

Prüferverband

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Betreff: RE: Question

To whom it may concern;

The policy of Parachute Labs. Inc. dba Jump Shack regarding the life of parachute equipment is the same as the policy of the United States Government, Federal Aviation Administration.

This policy is that the equipment must be inspected every 120 days and certified as airworthy for the next 120 days. If it fails this inspection it must be repaired or removed from service.

Note: It is the job of the Parachute rigger to determine the serviceability of the equipment before certifying it for the next cycle. The cycle is an inspection cycle not a "repack" cycle.

Parachute equipment has no limit on its potential life. The care and maintenance of the equipment determines how long it will last. This company has been manufacturing certified equipment since 1973. We have received many pieces back for service which were over 25 years old, most were recertified for continuing use. On the other hand we have received equipment which was less than 10 years old which had to be scrapped.

Comment: As a certificated parachute equipment manufacturer we feel that to allow a piece of certified parachute equipment to go more than 120 days without inspection and recertification is negligent. The move to lengthen the cycle in the U.S. has failed and is opposed by most manufacturers. We oppose it based upon the experience of a phenomenon referred to as "acid mesh". We have seen canopies inspected and recertified in our facility return in 120 days and fail the subsequent inspection. If any change to the cycle is made it should be returned to the 90 day duration.

John Sherman, President

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Because we have a strange situation in Germany right now, our ministry of Airtraffic changed the rules about the repack cycle and lifetime of Parachute components.

They changed the repackcycle for reserve parachutes in Germany to 1 Year, at