



Civil Aviation Authority
SAFETY NOTICE
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Version 2 is published with updates to 1.1 and 2.1 as, following further evidence from the community, the CAA have been informed that the parachute service provider is also noted to be trading as Cascade Aviation and Marine Services Limited (Also known as T.P.F Services).

Concerns Regarding the Inspection and Packing of Parachutes

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All Operators of General Aviation Aircraft
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Licensed Personnel

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has been made aware of reported concerns regarding the inspection and packing of parachutes supplied by a parachute service provider trading as Cascade Aviation and Marine Services Limited (Also known as T.P.F Services). These matters have been brought to the CAA's attention from multiple sources providing credible evidence and are currently under review.
- 1.2 Based on information received, the CAA has reached a preliminary view that some parachutes supplied for GA use may not have been inspected and/or packed in accordance with applicable airworthiness, manufacturer, or regulatory requirements, despite certification or declarations indicating that such work had been completed.
- 1.3 The CAA has not, at this stage, reached any formal conclusions. However, the information provided raises potential safety concerns which warrant immediate communication to the GA community to mitigate the safety risk posed.
- 1.4 Parachutes are a critical safety device. Incorrect inspection, maintenance, or packing may result in:
 - Failure of the parachute to deploy correctly

- Delayed or partial deployment
- Loss or reduction of life-saving capability

Any of the above outcomes could have fatal consequences.

2 Action to be Taken

2.1 The CAA strongly recommends that:

Owners and operators who currently use or have used Cascade Aviation and Marine Services Limited (Also known as T.P.F Services) for parachute inspection and packing services satisfy themselves that their parachute has been correctly inspected and packed in accordance with:

- a) The manufacturer's instructions
- b) Regulatory and continuing airworthiness requirements (if applicable)

2.2 Operators, owners, flying clubs, display pilots, glider pilots, aerobatic pilots and training organisations should ensure this notice is brought to the attention of affected personnel.

2.3 The UK CAA requests that all persons who identify affected equipment or falsified packing certificates, report the occurrence through the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting portal to the UK CAA.

2.4 The CAA encourages anyone with relevant safety information to continue to submit reports through the UK Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) scheme or the CAA's confidential reporting channels.

2.5 This Safety Notice is issued in the interests of flight safety. The CAA will issue further communication should additional safety-critical information become available.

3 Queries

3.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance because of this communication should be addressed to:

General Aviation Operations
E-mail: GA@caa.co.uk

4 Cancellation

4.1 This Safety Notice will remain in force until further notice.