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Technical & Safety Information Notice No.	6/2008	W.N. 19
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Subject Matters	<p>1 <u>Use of Vigil II AAD in Dual Hawk Tandem System</u></p> <p>STRONG ENTERPRISES, Product Service Bulletin # 28, dated September 5, 2008.</p> <p>Strong Enterprises Service Bulletin # 28 authorises the use of VIGIL II AAD, date of manufacture 10/2007 or later, and Cutters, date of manufacture 11/2007 or later and when installation is accomplished according Dual Hawk Manual , P/N 510045, Rev. H. 05/08, Sec. 5.1 and Vigil ii instructions.</p> <p>Note - The Vigil II used in Dual Hawk Tandem System shall only be used in Tandem mode.</p> <p>2 <u>RE-5L Emergency Parachutes, manufactured by SPEKON Sächsische Spezialkonfektionen GmbH</u></p> <p>EASA Airworthiness Directive, AD No. 2008-0174, dated 15 September 2008.</p> <p>SPEKON Safety Bulletin No. 01/2008, Issue 2.</p> <p>RE-5L Emergency Parachutes, series 4 and 5, from serial number 72245 up to 72369 inclusive, and 72371. These parachutes were manufactured between 21 April 2008 and 21 August 2008.</p> <p>One case of a cracked grommet has been found on the pilot chute of an RE-5L parachute. An internal review has revealed that drogue parachutes installed in RE-5L Emergency Parachutes series 4 and 5 as listed above, may present some crack initiations.</p> <p>This condition if left uncorrected could create an obstruction of the closing loop and prevent the main parachute from being pulled out of its storage pack.</p>	

	<p>For the reason described above, this AD mandates the replacement of the identified drogue parachutes.</p> <p>Effective date – 17 September 2008.</p> <p>Required actions and Compliance Times –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Within 15 days after the effective date of this AD, replace the drogue parachute by a serviceable one as instructed in the SPEKON Safety Bulletin No. 1/2008 Issue 2. 2 After the effective date of this AD, no person shall install drogue parachutes removed per the requirements of paragraph 1 of this AD on any parachutes. To that end, conform to the applicable procedures about the control of unserviceable components. <p>Note – The RE-5L Emergency Parachute is an emergency parachute built for glider and motor pilots.</p> <p><i>Liam McNulty</i> IPC Technical & Safety Committee 23 September 2008</p>
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