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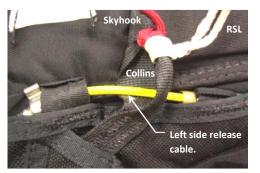
## SUN PATH PRODUCTS INC. PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

## January 9, 2014

For some time there have been many reports from around the world of AADs firing as a result of low main canopy deployments. If the jumper deploys their main canopy too close to the AAD's firing altitude, a dangerous two-out canopy situation may result. A MARD system, such as the Skyhook, can make this situation better, worse, or make no difference at all. Much depends upon the exact timing of the AAD activation and how this situation is handled by the jumper under canopy.

Sun Path Products Inc. licenses the Skyhook MARD System from United Parachute Technologies (UPT), please refer to **UPT Product Improvement Notice** - dated 20 January 2009 for more information on these scenarios.

An integral component to the Skyhook MARD System is the Collins Lanyard. Its sole purpose is to release the left main riser in the event the right main (*RSL side*) riser breaks, activating the reserve. Originally, all Skyhook-Equipped Javelin Odyssey Systems had an RSL lanyard that shared all three (3) functions (*RSL, Skyhook and Collins Lanyard*) all connecting from that same position. In 2009, UPT separated the Collins Lanyard function from this location attaching it at a lower position some distance away from the RSL and Skyhook lanyards.



We have evaluated the use of the "Split Collins Lanyard" and have concluded that this improvement will minimize the likelihood of an accidental left-side cutaway during certain malfunction scenarios. Therefore Sun Path Products has now issued this "*Product Improvement Notice*" in reference to the "Split Collins Lanyard," which is easily installed to the Javelin Odyssey's existing Skyhook RSL Lanyard.

All new Skyhook-equipped sport Javelin Odyssey Harness/Containers shipped after January 9, 2014 will now be equipped with a "Split Collins Lanyard" Reserve Static Line. The new Split Collins Lanyard will also be available to all owners of existing Skyhook-equipped Javelin Odyssey Systems (Sport and Military) <u>free of charge</u>. Please contact your dealer or Sun Path Products for more information. Please have your serial number and yoke size available when inquiring. <u>For your convenience we have set up an on line form for ordering</u>.

The addition of the new Split Collins Lanyard to existing Skyhook-equipped Javelin Odysseys in-the-field takes only a few minutes by a certified rigger and does not require the use of any special tools. Follow the *Field Installation Instructions*. **NOTE:** These new "Split Collins Lanyard Instructions" supersedes all previous Sun Path Products Inc. Skyhook/Collins Lanyard Instructions from the "Javelin Odyssey Owner's Manual Feb 2007."