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SUBJECT: PA SLIMPACK 1 MODEL S3 CLOSING LOOPS

STATUS: RECOMMENDED

IDENTIFICATION: Slimpack 1 Model S3, S3(LS) and S3(HS).

BACKGROUND: The S3 Slimpack I emergency parachute harness is configured with the two closing pins located under a cover flap at the backpack (between the parachute pack and the wearer). The Slimpack 1 was produced with a closing system using two loops constructed from Mil-C-5040 type 3 line with the inner core removed. The line was knotted to permit the two loops to be tied together under the outside closing flap to keep tension on the pins. See fig.1.

If not properly tensioned or if the loops are not properly centred and tied to the webbing it is possible for the knots to slip down through one or more of the grommets and cause a pack closure.

In December 96 Parachutes Australia announced a new closing loop that consists of a webbing strap with grommets to which an adjustable closing loop is permanently fitted that improves on the earlier system. See fig.2.

After the correct tension has been applied to the loops and pins, tie the 2 ends of the spectra line together to prevent slipping.

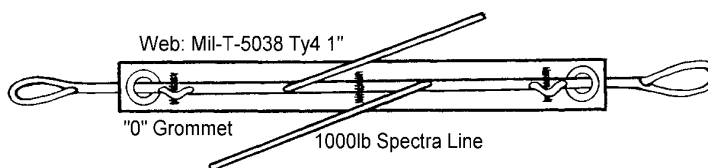
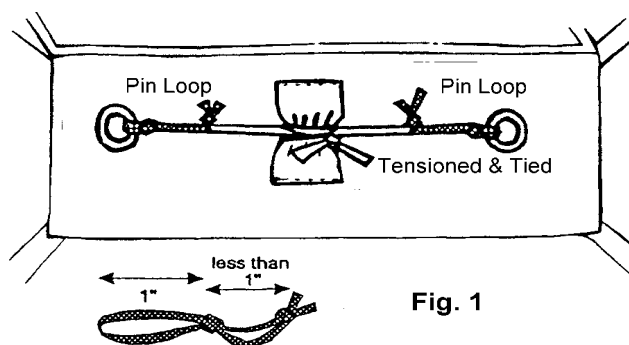


Fig. 2
Assembly: PA Part # B005

MANUFACTURER ADVISORY: That use of the original closing loop system be discontinued in favour of the new closing loop system forthwith.

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