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<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Parachutes de France TECHNO 240-B Reserve</b>	
<b>Origin for material/bulletin</b>	<b>EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) Emergency Airworthiness Directive CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) Australia directive</b> (EASA Directive kindly forwarded to T & S Committee by Wim de Vos, Austria; CASA directive kindly forwarded by Graeme Windsor, Australia)	
<b>Area of Concern</b>	<b>Grounding of TECHNO 240-B Reserve Parachute</b>	

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## **EASA EMERGENCY AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE**

**AD No : 2006-0105-E**

**Date: 28. April 2006**

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.

**Type Approval Holder's Name :**

Parachutes de France

**Type/Model designation(s) :**

Techno 240-B

ETSO Number : DGAC France F.O.095

Foreign AD : not applicable

Supersedure : none

**ATA 25 Equipment – Temporary grounding of reserve parachute**

Manufacturer(s): Parachutes de France SA

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Applicability: Techno 240-B, P/N: R 01-240-B – All serial numbers – Reserve Parachute

Reason: A slow deployment of the reserve canopy TECHNO 240-B has been determined. It has been determined that the allowable opening altitude loss / opening time is not met. The proposed solution of Parachutes de France Safety Bulletin BSC\_06\_002, dated 21.04.2006 is not accepted by EASA to provide an equivalent level of safety. As a consequence the unit may not act as a safety device.

Effective Date: 28. April 2006

Compliance: Accomplish the following immediately after the effective date of this airworthiness directive:

**THE USE OF ALL THE Techno 240-B PERSONAL PARACHUTES IS PROHIBITED**

NOTE: This is an interim AD action and will be amended after compliance with the requirements has been shown.

Ref. Publications: none

**Remarks :**

1. If requested and appropriately substantiated the responsible EASA manager for the related product has the authority to accept Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOCs) for this AD.

2. The safety assessment has requested not to implement the full consultation process and an immediate publication and notification.

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