

SAFETY NOTICE	NO 26 - 01
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To:	All skydivers, Parachute Technicians and Operators
Subject:	Aerodyne Icon Container Systems
Compliance:	Informational
Date of Issue:	14 April 2026
Compliance due:	Ongoing

Background:

On 6 April 2026, a fatal incident occurred at Headcorn Aerodrome in Kent, United Kingdom, involving an experienced solo skydiver using an Aerodyne Icon container system. A British Skydiving Board of Inquiry was convened immediately. Following interim findings from the investigation, out of an abundance of caution, British Skydiving issued Safety Notice SN-01/26, mandating the immediate grounding of all Aerodyne Icon containers at British Skydiving Affiliated Parachute Training Organisations until further notice.

The Australian Parachute Federation issued a Safety Notice (13 April 2026) confirming it is monitoring the situation closely but not grounding any Icon systems at present. The Netherlands issued a safety notice grounding a specific model of Icon container (I1 to I3).

The NZPIA has been in constant direct contact with British Skydiving as well as our network of international partners and is actively monitoring the ongoing investigation.

Key Interim Findings:

The British Skydiving Board of Inquiry Interim Report (issued 11 April 2026) notes the following:

- The main parachute was not deployed.
- The reserve parachute was not deployed.
- The AAD fired — the reserve closing loop was cut.
- The Board of Inquiry states it cannot currently determine why the reserve pilot chute did not lift the freebag from the container.
- British Skydiving has contacted Aerodyne Research and other national governing bodies requesting any information on incidents involving Aerodyne Icon containers.

NZPIA Position:

At this time, the NZPIA is **not implementing a grounding** of Aerodyne Icon containers in New Zealand.

Further Information:

This Safety Notice will be updated as new, verified information becomes available. If you have any relevant observations, experience with Icon containers, or concerns, please contact the NZPIA directly.

If you are unsure about the condition or configuration of your Icon equipment, speak to your local Parachute Technician before your next jump.

Please avoid speculation and rely on confirmed information through official channels.

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