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SAFETY INFORMATION

A recent malfunction on a 'Comet' canopy was caused by the disintegration of one of the slider stops, sewn into the stabilizers.

The stops are 1½ ins. diameter plastic discs sewn into the stabilizers at the top of the main suspension lines.

On this occasion one of the discs was shattered, allowing the slider grommet to pass over the stop during packing. This subsequently jammed during deployment preventing full deployment of the canopy.

Stops on early 'ram-air' canopies were a stainless steel ring sewn directly to the stabilizers. The current plastic discs (believed to be in use in many ram-air canopies) are sewn inside a small pocket. Care is required when packing to ensure they are not broken.

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