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SUBJECT : ACRO BASE Harness Base parachute release system and BASE handle solidity checks

Problem description :

Incident while pulling the BASE parachute handle





Concerned products :

ACRO BASE Harness All ACRO BASE harnesses. Mandatory monthly maintenance Handles BS ind A1 et A2

Facts/Ascertainment:

A pilot could not pull the BASE parachute handle using one hand. Then, a two-hand pull tore the handle.ains.

The second parachute was released without any problem by the pilot and no incident occured.

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Soften the main bridle at the carabiner connections to the paraglider risers. Omitting that step, will lead to the stiffening of the release system's bridle and potentially prevent the glider from being jettisoned if needed.

The ACRO BASE handle cable must be cleaned with a clean dry cloth and lubricated with silicone, but NEVER with oil or any other greasy product. It would be detrimental to your safety and dangerous.

Check all cables for any asperities (on the entire length, including the extremities). An asperity could lead to an improper functioning of the release mechanism and elevate your safety risk factor. Check the flat loop (see illustration) which must not have any defect or fraying as it could lead to a sudden unwanted and unilateral jettisoning of the paragliding wing.

Conduct a dorsal opening sequence by pulling the pod bridle (red bridle).

Close the BASE reserve parachute pocket, and the 3 ring system to its default setting. Detailed information can be found in this manual, pages 12 to 14.

