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AUVSI CAPSTONE TEAM (TEAM 45)

Parachute Folding

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Introduction

The parachute is a critical part of the UGV drop system. Ensuring that it unfolds in a repeatable, consistent manner will allow better prediction of where the UGV will land after deployment. This will allow us to meet our airdrop accuracy key success measure.

Definitions

Gore A single fabric piece of the parachute. The alternating red and white pieces.

Shroud The strings attached to the bottom of the gores.

Spill Hole The hole in the top of the parachute.

Swivel The metal coupling at the end of the shrouds.

Parachute Folding Steps

A video of the parachute folding process is found in the capstone box folder at: <https://byu.box.com/s/l2p32ai9ylidmniiqcs3lx7ycjyawz1b>

1. Shake out the parachute and untangle the shrouds until you can separate the two bundles of shrouds. Make sure the shrouds are as untangled as possible.
2. Pull the shrouds together by starting at the swivel and sliding your hand along the shrouds until you hit the gores. This will pull the gores together so all the shrouds are at the same tension.
3. Organize the gores to have two even sets of six, one on the right and one on the left. Make sure to pull all of the gores that are folded into the middle out so they lay flat. Also make sure to keep one hand, or a twist tie, holding the shrouds together as you do this.
4. Lay the parachute on the table, shrouds in the middle and six gores on each side.
5. Flatten out the parachute and make everything as flat and even as possible. This is subjective, but make sure there aren't any major wrinkles in the chute.