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Technical Service Bulletin

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Subject : Reserve Ripcord Pin with **round swaging** of Single Reserve
Harness/Container System

Status : Mandatory

Identification :	Next Sport	RegNr. : 64.038.050 as stated on warning label
	Next Student	RegNr. : 64.038.051 as stated on warning label
	Next Tandem	RegNr. : 64.038.052 as stated on warning label

Background

During a routine control (straightening the cable after an RSL activation) came to attention, that the swaging of a reserve ripcord pin was insufficient, causing the ripcord cable to disconnect from the pin with very little force.

The same happened with 4 other ripcords (3x Next Student, 1x Next Tandem)

The ripcords concerned were manufactured in the period between 2000 and 2001 by Thomas Sports Equipment and sent as part assembly to Paratec where the pins were connected.

The Batch number is TSE 1 PTD 5141A, stamped in the handle, the pins can be identified by a visual inspection of the swaging, rounded on this batch instead of “crimped” like most other pins.

Action

To be carried out by a qualified parachute rigger only

- Identification of ripcord, installed or stored as spare part.
- In case of rounded swaging, re testing according to AS 8015 Rev.B, 4.3.1
- In case of failure, grounding of ripcord, contact manufacturer for replacement part
- In case of compliance, dot marking of pin with red waterproof marker and log in packing data card

Compliance : Before the next jump

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Note :



AFFECTED : Round swaged pin



NOT AFFECTED : Flat swaged or crimped pin.