



SERVICE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Aviator container side gusset Velcro modification

STATUS: **RECOMMENDED**

IDENTIFICATION: Aviator container sizes 280/1524, and 246/1524 manufactured prior to September 4, 2001.

BACKGROUND: The early model Aviators of the above sizes had a narrow side gusset (Figure 1). It has been identified that during wearing and use, the horizontal back strap pulls on the side gusset and may open the Velcro closure exposing the inner deployment bag.

SERVICE BULLETIN: The side gusset panel is replaced with a wider and tapered shape that relieves the loading on the container during use (Figure 1). This precludes the container Velcro from opening during wearing and use. This modification should be done in compliance with RI Product Modification Procedure PMP-1262.

It should be noted that not all container systems identified above exhibit the problem. This may be due to the packing technique and distribution of the canopy bulk. If a container does not exhibit this condition, it is not necessary to perform the modification.

COMPLIANCE DATE: NONE- On condition only.

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FIGURE 1