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SAFETY INFORMATION

An incident occurred recently where a parachutist under a ram air canopy induced a very deep stall by wrapping the control lines around his hands several times, upon releasing the lines the canopy did not re-inflate, both leading and trailing edges of the centre cell became entangled with the suspension lines causing a violent rotation, which necessitated emergency action.

In recent months many parachutists have indulged in violent and radical mishandling of their canopies, in the belief that once open normally, the canopy could not then be made to induce a malfunction. This is evidently not the case.

It is recommended that parachutists should not do these type of manoeuvres, especially at an altitude where it would not be safe to cutaway.

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