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TSO-C23d

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Technical Standard Order

Subject: TSO-C23d, PERSONNEL PARACHUTE ASSEMBLIES

a. Applicability.

- (1) <u>Minimum Performance Standards</u>. This technical standard order (TSO) prescribes the minimum performance standard that personnel parachute assemblies must meet in order to be identified with the applicable TSO marking. New models of personnel parachute assemblies that are to be so identified and that are manufactured on or after the date of this TSO must meet the standards set forth in Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) Document No. AS 8015B, "Minimum Performance Standards for Parachute Assemblies and Components, Personnel," dated July 7, 1992.
- b. <u>Marking</u>. Each personnel parachute assembly or separate sub-assembly must be marked in accordance with 14 CFR part 21, section 21.607(d) and paragraph 4.2 of SAE AS 8015B. This marking requirement applies to any previously approved major component/sub-assembly used in this TSO.

c. Data Requirements.

- (1) In addition to the requirement in part 21, section 21.605, the manufacturer shall furnish the manager of the Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA having geographical purview of the manufacturer's facilities, one copy each of the following technical data:
- (i) A complete description of the personnel parachute assemblies, including detail drawings, material identification and specifications.
- (ii) Operating instructions and limitations, to include donning, retention, adjustment, and deployment.
 - (iii) Installation instructions and limitations.
- $\,$ (iv) A report of the tests conducted in accordance with SAE AS 8015B for qualification and approval of personnel parachute assemblies.

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