

Reserve Repack Check List

1. Get in your harness and pull the ripcord and throw the d-bag across your body. The ripcord should require a firm tug. The parachute should release from the d-bag about five feet after it leaves your hand.
2. Inspect the d-bag making sure it is in good condition and that the ripcord is also in good condition. Check the elastic closing loop. Replace it if it is worn.
3. Check the parachute container (the pocket on the harness where the parachute goes). Make sure it is free of dirt and other debris. Make sure the closing loops are in good condition. Replace if necessary.
4. Stretch the parachute out and thread a line through the packing tabs at the top of the parachute. Tie this line in a loop and attach it to a solid object so tension can be applied to the parachute.



5. Making sure there is tension on the other end of the parachute go to where the lines attach to the bridle. Divide the lines in half with half in each hand and run them up to the skirt making sure they are all clear and don't cross each other. What you want to do is divide the parachute in half. Leaving the parachute attached to the harness will provide enough tension on this end.



6. After making sure the lines are straight the next step is to inspect the gores and stack them on top of each other. There should be an equal number on each side. NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO REMOVE THE LINE IN THE PACKING TABS. Don't forget this step. It's very important because the parachute won't open with the line in.
7. Fold the bottom corners of each side of the parachute towards the center 45 degrees. Fold the piles of the gores towards the center to the width of the d-bag overlapping them if necessary.



8. Smooth the parachute to get as much air out of it as possible.
9. Put the d-bag next to the skirt and stack the parachute by z-folding it the length of d-bag on top of the skirt. You should have a rectangle the size of your d-bag when you are finished.



10. Install this rectangle in the d-bag. Close three flaps leaving the one facing the lines open. Secure the loop holding the three flaps with a packing paddle.





11. Stow the lines starting at the skirt by making figure eights the width of the d-bag. Secure the line stows with a rubber band. Use one rubber band for every two stows. Keep stowing the lines until there is about a foot of line left. Put the line stows in the open end of the d-bag and thread the closing loop through the last flap and secure it with a bite of the remaining line. At this point the parachute is packed and ready to install in the container on the harness.









12. Reconnect the bridle to the harness if it was disconnected to pack the reserve. Install the parachute in the container with the bridle and any excess line on the bottom with the reserve handle closest to the container closing loops. Install pull-up cords through the closing loops. Route the bridle up to the connection point closing the Velcro channel or the zipper whichever is on the harness.



13. Close the container according to the manufactures instructions. Different harnesses have different ways to close the container. Most newer ones have numbers on the flaps indicating the order that they are closed.

