

A.A.D.'s STATEMENT ON VIGIL ACTIVATIONS

By this statement, A.A.D. s.a. wants to reconfirm that Vigil is an accurate device in comparison with all other AADs on the market (See our statement of 16 February 2006 regarding << The World Team 06 >> http://www.vigil.aero/pdf/WorldTeamResponse_005.pdf).

Thanks to its accurate way of operating, Vigil has already saved 2 lives by acting after a cutaway below activation altitude and saved another 14 lives by activating at the activation altitude. See our Life Savings List: <http://www.vigil.aero/life-saving-list.php>.

The Vigil activates a lot faster than any other AAD on the market. The Vigil cutter cuts the loop in less than 1/1000 of a second after receiving the instruction. This is made possible by the special '**Pulses Plus**' battery element, which always has the power on board to activate the cutter instantaneously, regardless of the charge of the battery.

Due to this, **again**, we advise the pilots not to restore the pressure in a pressurized plane too fast (under activation altitude pressure). This will create similar pressure changes as in previous mentioned circumstances, which will of course result in cutter activations.

The question that how other AADs will act in such extreme situations shall be addressed to the concerned manufacturers.

We just want to state that in those cases (World Team in January '06 and in Perris Valley DC-9 WFFC in Rantoul - July '06), the Vigil cutters on board acted at the same moment and they all activated as programmed.

In regards of the 2 recent activations on the ground in Bouloc (France) and in Weston (UK): both Vigils registered and have a pressure variation in memory which resulted in the cutter activations.

For the moment, we are still investigating how those registered variations have been originated. A technical team will go to Weston to analyze in detail what happened. We will establish our conclusions of those 2 activations as soon as we can.

One point we would like to confirm is that neither of these recorded ground activations is originated from a lack of static shielding. In such case, no activation instructions or graphs would have been recorded.

Our website www.vigil.aero is the information platform for Vigil and updated continuously. Nevertheless, if you do not find relevant information to your concerns, please contact us at info@vigil.aero.

Please bear in mind that our top priority is the security of the skydivers and the first aim of Vigil is to be the "Guardian Angel" of the skydivers and always will be.

Vigil Team