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CASA Parachute Airworthiness Directives. MARS ATL-88 and Stratos JU-40 Parachutes

The AUF has recently received communication from CASA highlighting issue of two CASA airworthiness directives on MARS ATL-88 Rescue Parachutes and Stratos JU-40 Parachutes. One of the reasons for the communication is difficulty in establishing who might be using them, so all avenues are tapped. It is unlikely that these are in AUF service, but in the odd event someone might be using them, the Directives are highlighted here in the interests of safety.

Both ADs are similar intent. They withdraw Stratos parachutes manufactured 1 April 1997 and MARS Parachutes manufactured after 30 December 1997 from service because the manufacturers in Czechoslovakia did not hold government approvals to manufacture. Advice from CASA indicates that the Czech government is about to issue service bulletins compliance with which will render the parachutes serviceable, but until then, the subject parachutes are not to be used.

Copies can be obtained on request from the AUF Office but they are available by navigating the CASA web site www.casa.gov.au and continuing the search under "Airworthiness Directives" or directly at the following URLs:

For MARS

<http://www.casa.gov.au/avreg/aircraft/ad/adfiles/equip/para/para-007.pdf>

and for Stratos

<http://www.casa.gov.au/avreg/aircraft/ad/adfiles/equip/para/para-008.pdf>

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