

SAFETY INFORMATION

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NEXT MILLENNIUM TANDEM SYSTEM **STUDENT HARNESS**

At the Safety and Training Committee (STC) meeting held on 23 September 2021, a proposal for acceptance of the new Next Millennium Tandem System and student harness was submitted and subsequently accepted ([see STC minutes](#)).

Since the acceptance of the Tandem Equipment, a number of descents were made at two of our Affiliated Parachute Training Organisations (PTOs), on the same set of equipment, with the view of trialling, before purchasing.

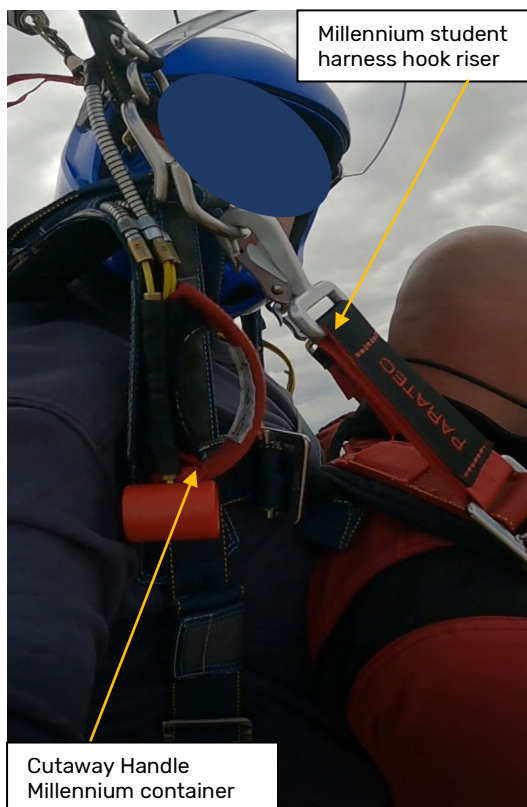
As a result of these trials, the Millennium Student Harness has been jumped with some Next Century containers. Hand-cam footage of these descents has identified that the hook risers from the Millennium student harness, can cause obstruction of the emergency handles (See images below).



This may be related to the fitting of the student harness. Written instructions have only just been made available by the manufacturer.

At present the Millennium Harness is only cleared for use with the Millennium system, as per the STC meeting of 23 September 2021.

The Millennium student harness, when jumped with the Millennium Tandem system, appears not to restrict the emergency handles once the main canopy is deployed (See images below).



Further evaluations are being conducted. As the Sigma harness also has forward mounted hook risers, Tandem Instructors are advised to consider the possibility of a similar problem and ensure that they carry out their systems check during canopy flight, checking the cutaway handle, reserve handle and connectors.

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