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### **Silicone Stains on Parachute Fabric**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pre-lubricated Cypres closing loops from Airtec GMBH will periodically have an excess amount of the silicone gel on the loop. This silicone can leach onto the parachute fabric it comes in contact with.

The silicone does not weaken or have any other adverse affect on the nylon parachute fabric. Silicone is actually the major component of the coating applied to low permeability fabric to turn it in to zero permeability fabric.

Riggers in the field may at times have the need to apply additional silicone lubricant to a closing loop. When doing so they should follow the AAD manufacturer's instructions carefully and not over apply the silicone. It does not take much to achieve proper lubrication and excessive application simply causes excessive leaching onto other materials.

Sincerely,  
Performance Designs, Inc.

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