



HGFA Airwaves
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Grounding - Aeros Combat Hang Gliders Produced in 2011, 2012 and 2013

Background

During the last week we had information of two in-flight crossbeam accidents on our latest Combat gliders. Fortunately, both pilots were unharmed.

The first accident happened on August 2nd, and while the investigation was still on the way, we received news about the similar accident that happened on August 8th.

Both accidents happened during level flight at moderate speed and the weather more or less calm (normal flight load).

Both crossbeams broke in the same place and in a very similar pattern. Both gliders were not new and had between 40 and 60 flights, some of the flights in far worse conditions.

Both crossbeams that failed had passed the factory load test.

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Compliance:

To avoid any further incidents, **we strongly recommend to STOP FLYING** all Aeros Combat hang gliders manufactured between 2011 and 2013 until their crossbeams are inspected by our authorized dealers.

Please, contact an Aeros dealer nearest to you for the carbon crossbeam inspection on your Combat hang glider.

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Remember!

1. Pre-flight, Pre-flight, Pre-flight
2. Hang checks save lives
3. Only fly within safe glide to land
4. Never assume anything
5. Safety is everyone's business
6. There's no such thing as a "dumb safety question"