



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject : Inspect and Repack cycle in Germany

As you may already know, our National Parachute Association in Germany installed a repack cycle of one year on all reserve canopies and harness / container systems.

However, the rules of the Federal Ministry of Transportation says, that we have to go by the manuals of the manufacturers.

But in many manuals, there is either nothing written down about the interval of repack cycles or it goes with the rules of 120 days, which is the rule of the USA / FAA and mostly not of the opinion of the manufacturer.

In one country we found different repack cycles on the same systems, because of different dates of manufacture.

What we need to know (as fast as possible), is YOUR "written statement" about YOUR harness and containers and / or canopies, concerning the inspect and repack cycle. We do NOT need the rules of the FAA!!

So far we have already the statements of all the German manufacturers, which is one year. We also know, that Performance Designs says, that a one year cycle is OK for their products and Airtec says, that their Loops are also good for one year.

In Germany it is very important, that the owners know the repack cycles of their system, because they are responsible by law that their rigs get the inspection and repack by the rules of the manufacturer. It is also an insurance issue.

So we hope now, to get your answer by the **30th September 2003** . If we do not here from you by than, we expect you to stick with a 120 days repack cycle.

After the dateline, we will inform all the Skydivers in Germany about their personal repack cycle, which we hope will not be to many different ones.

Like we mentioned above, the German manufacturers (paratec and Performance Variable - both with TSO C 23d) have the one year repack cycle already written down in their manuals. So now it is up to you to give us your opinion.

Thank you very much, and excuse us for making so much trouble about this thing, but it is **very important** for us.

Guido Reusch - Quality Manager

Please answer by FAX:

We (Company name) Thomas Sports Equipment / Limiter
 declare, that for our parachutes in Germany we have a inspect and repack cycle of:
~~120 days / 180 days~~ 12 months / _____ (different one).

Date 3/11/03

Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

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