

SAFETY INFORMATION

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NEXT / NEXT CENTURY TANDEM

Over the past few months there has been some concern amongst Riggers and Advanced Packers about the condition of some reserve closure loops at the six month repack/inspection for Next & Next Century Tandem systems. The condition of some closure loops has shown that there is considerable wear and damage to the loops and also on a number of occasions there has been damage to the grommets and AAD cutters.

A voluntary appeal dated 17th of June 2014 has recently been sent out to all Advanced Packers (T) asking for information about their Tandem re-packs and inspections in order for us collate and disseminate the information to try and pinpoint what the cause of the damage might be.

Since sending out this appeal there has been another incident where the closure loop snapped whilst the main canopy was being packed. Therefore we are advising Club's/Centres/ Tandem Instructors to have the condition of the reserve closure loops inspected on all Next and Next Century Tandem containers after a minimum of 50 descents or three months, whichever comes first. However you may wish to check this more often, in order to assess the condition of the closure loops, grommets and AAD cutters. It is also recommended that after inspection you should record the condition and length of the loop and replace it with a brand new one.

It is recommended that the first inspection is carried out at the earliest opportunity and until further notice. If any damage is found we ask that you report it via the Appeal Questionnaire. We will continue to try and get clarification from the manufacturers in order to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

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