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To:	All skydivers, Parachute Technicians and Operators
Subject:	Aerodyne Icon Container Systems
Compliance:	Mandatory
Date of Issue:	20 April 2026
Compliance due:	Prior to next jump

Summary of Update

Following the Aerodyne Research Manufacturer Statement dated 19 April 2026, this notice is updated to reflect that Aerodyne has changed the status of [Technical Bulletin TB-250122](#) (AAD Cutter Placement) from Recommended to Mandatory. All affected Aerodyne Icon container systems in New Zealand must be compliant with TB-250122 prior to their next jump.

Affected products

According to TB- 250122 the affected products are Icon containers in the IX- series from sizes I-1 through I-5/S-5 which are fitted with an AAD.

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.

Manufacturer Update – Aerodyne Research (19 April 2026)

Aerodyne Research has issued a [Manufacturer Statement](#) providing an update on the ongoing investigation. Key points from the statement:

- The investigation is being conducted by British Skydiving, with Aerodyne supporting as required. It remains ongoing, and no conclusions can currently be drawn

regarding the cause of the incident or the performance of the equipment.

- Aerodyne has not yet had direct access to the equipment involved, which remains under the control of the relevant authorities.
- AAD Cutter Placement (TB-250122): Aerodyne has updated the status of Technical Bulletin TB-250122 (2022) from Recommended to Mandatory. TB-250122 specifies the positioning of the AAD cutter above the reserve pilot chute for certain configurations. Aerodyne has advised that a separate bulletin formalising this update will be issued.

NZPIA Position (Updated 20 April 2026).

In light of the updated manufacturer status of Technical Bulletin TB-250122, compliance with TB-250122 is now compulsory for all NZPIA affiliated members.

Action required – prior to next jump:

- All owners, operators and users of Aerodyne Icon container systems in New Zealand must ensure their equipment is configured in accordance with [Aerodyne Technical Bulletin TB-250122](#) (AAD Cutter Placement) before their next jump.
- If you are unsure whether your Icon container is compliant with TB-250122, do not jump the system until it has been inspected and, if required, reconfigured by a qualified Parachute Technician.
- Parachute Technicians and Drop Zone Operators are requested to assist users in verifying compliance and to prioritise inspections accordingly.

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.

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

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