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Subject: the combination of chest rings and a mini d-handle can cause higher pull forces

Status: mandatory before the next jump

Identification:

Name: Mini d-handle in combination with chest rings

SIFE harness & container systems with the following serial numbers:

#D2160316

#D1160205

#D5160601

#D6160519

#D6160427

SIFE harness & container systems with mini d-handle in combination with chest rings after **DOM 06/2016** are **NOT** subject to this service bulletin.



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Background:

SIFE rigs with chest rings have ripcord handle pockets and cutaway handle pockets. The velcro tapes in the pockets have the same length of the pocket when there are pillows or d-handles installed. For the installation of a mini d-handle the ripcord handle pocket is equipped with a velcro and a type 3 1,5" tape to reach the same fitting. If the type 3 1,5" tape is too short, the mini d-handle can stuck behind the velcro tape and can cause higher pull forces. This can only happen with ripcord handle pockets because the type 3 1,5" tape is more flexible to move.

Procedure to be followed:

1. Check if this service bulletin 2016-001 is relevant to your harness & container system
2. Pull the mini d-handle out of its pocket. The pull force should not exceed 97,9 N
3. If the pull force is higher than 97,9 N the following solutions are possible:
 - a. the ripcord pocket needs to be replaced
 - b. change the mini d-handle into a ripcord pillow

Any replacement is free of charge. Please contact SIFE for further information:

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