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GSAC Publication	<i>No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive, unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.</i>			
Corresponding foreign Airworthiness Directive(s) : Not applicable		Airworthiness Directive(s) replaced : UF-2008-005, UF-2008-007		
Person in charge of airworthiness : ADVANCED AEROSPACE DESIGNS		Type(s) : VIGIL automatic activation device manufactured by AAD company		
Type certificate(s) No. None TCDS No. None				
ATA Chapter(s) : 25	Subject : Equipment/Furnishings - Reserve parachute - Harness containers - VIGIL Automatic Activation Device - Inspection/Replacement			

This AD has been the subject of an emergency diffusion on June 02, 2008. This AD supersedes AD UF-2008-005 which has been issued only on emergency diffusion on May 20, 2008.

This AD is approved by DGAC.



Le Directeur du Contrôle de la Sécurité

DECIDES

The issue of the following AD, to comply with article L.133-3 of the "Code de l'Aviation Civile" and with the Departement order on 06 april 1990 related to use of parachutes.

1. EFFECTIVITY:

All harness containers equipped with a VIGIL automatic activation device.

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2. REASONS:

Several cases of non opening or unpredictable opening of reserve containers on the ground have been reported. These events may lead to catastrophic results in case of an opening within the dispatching aircraft or during the parachute jump.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIMES:


The following measures are rendered mandatory before the next jump, from the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished:

- Check the VIGIL automatic activation device manufacture date mentioned on the identity card delivered by the manufacturer AAD.
- If this date is equal or before the first of August 2006, remove the VIGIL automatic activation device from the harness container. These triggers are grounded.
- If this date is after the first of August 2006, check the VIGIL automatic activation device cutter is made of stainless steel and the hole has got a vinyl sleeve. If not, replace the selector and the closing loop. This replacement has to be performed by qualified approved personal.
- Record these actions on the parachute logbook.

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS: Parachute Logbook.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon receipt from June the 2nd, 2008.

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6. **REMARK:**

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7. This AD supersedes DGAC AD F-2008-005.

Paris, May 30, 2008

On behalf of the «Directeur du contrôle de la sécurité»

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