



URGENT SAFETY NOTICE

Issued by Angus Pinkerton - Chairman of the Flying & Safety Committee - 12 August 1993

All Instructors, Trainee Instructors and Pilots must READ, DIGEST and TAKE ACTION where appropriate on the contents of this Safety Notice. The Notice must be inserted into your personal copy of the Operations Manual, if you have one, and retained until superseded or withdrawn by the Chairman FSC.

Airwave Voodoo Gliders (except Voodoo 2 model)

Following a recent incident where an Airwave Voodoo remained in deep stall on recovery from a 'B' line manoeuvre, the Airworthiness Panel of the Flying and Safety Committee issues these strong recommendations:

1. All Airwave Voodoo gliders must be subjected to an air permeability test as soon as possible. These gliders should not be flown until they have been tested.
2. Any Voodoo that records a lower reading than:
 - a) 5 seconds on the JDC porosity meter, or
 - b) 20 seconds on the Hoppe and Schneider meterare to be considered grounded and **MUST NOT BE FLOWN**.
3. Airwave Voodoos that record greater values than those stated above may be flown, but should be re-tested every 3 months (maximum) or ten hours flying (maximum), whichever is the shorter.

NOTE : This Safety Notice does NOT apply to the Airwave Voodoo 2 model.

ALL pilots are reminded that the air permeability of paraglider material is critical to the flying characteristic of their wing and should be checked regularly. Any paraglider with values close to those shown above should be flown only with extra care.