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To:	All skydivers, Parachute Technicians and Operators
Subject:	Aerodyne Icon Container Systems
Compliance:	Mandatory
Date of Issue:	1 May 2026
Compliance due:	Prior to next jump

AAD Cutter Placement Background Info:

As per Technical Bulletin TB-250122 (2022), Aerodyne identified AAD cutter placement as a configuration consideration based on internal testing. At that time, a recommendation was issued for ICON sizes 1–5. Following ongoing product evaluation and to promote consistency across different operating environments and jurisdictions, Aerodyne has updated this guidance to MANDATORY for all ICON sizes 1–5.

Aerodyne have released the following service bulletin regarding **ICON NEXGEN** and **ICON PRE-NEXGEN** containers (Issued 30 April 2026):

[SERVICE BULLETIN SB300426: AERODYNE ICON AAD CUTTER PLACEMENT](#)

The following containers are affected:

- **ICON Sizes 1–5 ICON NEXGEN**
 - Models: IX–I1 to IX–I5 / S5
 - Models: IX–I1L to IX–I4L (ICON LONG Sizes 1-4)
- **ICON Sizes 1-5 ICON PRE-NEXGEN**
 - Models: IN–I1 to IN–I5

The Aerodyne ICON containers listed above are grounded immediately, until the modifications specified in the Service Bulletin have been made.

This email contains only part of the information included in the Service Bulletin. Read the full document to find out how to identify your ICON and what modifications need to be performed by a qualified and appropriately rated parachute technician.

Parachute technicians should be aware that the [Pre-NextGen](#) and the [NextGen](#) containers have different methods of achieving cutter relocation. Please ensure that you use the correct instructions.

This update ensures a standardised configuration approach across the global user community.

David du Plessis
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