on the inside. Furthermore deployments bags which have been delivered as component of a harness are not concerned.



Procedure:

The owners of affected deployment bags are obliged to check before flight, whether the **isolated upper loop** of the deployment bag is in use. If it is in use, the deployment bag needs to be replaced immediately!



If one of the **three loops in a row**, which are placed between the labellings, is in use, the deployment bag does not necessarily need to be replaced. **These three loops don't show any faults and are not concerned by this safety note** (see image on the left).

Of course we do replace all concerned deployment bags by reinforced items, even if the affected loop is not in use!

This free of charge replacement is carried out by us or by one of our distributors and paragliding schools. In order to be able to carry out the replacement correctly, the model as well as the serial number need to be quoted.

Time limit for procedure:

Check before flight (see *'Identification'*, page 2)

If concerned:

If the isolated upper loop is in use, **immediate replacement** is obligatory!

If one of the lower 3 loops placed in a row is in use: Replacement should take place latest during the next re-pack of the reserve.

Stefan Kurrle
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