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**SUBJECT:** HOBBIT RESERVE SLIDER

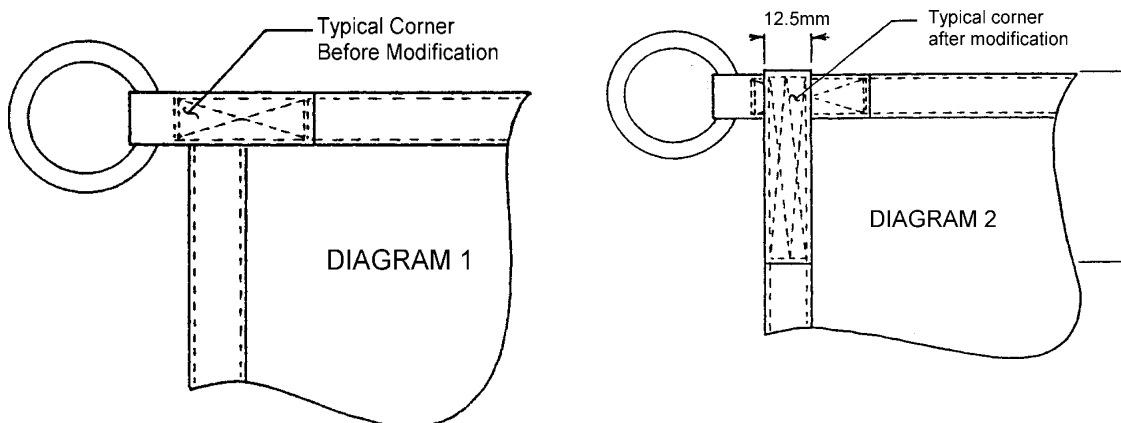
**STATUS:** MANDATORY

**IDENTIFICATION:** Slider, Hobbit Reserve Canopy, all serial numbers.

**BACKGROUND:** The Hobbit reserve was designed and first manufactured by Bill Gargano Inc in the USA. Later it was made under licence by Parachutes Australia and also by Strong Enterprises.

An Equipment Defect Report submitted to the APF following a reserve deployment identified an apparent design defect in a PA Hobbit reserve slider. The 'inserted tape' illustrated in diagram 1 pulled away during a reserve deployment. PA has designed a modification to the slider to prevent a recurrence.

**MANUFACTURER ADVISORY:** At the next scheduled reserve inspection, determine if the construction method matches that illustrated in diagram 1. If so, have a Rigger apply 12.5 mm (1/2") Mil-T-5038 T3 tape, or commercial equivalent, as illustrated in diagram 2 using VT-295 'E' thread or metric 40 equivalent nylon thread using a three point double 'W' stitch pattern.



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**COMPLIANCE DATE:** Next scheduled inspection after 18 August, 1993

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