



November 2014

USA

Expert CYPRES

On a big-way jump with 30 people on brake off, the camera man came from below the formation. I did not see him on brake off. At 5000 ft we collided mid-air I was head down my face struck his legs I was knocked unconscious. At 1000 ft my CYPRES fired and put a canopy over me. I landed in a field of dirt still unconscious. Friends landed with me. Was taken to the hospital. I walked away. The CYPRES saved my life.

August 2014

Finnland

Expert CYPRES

I was a leader on a tracking/angle jump. After a left turn, a trailing flyer hit me in freefall. I was knocked unconscious and remained so for the rest of the jump. The CYPRES initiated the reserve opening.

August 2014

Österreich

Student CYPRES

Springer hat sich mit den Hauptschirmleinen verwickelt und konnte Reserve nicht öffnen. Nach 15 Sekunden Freier „Freifall“ CYPRES Aktivierung

August 2014

Österreich

Expert CYPRES

Nachdem der Hilfschirm auf dem Rücken im Lee war hat Springer zu lange gewartet und gleichzeitig mit dem CYPRES die Reserve geöffnet Loop war aber durchgeschnitten.

August 2014

Österreich

Expert CYPRES

Springer hat in etwa 400 Meter seinen HS in eine Stall-kurve gerissen und war danach bis zum Kragen eingedreht. Hat ordnungsgemäß sein Notverfahren durchgeführt Loop war allerdings ebenfalls durchgeschnitten.

Juli 2014

Finnland

Expert CYPRES

Wingsuit Sprung, Hauptschirmgriff nicht gefunden, Reserve in ca. 300 m



gezogen, CYPRES hat gleichzeitig aktiviert

June 2014

Panama

Tandem CYPRES

The tandem pair experienced a side spin and the tandem master was not able to pull any handles. His Tandem CYPRES activated and started the reserve deployment. The reserve opened with line twists, but the tandem master could clear them and both landed without injury.

15 April 2014

USA

Expert CYPRES

Student was on his back trying to locate his handle nearing 1000' ft. Instructor chased him down and flipping him to his belly immediately before CYPRES fired. Student landed uneventfully.

22 February 2014

Switzerland

Student CYPRES

Student could not perform normal canopy opening sequence, CYPRES activated, cut the loop and student landed safely.

03 November 2013

Empuria Brava Spain

Expert CYPRES

Student with +/- 9 jumps apparently could not find main P/C and he took no further action, All three handles were in place on landing

10 November 2013

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Main deployment pod caught on right foot. Tried to release it from his foot. Kept trying until the CYPRES cut the reserve loop activating the reserve deployment procedure.

26 October 2013

USA

Student CYPRES

Student could not find his main pilot chute, tumbled trying to pull main until the CYPRES fired, cutting the closing loop and starting the reserve deployment procedure.

4 October 2013



UK

Expert CYPRES

„On Saturday I was in a free-fall (flat) collision swooping to a formation. It's unclear what happened other than me and another skydiver collided. I was knocked unconscious on impact and remained so. A friend tried to catch me but I was too floaty and spinning. My CYPRES II saved my life. People on the ground reckoned I had a canopy at 500ft, my Viso says I was under a full canopy at 320ft. I'd been on the floor a significant amount of time when I came to and was completely disorientated. I've always been a huge CYPRES fan and without a doubt it saved my life on Saturday.“

21 September 2013

Germany

Student CYPRES

The Student stated that he could not find his pilot chute at time of deployment. Neither reserve or cut away handle were pulled! The CYPRES activated, cutting the reserve closing loop which started the reserve deployment procedure. The skydiver landed without injury.

14 September 2013

Greece

Expert CYPRES

On a 6 way Tracking dive. A skydiver collided with another and was either knocked out or already paralysed due to the collision. At approx 225m the CYPRES activated, cutting the reserve closing loop which started the reserve deployment procedure. The Skydiver landed in a field nearby, we are still awaiting a report on his condition.

1 September 2013

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver jumped from 4000m on a solo jump and deployed his main at approx 1000m, due to line twists he cut away his main at approx 400-350m but could not find his reserve pad (later he said that it had folded in upon itself) according to eye witnesses the CYPRES activated lower than 225m due to the need for the unit firstly reach it's activation parameter of 35 meter per second before cutting the reserve closing loop which started the reserve deployment procedure. The skydiver landed without injury.

25 August 2013

Germany

Expert CYPRES



After an uneventful skydive, a skydiver deployed his canopy and experienced severe line twists on his main. He cut away but then could not locate his reserve pad! After several attempts to find it he maintained a stable position until his CYPRES activated, cutting the reserve closing loop which started the reserve deployment procedure. The skydiver landed without injury.

27 August 2013

Austria

Expert CYPRES

Spinning malfunction on main canopy. Very late cut away, could not find reserve handle. CYPRES initiated reserve deployment and saved his life.

25 August 2013

Finland

Expert CYPRES

Yesterday my wife had a hard free-fall collision while doing 4-way tracking. She lost all consciousness and suffered multiple fractures to her face. CYPRES initiated reserve deployment and saved her life, she landed still unconscious. She is doing well considering the circumstances, and it seems nothing that can't be fixed was damaged.

31 July 2013

UK

Expert CYPRES

„I was on a Tracing jump following the leader. At 5000 feet I peeled away from him up to 90 degrees and flew flat and hard on my back to separate. I collided hard with another jumper and that knocked me unconscious. I then fell on my back until my CYPRES fired and my PD113 deployed. I landed under my reserve unconscious unable to steer or flare.“

05 May 2013

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver hit his head on the aircraft while exiting at approximately 4000m and became unconscious. He later woke up on the ground and heard from eye witnesses what had happened. The CYPRES unit cut the reserve closing loop and started the reserve deployment procedure. The skydiver concerned was taken into hospital for observation and was later released after being declared fit and healthy

05 March 2013

Undisclosed location

Student CYPRES



Jumper could not find pilot chute, kept attempting while tumbling. Did not attempt emergency procedures until CYPRES activation. The CYPRES unit cut the reserve closing loop and started the reserve deployment procedure.



13 November 2013

Skydive Delmarva, USA

Student CYPRES

Student was making her 5th jump in the AFF progression program. This was her first jump with one instructor (JM). Exit was somewhat unstable but levelled out after 12 to 14 seconds. Student performed two practice touches, as planned, but did not execute planned toe taps until signalled to do so by JM. JM released student and she started a slight drift/turn upon release as JM transitioned to the front of student. Student regained stability and began to execute a planned 90 degree left turn (without checking her altitude). The left turn continued to about 180 degrees and then slowed until student got flat and floated above JM and started to turn left again. Student did not respond to arch or legs out signals. JM flew to student to re dock but student began to spin. JM made brief contact with student but student started reaching for JM, got flat, floated and continued to spin. Student ignored JM's signals to deploy her parachute and kept reaching for JM as JM attempted to re-dock. At 2300 feet JM deployed his parachute. Student continued to spin until the CYPRES cut the reserve loop and started the reserve deployment procedure.

06 September 2012

Canada

Student CYPRES

2 skydivers were on their Base leg under canopies unaware of each other. They collided at Approx 800 feet. Both parachutists cutaway and found themselves under fully inflated reserves. On both containers the CYPRES units has cut the reserve closing loop and started the reserve deployment procedures.

03. September 2012

DZ in Germany

Expert CYPRES

A student just finished AFF and wanted to go fun jumping. Jump passed uneventful. At deployment time the skydiver could not find his hand deploy or reserve handle. CYPRES activated, cutting the loop and starting the reserve deployment procedure.



02 September 2012

Italy

Tandem CYPRES

During a Tandem course A skydiver plus PAX jumped from the aircraft deployed the drogue but did not pull the deployment ripcord (due to not finding it) when required, CYPRES Activated and started the reserve deployment. Both landed without injury.

September 2012

EU

A special forces unit in Europe uses approx 75 CYPRES units of various models. They all respect the units capabilities and have seen it save 3 of their team members to date

14 August 2012

Spain

Expert CYPRES

3 way free-fly, 2 sit-flyers below me, I tried to get on level with them in head down position. In that moment 1 of the sit-flyers went to his back to track away. I hit him from above and my head on his foot. I was unconscious for the rest of the flight. CYPRES activated and deployed my reserve.

03 August 2012

Germany

Student CYPRES

Student was in free-fall and attempted to open his main parachute. He was then caught up in the main parachute lines on deployment which according to him also wrapped around the container. He thought a reserve opening would not be possible. The CYPRES unit severed the loop and the started the reserve deployment procedure. The Student landed safely.

05 August 2012

Kazakhstan

Expert CYPRES

Hop & Pop at about 900m on opening line twists on a 115 size main, attempted to „untwist but couldn't. Cutaway but could not find/see reserve handle due to container shift could not locate reserve handle. CYPRES cut the loop and started the reserve opening procedur



26 July 2012

Canada

Student CYPRES

Student could not find pilot chute and tried to pull reserve handle but could not find either. The CYPRES cut the loop and started the reserve deployment procedures

05 July 2012

France

Expert CYPRES

Normal opening at 1000M one brake line slipped up, the main canopy started spinning and twisted. The Skydiver cut away. Thought that he had pulled the reserve handle but did not. He then pulled at the same time CYPRES activated.

02 July 2012

Germany

Student CYPRES

Student did not start main or Reserve deployment procedures. CYPRES cut the reserve closing loop and started the reserve deployment procedure.

29 June 2012

Germany

Expert CYPRES

The Skydiver "lost" his cutaway handle during a 10 way RW skydive without noticing. He deployed his throwaway after tracking and felt his main canopy fall away. The skydiver did not carry out his reserve procedures. CYPRES activated and started his reserve deployment procedure.



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23 June 2012

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Als Team „Alte Knochen“ mit zusammen 127 Lebensjahren habe am bundesweiten 2er Wettkampf am Sprungplatz Hassfurt teilgenommen. In der Runde 2 „Klassiker-Compressed“ hangelte sich mein Partner an mir entlang und erwischte mein Trennkissen was ich nicht wahrgenommen habe und auch nicht konnte – auf dem Video deutlich erkennbar. Mein Partner entfernte sich von mir noch innerhalb der Arbeitshöhe und versuchte Zeichen zu geben die ich allerdings nicht erkannte. Wir separierten in 1500m und ich pullte bei 1000m – ich empfand einen enormen Ruck (Tennvorgang der Hauptkappe) und hatte das Gefühl mein komplettes Gurtzeug sei verloren gegangen – der Blick und Griff zum Trennkissen ging ins Leere – was das Gefühl des verlorenen Gurtzeuges verstärkte. Eine tiefe Resignation setzte bei mir schlagartig ein – Nachdenken was ich falsch gemacht habe könnte beim Packen respektive beim Anziehen – alle wesentlichen Punkte hatte ich erfüllt – Bein- und Brustgurte, Griffe etc. – erneuter Blick zum Brustgurt und Reservegriff am Platz – Hingreifen und gleichzeitiges Feuern des CYPRES – Griff in die Rear Riser und die Reserve sicher gelandet. Facit – Schauen - Greifen - Ziehen ist sicher der richtige Weg um die Reserveaktivierung beim Springer zu automatisieren – das Fehlen des Trennkissens nach dem unerwarteten harten Trennvorgang suggerierte mir allerdings das Fehlen der gesamten Ausrüstung, Brainlock. Dank CYPRES konnte ich meinen Wettbewerb fortsetzen – leider fehlte meinem Partner in letzten gemeinsamen Sprung die Konzentration.

Ich hoffe noch auf viele schöne Sprünge in meinem Leben!

Danke CYPRES!

21 June 2012

Denmark

Expert CYPRES

A student Skydiver exited the aircraft at 2500m, unstable at 1500m and trying regain stability. The student said that he tried to pull his deployment handle but it was too hard to pull. He started to spin then the CYPRES activated cut the loop and started the reserve deployment procedure.



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5 May 2012

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 38 years of parachuting experience (and a pilot) jumped after a year and a half break from skydiving. His reserve had just been repacked and CYPRES unit back from its 4 year maintenance cycle. The reserve packer gave the skydiver his rig at the DZ on the Friday afternoon. The skydiver packed his main in the company of two friends. On Saturday he did his first jump after one and a half years, he threw out his pilot chute but nothing happened! He then pulled his cut away cable and threw it away after which he adopted a stable position and did nothing else! He later explained that he saw the ground coming towards him but felt no fear or panic. He saw the ground coming closer and closer and just thought "sh*t, this time it will go wrong" but he still did not do anything. He remembered, suddenly being under his reserve canopy and shortly after landing off the DZ. He had a long walk back, once back at the DZ he kept telling those around him that he must go back and look for his main (which he presumed was in the woods near where he landed) In reality his main was still in his container. He had a pilot chute in tow caused by him mis-routing the bridle when closing the container. He was not able to give a reason why he had not carried out his full reserve procedure to save himself, not even the weekend after the jump.

28 April 2012

Italy

Expert CYPRES

Quoted from Jumper "During wing-suit jumps I had lost the stability and go in high speed spinning with fast loss of altitude. I had recovery the stability at about 300mt and then CYPRES has fired.

14 April 2012

South Africa

Expert CYPRES

AFF Level 7 Jump – Student could not pull his deployment handle – Did reserve drills but to low..... CYPRES cut the loop and started the reserve deployment procedure.



25 March 2012

Austria

Expert CYPRES

An older Gentleman with **about 25 years** experience and a total of around 2000 skydives was making his first jump after 6 months of not jumping on a new set of skydiving equipment. He was videoing a 4 way team on this jump. At break off a member of the 4 way team confirmed that they saw the Gentleman pull out his pilot chute but did not see the deployment of his main canopy (pilot chute in tow). The Gentlemen had tried to commence with his reserve procedure but could not locate the reserve handle. The CYPRES AAD activated the reserve deployment procedure. The Gentleman landed hard but otherwise no further injuries.

22 March 2012

Holland

Student CYPRES

Student exited the plane at approx 3500 feet unstable. Lost altitude awareness, the CYPRES unit successfully started the reserve deployment sequence. The Skydiver landed safely under his reserve.

06 November 2011

Portugal

Student CYPRES

A young lady has just progressed from Static line and was on her 4th "short delay" skydive. Her deployment attempts did not deploy the main canopy. At approx 750 feet the CYPRES unit successfully started the reserve deployment sequence and she landed safely under her reserve.

09 October 2011

Sweden

Student CYPRES

A skydiver waved off at approx 1500 meters and tried to deploy her main. She could not find it and tried again. She then started her reserve procedures and pulled her cut away handle, before she could pull her reserve handle the CYPRES activated and started the reserve deployment procedure.



01 May 2011

Germany

Expert CYPRES

2 skydivers where head down with an approx speed of 260Km/h. Lost awareness. The CYPRES AAD activated and started the reserve deployment procedure.

30 April 2011

Croatia

Student CYPRES

After an uneventful exit at 4000m the skydiver went through a rain cloud. To stop the stinging of the rain on his neck he covered this with his hands. On doing so he went into an uncontrollable spin. At 1000m he was still spinning, so much so that due to the g-force could not reach his main ripcord. The CYPRES activated and cut the reserve loop. He landed without injury. Jumper never tried pulling his reserve handle.

23 February 2011

Ireland

Student CYPRES

A student doing consol jumps went unstable trying to deploy at approx 5000 feet. No attempt to pull was made. The student spent the entire time trying to get stable until the CYPRES activated.

31 October 2010

USA

Student CYPRES

A student just cleared to self supervise, had an altimeter malfunction. Instead of deploying the main parachute as taught when you don't know your altitude, the student tried to fix the altimeter until the student CYPRES saved their life

30 October 2010

USA

Expert CYPRES

At approximately 1:00 pm Mountain Standard Time, Longmont, Colorado, USA your product saved my life by doing exactly what it was designed to do. I am humbled but alive thanks to your device. My deepest gratitude to your designers and staff.



10 October 2010

Portugal

Student CYPRES

The AFF student was on level 6 AFF jumping with 1 instructor. At 6000ft the student began spinning on her belly and did not try and deploy the main canopy at any time. CYPRES fired and started the reserve deployment procedure.

25 September 2010

Russia

Student CYPRES

AFF student could not find her pilot chute and did not start her reserve procedures. CYPRES fired and started the reserve deployment sequence. She landed uninjured.

07 September 2010

Uruguay

Expert CYPRES

A Brazilian jumper was jumping a big way formation (attempt for the Uruguayan record), had a main canopy malfunction (severe line twists). He managed to cutaway his main at 2000 feet but couldn't locate his reserve handle. CYPRES started the reserve deployment sequence. The skydiver landed uninjured.

05 September 2010

Uruguay

Expert CYPRES

A Brazilian wing suit flyer was doing a solo jump, exiting the Hercules C-130 from 16,000 feet in Salto Uruguay. He was not able to open his main, CYPRES started the reserve deployment sequence, opening the reserve. The skydiver landed uninjured.

28 August 2010

Czech Republic

Expert CYPRES

After Cutaway skydiver could not find his reserve handle. CYPRES fired and started the reserve deployment procedure.



19 August 2010

Germany

Expert CYPRES

On his 17th jump a skydiver was on throw away conversion and turning on practise pulls. He then tried again turning faster and dipping each time, as his stress levels increased he is finding it harder to pull in a stable position. He thinks about going through his reserve procedures but can not locate his cutaway or reserve handle. CYPRES fired and started the reserve deployment procedure. Skydiver landed in tree uninjured.

07 August 2010

USA

Student CYPRES

Student exited for his first 10 second delay, was stable through his deployment altitude of 400 feet AGL. He started to spin and panicked. Did not pull any handles until after CYPRES had started the reserve deployment sequence. The Skydiver landed safely.

22 July 2010

France

Expert CYPRES

The skydiver started spinning and did not pull his hand deploy. He did not activate his reserve. CYPRES started the reserve deployment sequence. The skydiver landed safely.

28 June 2010

Canada

Student CYPRES

Student was trying to open her container, could not find pilot chute handle. Lost altitude awareness, Tried to locate it until CYPRES activation. She did not pull any handles.

19 June 2010

USA

Expert CYPRES

Velocity 84 flying through wake turbulence of second Velo 84. Canopy collapses into spinning line twists at around 1200 feet AGL. Immediate cutaway, but unable to locate reserve handle for several seconds due to chest strap having been fully opened for flight/landing. CYPRES fires and opens reserve parachute at or near 750 feet AGL (possibly lower). Reserve fully open around 500 feet.



22 March 2010

Italy

Student CYPRES

After a jump with an instructor on a RW dive, the student complained of severe pain of his right shoulder and could not deploy main. He did not open his reserve with his left hand. CYPRES fired and opened the reserve.

02 January 2010

Portugal

Expert CYPRES

Solo jump, skydiver claims to have had a blackout and woke up under her reserve. unstable until reserve deployment.

November 2009

Lake Elsinore USA

Expert CYPRES

Dear Airtec,

first of all even if it is 4 days late I wish you all a happy new year! I received the cutter on the 24th of December so it was a perfect timing by you guys. spending this years Christmas together with my family was as you know only possible because of the fine product that you provide for skydivers.

all my equipment, wing suit, rig, etc., was destroyed by the accident or thereafter by the rescue guys who cut everything that was still working. and also I could'nt work as a pilot since then because of the head injuries that made my medical invalid. but i am optimistic to get it back end of January and start working again. i will never forget how you guys, rolf brombach, the people of birdman and tonysuits offered support and helped minimizing the financial desaster.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

everybody who contacts me in the future because he wants to get into skydiving or wants to buy gear will hear my story and he won't think of buying an Argus or vigil or not using an AAD at all "because it doesn't work on a wingsuit"!

Rolf asked me if I would wear your CYPRES badge on my suits when I am back wing suiting and free-flying and of course if I can give something back I would love to. have a great year 2010!!



03 November 2009

Chicago USA

Expert CYPRES

During AFF level 3 (release skydive). After an uneventful and good free-fall. Student became unstable and could not find BOC pilot chute (5500 feet). The instructor attempted to assist but was unable to reach student. At 2500 feet (Inst Hard deck)

Student continued to try for main handle until CYPRES activation. Student landed safely off field and flared for landing. This was her second jump of the day for the student.



18 September 2009

Marl Germany

Expert CYPRES

Hallo Airtecs,

mit dieser Mail möchte ich Danke sagen, dass Ihr mein Leben gerettet habt.

Am 18.09.2009 habe ich meinen 28 Sprung und meinen ersten flachen aus 1600 m absolviert. Der Exit verlief unauffällig und ich war sofort stabil.

Als ich aber auf ca. 1200 m zum Hand Deploy greifen wollte, konnte ich die Plastic Pipe nicht finden. Ich habe dann noch mehrere Male nach gegriffen und mich viel zu lange damit aufgehalten aber den Griff einfach nicht gefunden.

Da ich das Hand Deploy bis dahin immer direkt gefunden habe, war ich an dieser Stelle schon ziemlich beeindruckt von der Situation.

Ich habe dann direkt zum Reservegriff geschaut, dort aber nur etwas metallisches schimmern sehen und habe versucht danach zu greifen aber das war offensichtlich nicht der Reservegriff. Da war ich dann wahrscheinlich bereits so durch den Wind, dass ich den Griff nicht mehr zu fassen bekommen habe.

Als der Boden so extrem schnell näher kam dachte ich nur noch wenn's jetzt nicht feuert, bin ich erledigt und diese Mail kann ich nur deshalb noch schreiben, weil es gefeuert hat und die Reserve auch recht flott aber nicht besonders hart aufgegangen ist. Bei ca. 50m hing ich dann am Schirm. Die Landung war zwar hart aber ich hatte bei den ersten AFF Leveln auch schon härtere Landungen. Auf jeden Fall ist kein Blut geflossen und es hat auch nichts weh getan, so dass ich auf den eigenen Beinen zur Packhalle zurück gehen konnte.

Daher möchte ich nochmal Danke sagen, dass Ihr da wart, als ich Euch am dringendsten brauchte und dass Ihr mein Leben gerettet habt.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Jörg Rupeter

PS: Nach diesem Sprung kann ich eines sagen: Wenn der Tod noch ca. 4.5 Sekunden entfernt ist, sieht man nicht sein Leben als Film ablaufen sondern die Landebahn.

21 August 2009

Skydive The Ranch

Student CYPRES

A quick thanks, from a very grateful student:



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The first words that were yelled aloud as I came plummeting into the woods behind the drop zone at Skydive the Ranch, in Gardiner, New York were "CYPRES works!", from a very concerned long time skydiver who thought along with the rest of us that this would be my final flight in the sky. As I impacted the ground, I couldn't imagine that anyone could have experience that much pain and still survived, but was thanking every lucky star and god I could name that I had. It was my repeat Level 5 and had done just about the worst thing possible in a sport I had quickly fallen in love with- I forgot to pull. Being a bartender at the local watering hole up the street that had been the favourite skydiver hang out for the past fifty years, I had grown incredibly fond of the tight knit community at the Ranch, and once I had finally been talked into making a jump, I couldn't imagine living the rest of my life without doing it on every fine blue skied day. The one piece of advice everyone had to offer was to pull. No matter what happens, pull. Billy Richards, owner of Skydive the Ranch, had come to have a drink just the night before and looked at me to say, "Rita, you have sixty seconds during which you can really do whatever you please. As long as you have an open parachute above your head at 4,500 feet, that's really all that matters." And yet somehow I lost sight of that. I had become so obsessed with remaining stable in the sky, which I was having a hard time with, that I completely and dangerously lost altitude awareness in the sky. My instructor had even docked on to me from the front, grabbed my hands and yelled "pull", but I took the communication to be something else, and never stopped free fall. I had reached about 1,000 feet before I had even bothered to look at the ground to notice that I was well below pull altitude, and at that point I had panicked. I went into a flat spin and completely lost control and just about lost my mind as I calculated how quickly it would take for me to impact and how long it would take for my main chute to inflate if I had pulled. I reached to pull my main, then utterly blanked. And yet, somehow, at 750 feet there was an open parachute above my head. As I laid on the ground in the clearing the woods for which I had been responsible, I turned around to see a white parachute laying behind me. Once the chute had opened, because I had been in a flat spin, it came out with some serious line twists. It took until Andre had found me with another couple of people from the drop zone that I had come to realize what had happened. "You didn't pull. CYPRES did," he uttered to me gently, in his thick Russian accent. At that point I broke down. I had come so close to losing it all, and thanks to a digital device in my rig I had been given a second chance.



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It's now been four weeks since that fateful afternoon, and after a few days in the hospital and three weeks at home, I've been starting to feel more like myself. I was able to avoid having any surgery despite shattering my first Lombard, and after just two weeks am off of my medication. I stopped by the Ranch for the first time since

I got hurt yesterday, and Andre came to me with a big hug and a small gift. "Here," he says. "This saved your life." It was the CYPRES cutter from my rig. It stopped my heart for a moment to see the tiny device sit in my hand and know that it alone was responsible for the fact that I'm here to skydive another day. I had certainly learned my lesson. Never again will I ever lose altitude awareness, or forget that there is nothing more important in this sport than stopping free-fall.

I wanted to write to thank you, at CYPRES for saving my life. I can't begin to relate the thoughts of terror that were going through my head at that moment when I had thought that I was seconds away from certain death. It's an amazing feeling to be able to walk away from the scariest moment of my life and know that for me, and all future skydivers, there is a back up plan to the worst possible situation.

There aren't words enough to explain how grateful I am for your product, and for what it's done for me. I celebrated my 21st birthday on the 30th, and it may have been the sweetest of all. But I wouldn't be here without you. Looking forward to a Spring full of blue skies... and open parachutes.

21 August 2009

Skydive Zone New Zealand

Expert CYPRES

Cutaway after a 4 way CRW, bottom 2 where in a wrap which flung me out on cut away unstable. I could not get to my reserve handle before CYPRES activation.

30 July 2009

Usedom Germany

Expert CYPRES

Bridle caught around foot on deployment due to unstable pull, this caused the flaps of the main to remain closed. Spinning and fighting for stability until CYPRES activation. The jumper did not really realize what had happened until a few days later.



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10 June 2009

Melipilla Chile

Expert CYPRES

CYPRES saved my life!! Hi, I'm Eugenio Dominguez, from Santiago, Chile. I've been skydiving since last year, it a sport that I love and it's what I've been dedicated to do almost every single weekend for many months. I finished buying all my equipment 3 months ago, and part of it, was my CYPRES. That's where my story begins. Last Wednesday I suffered the most extreme accident of my life. I almost died and I almost killed my friend, and flying partner. Jumping out of a Comp Air 8 in Melipilla, Chile at 13.000 ft, last jump of the day, beautiful sunset. Part of my disco-ordination and non-concentration made me crash head to head with Nicolas, I just didn't see him. We were doing a track dive, very very fast. Right away both of us were unconscious and starting a never ending free-fall. At 750 feet god's hands came and activated my CYPRES that worked perfectly for me and my friend. Both of us landed unconscious... I woke up at ER, knowing nothing of what was going on around me.

Lately I got known that a have almost a new face... full of titanium everywhere, I broke my eye bone, both cheekbones, nose, palate, some teeth, mandible, some strokes on my liver, kidney, and some cuts... but I'm walking, thinking, talking, smiling and expressing myself like it was a normal day. All of this BECAUSE OF MY CYPRES, if I didn't have it I would not be here in my hospital bed telling you this story.

25 May 2009

Dunkerswell, UK

Expert CYPRES

A jumper was knocked out 10 seconds after exit on a tracking dive due to a collision with a jumper in front of him. The CYPRES fired at the correct height and saved the skydivers life. The jumper landed on top of a hanger and had nothing more than a sore ankle!

25 May 2009

Irish parachute club Ireland

Student CYPRES

I just wanted to inform you that we had a CYPRES save on Saturday. A female student who started to spin up and did nothing else. she was apparently spinning on her back when her CYPRES fired and she had a clean reserve deployment! so clock up another one for your books, Rodger.



23 May 2009

Perris Valley, USA

Expert CYPRES

Jumper failed to deploy parachute, reserve parachute deployed due to CYPRES activation. Reserve opened over hangar, turned to avoid it and impacted the ground.

21 May 2009

Northern Germany

Schüler CYPERS

Female skydiver, 220 jumps, 0 jumps in the last 6 years.

She got a "jump weekend" present from her family and after an intensive re-training, she started again on May 21, 2009.

The first 3 jumps from 1500m went without problems, they even included a small 2-way rw-session. Then on the 4th jump she pulled out her throw out pilot chute about 10 cm and lost it. After a few more tries she knew she was losing height (but kept stable) and realised, if she doesn't do something soon the CYPRES will fire!

Right hand to the cutaway handle – and the CYPRES fired! Cutaway handle is gone, reserve handle still in the pocket.

She did not turn into the wind and did not touch her steering toggles, because she wanted to concentrate on the PLF.

This she did and landed in a freshly ploughed field. She did not hurt herself but was totally dirty and dusty.

Equipment: Omega Student rig / 250 Quick Reserve / Student CYPRES 2

05 May 2009

USA

Expert CYPRES

Jumper had trouble finding pilot chute. Rolled on back at 2000 feet (inst. Pulled). Student rolled into stable position and waited for his AAD to fire.



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11 April 2009

Germany

Tandem CYPRES

I have been skydiving since my 16th birthday. I grew up close to an airport and from when I was 6 years old I spent most of my time there. When I was 8 years old I already packed parachutes (at this time the Kohnke round canopies). Skydiving and Airports are my life and I'm lucky to have a wife who shares this passion with me.

I have jumped all kinds of parachutes like the Kohnke Dreieck, different round canopies, Paracomander, also the first square canopy without a slider etc. I also knew all the different AAD's on the market, like Sentinel, Kapp3, FXC and then there was the CYPRES. I know the people from CYPRES and over the years I monitored all their news and reports. Weekend after weekend on the drop zone, I checked all my gear and switched my CYPRES on. Again and again, but I never imagined that one day I will have a very close relationship with my CYPRES.

You know the stories, you go to the Safety meetings and listen to the stories Kai (sorry that he is not at Airtec any more) told about the CYPRES saves, and so on.

Easter Saturday, 11 April 2009, best weather conditions, the Pink Skyvan at the DZ, 4000 meters, my 3rd Jump on this day. I was the first Tandem master to leave the air plane, was on my way to the ramp and then??????????

A big blow, I looked up and realized that my reserve canopy was out, shit!

The canopy turned and I saw the road. "Better not land on the road" my brain said. One more turn, feet extended so the passenger is safe, then I try to do an PLF. It was a hard landing, but it seems both of us are doing fine. I made it and my passenger is safe on the ground. Shortly after the instructor in charge arrived and picked us up. I really don't know if I realized everything because I started to feel dizzy so they brought me to the hospital. During the examination my wife told me: "you fell into the CYPERS, It saved you and your passenger's life!" I don't know what I thought at this moment, I could not realize what happened. I was in the hospital for another 3 days for observation. Even today, 2 weeks after the incident, I still don't know what really happened. I never ever thought, that I would come into the situation that the CYPRES has to open my reserve canopy. The 1000,- Euro for this CYPRES saved 2 lives. Guys, I always had a CYPRES even though I believed I would never make use of it. But it made click and I needed it, and only because of this I can write this story here today. You should never use a parachute equipment without a CYPRES, because also I never thought in all my dreams that I would have to depend on it one day.

I will still need some time to digest all this. The only thing I can do right now is



to say: THANK YOU CYPRES (Helmut)

06 February 2009

France

Expert CYPRES

Hello, I'm pleased to write you this email to tell you my story and to thank you, I am a skydiver and I have a CYPRES. It saved my life on one jump when I impacted with another skydiver under canopy. I went unconscious and my CYPRES did it's job, by safely opening my reserve. I was still unconscious when I landed under my Techno 128 but with no severe injuries.

That's my short story,

Thank you to the guy who invented the CYPRES,

Thank you to Airtec for all the maintenances.

The CYPRES is an essential tool for all skydivers.

That it!!

24 January 2009

Australia

Student CYPRES

First jump student, out of control for the whole jump, tumbling, spinning.

Lost the number one jump master early in the jump.

Number two jump master was unable to bring it back under under control and for some reason lost his grip.

Student went the whole way down and did nothing, main pilot chute was still in BOC pocket.

02 November 2008

Place not disclosed

Student CYPRES

Student doing consol jumps after finishing AFF on a jump previously 2 months ago, he dislocated his LEFT shoulder in free-fall, but managed to pull the main and land safely after hospital visit and consultant, was given the all clear to jump again was retrained and did a check out dive again all clear jumped again same day after being cleared, this time dislocated his RIGHT shoulder after doing his wave off due to the pain and the surprise of it, student went unstable and did nothing until the CYPRES fired and opened his reserve had a rough landing, but besides the dislocated shoulder had no other injuries!



27 September 2008

Place not disclosed

Expert CYPRES

AFF level 1 poor exit by student resulting in tumble one instructor thrown off other instructor continues to hold on and give signals both are in a turn which is getting worse. 2nd instructor eventually gets thrown off as well, continues to chase the student until he realises that he is getting close to a 1000. decides to deploy the main as the CYPRES fires resulting in reserve opening first and main sec landed both canopy's uninjured.

27 September 2008

Place not disclosed

Student CYPRES

same incident as above, student CYPRES fires and opens the reserve. both persons land in small trees and are uninjured.



28 of June 2008

Skydive Houston USA

Expert CYPRES

I was participating in the "Dead Man" boogie at Skydive Houston, in Waller, TX. I was making my 3rd jump of the day, deployed at 3000 ft, and had the hardest opening of my life. I had severe line twists, and was halfway aware of what I was doing because of the main parachute hard opening. I worked away at the line twists until the decision altitude of 1800 ft. At this time, I made the wrong decision to keep working on the line twists. I still had many line twists when I realized I was at 1100 ft, so I cut away. At that moment, I was knocked unconscious. Also, I did not have my RSL attached because I was jumping a Velocity 96 and had been jumping a video camera earlier. At 600 ft, my CYPRES fired, allowing my reserve pilot chute and free bag to deploy. However, my reserve didn't deploy with them. Eyewitness on the ground didn't see any reserve until about 300 ft, and finally saw the reserve start to inflate at tree top level. Needless to say, I impacted the ground at a very high rate of speed, since the reserve was just achieving line stretch.

It has been a very long and hard road to recovery, but I wouldn't be here to write this email to you if I did not have a CYPRES in my rig. I owe the rest of my life to the CYPRES in my rig, and I will always use it. Please forgive me if I don't send this one back in for a discount on a new one when its service life ends. As I said, I owe my life to that CYPRES.

Please continue to provide the outstanding product you have made available to the rest of us. You can rest assured that I will always have a CYPRES in my rig.

11 May 2008

Place not disclosed

Student CYPRES

AFF student level 4. student is released after exit start to spin and go unstable. after attempting to recover was unable to do so deploys main canopy at 8000. due to unstable deployment, his legs get caught in the deploying lines resulting in his feet being caught and hanging upside down in the harness, canopy not fully inflated and starting to spin. student tries to extricate himself and does nothing else. student CYPRES fires and opens the reserve fully. Lands in trees and walks away with no injuries. although he did lose his 2 shoes in the process!



14 April 2008

Ireland

Expert CYPRES

student jumper with 50 jumps, does 1st jump from 13000. has problem with stability at pull time, tries to recover and does nothing until the CYPRES fires. After the reserve is fully opened, she then deploys the main!

06 April 2008

Location Unknown

Expert & Student CYPRES

Yesterday I was jumping an AAF level 4. Which is the one where the instructor has a unreleased dive with a student. The student was stable. At pull time I tried to assist the student with finding the pilot chute, when the student spun out of my hands. I chased the student but couldn't catch up. The student did nothing and pulled nothing. Didn't even try. The student CYPRES fired at about 1100 feet. I deployed my main (yes, I know it was an error in judgement), slightly above that and had my cypress fire as well. Both of us landed w/o injuries. Thank you for your product on both of our parts,

24 February 2008

Ireland

Expert CYPRES

student jumper with 40 jumps. doing a 2 way coach dive, student loses alti awareness. coach waves of and gives pull signal. no response. coach back slides and deploys his own canopy at 3000 feet. student

realises that he was suppose to track, he was still tracking as the CYPRES activates and opens the reserve.

10 September 2007

Austria

Tandem CYPRES

Tandem master never set drogue due to instability. High-speed CYPRES activation, followed by a good landing on the landing zone. Both walked away un-injured.



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09 September 2007

Ploiesti Romania

Student CYPRES

Jump altitude: 4000m Gear: PD Navigator 240sq ft (or 220), Vector SE container, PD reserve, CYPRES 2 student, 1 pin. Skydiver: approximately 35, had about 100 jumps in the army and a few paid jumps from 4000. Incident: I was on the ground preparing to make a jump, I've seen him spinning head down trying to obtain a stable position. At approx 225m (I assume) the CYPRES fired and the reserve opened nicely. He landed in a nearby backyard. His wife was there screaming for Half an hour. It was a solo jump and he never tried to pull his BOC pilot chute or his reserve handle.

August 2007

Denmark

Student CYPRES

Quote: "We had a clean CYPRES save last Saturday, when a student of mine on her jump no. 31 on a long spot forgot all about altitude she was too busy looking for the airport. Luckily your CYPRES and my reserve pack job worked as expected and we still have her among the living people."

04 August 2007

England

Expert CYPRES

A staff member competing in a 4 way FS event had his cutaway pad kicked off in a rough docking with another team members foot. It came out completely. On deploying his main parachute it cutaway immediately. It took him some time to realise what had happened as he thought he had a total malfunction. When he came to cutaway he started looking for his cutaway pad and reserve handle. He took so long looking for his cutaway pad that he lost track of time and altitude. As he eventually pulled his reserve, his CYPRES had already fired.

June 2007

Kassel, Germany

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver cut away his spinning main canopy and was looking for his reserve pad which was folded under his main lift web as his CYPRES fired. He landed unhurt.



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22 December 2006

Auckland, New Zealand

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver was participating in a 6 way tracking jump. At about 7000ft he was involved in a mid air collision and knocked unconscious. His CYPRES fired and his reserve canopy transported him – still unconscious – safely to the ground.

17 December 2006

USA

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver was participating in a hybrid jump, he was part of the base with free flyers hanging on him. When the hangers did their thing, his leg strap was loosened a lot. At pull time he could not reach / locate his BOC Pilot chute. He rolled over on his back, thinking it would be easier to get the handle. He still could not locate it and as he flipped back to his belly, his CYPRES fired. He said that he heard his third beep from his audible going off.

15 October 2006

Jonesville USA

Expert CYPRES

Quote: “According to witnesses – he went unstable as he reached for the throw out (has a history of unexplained instability), lost track of altitude. No handles were pulled – a complete CYPRES save.”

17 September 2006

Ireland

Student CYPRES

Student went unstable at pull time and remained so for the rest of the free-fall. After CYPRES activated he landed in trees but walked away unhurt and is very happy to be alive. On the debrief he mentioned that he was trying to get stable before pulling the main.

10 September 2006

USA

Expert CYPRES

5000' ft AGL break off, jumper was seen tumbling. No ground witness saw anything after that. It is our belief that she wore gloves for the first time and could not locate the main deployment handle and lost altitude awareness. The gear was a rental and she was not used to it.



04 July 2006

Europe

Military CYPRES

A military jumper was jumping with a rucksack which came loose on one side during free-fall. He tried to get hold of it all the way down. CYPRES fired at 1000ft and he landed safely.

27 May 2006

Indiana, USA

Expert CYPRES

After exiting the aircraft at 14,000 ft AGL.. A jumper collided (head first) into another jumper at a high rate of speed. She was knocked unconscious and the CYPRES saved her life.

May 2006

Belgium

Expert CYPRES

Quote: "I exited at 5000ft. After a delay of 2000ft I was having problems with my main canopy. It was twisted and I cut it away. I was falling unstable and could not reach the opening system of my reserve canopy. The CYPRES fired and I could make a soft landing."

19 March 2006

Hohenems, Austria

Expert CYPRES

After an uneventful free-fall. a skydiver was unable to reach his hand deploy due to a not fitting harness. He tried too long. When he finally turned to his reserve handle CYPRES had already activated.

26 January 2006

New Zealand

Expert CYPRES

... Quote: "2nd jump on new rig. Deployed at 3.000ft waited, looked over shoulder to check pilot chute inflated OK Reached behind felt bottom of container to feel if container flaps open. No. I knew Cypres was going to fire any second so waited. Cause of incident: Bridle incorrectly routed. Lack of familiarity after 15 years of using racer elite rig."



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02 January 2006

Australia

Expert CYPRES

Quote: "Dear team, I did a bird-man jump with 2 other people. At about 6000 feet I was knocked unconscious in a collision with one of the others. I awoke on the ground with my reserve around me, my cypress did its job. Thank you on behalf of myself, my family and friends. Wishing you a happy 2006! "

24 December, 2005

Spain

Expert CYPRES

Collision on a 6 way tracking dive. A skydiver is unconscious after the collision the Cypres initiates the reserve opening. He lands still unconscious in a tree.

16 November 2005

USA

Student Cypres

A student exited from 5400 feet AGL he did seven 90° turns, but did not pull. The Cypres initiated the reserve opening.

18 September 2005

USA

Student Cypres

A student tried to get in a stable position before pulling, went low and Cypres fired.

30 August, 2005

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Due to a packing error, the skydiver experienced a pilot chute in tow. He was unable to locate the handles. From a certain point on , he just waited for the CYPRES. .The CYPRES did it's job.



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14 June 2005

Costa Rica

Air crew CYPRES

..... Quote: "Hey there, Just wanted to send a word of sincere thanks. CYPRES 2 saved my arse in a huge way. I was, unfortunately, the only survivor of a plane that crashed into the ocean off the coast of Costa Rica on June 2nd. After violent turbulence (a micro burst), we struggled to get the door open. I bailed and 3 seconds later my CYPRES fired. Literally 1-2 seconds later the plane hit the water behind me. I landed safely in the water and, albeit 24 hours later and literally minutes from going under (I couldn't breathe any more due to dehydration), a boat picked me up. I'm sorry to say that although 2 other jumpers exited the plane, they and 3 others ultimately perished in the incident. Nonetheless, thanks for your part in saving my life. I'll never fly without a CYPRES again."

20 May 2005

Czech Republic

Student CYPRES

A jumper had his CYPRES fire at 750 feet AGL. The jumper had 65 jumps and was trying to get out of a flat spin, according to the jump master, when he lost altitude awareness and the CYPRES fired. He was wearing student gear and had a hard landing under the reserve but walked away.

17 May 2005

England

Student CYPRES

An A licensed parachutist with 20 jumps is spinning in free-fall. The instructor stops the spin twice during the free-fall. At pull time, the student does not react on pull signs – the CYPRES opened the reserve.

14 May 2005

Europe

Expert CYPRES

Free-fall collision before the first point of a 16 way formation skydive. One skydiver is knocked unconscious at 10.000 feet, the CYPRES saved him.



13 February 2005

Mexico

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 620 jumps collides with a fellow jumper on a tracking dive at 9500 feet, and is unconscious after that. The CYPRES 2 opens the reserve canopy. The skydiver lands still unconscious with a few scratches only.

4 February 2005

USA

Student CYPRES

AFF Level 1, student did never arch, was knee to chest. Jump masters tried to stabilize the student and attempted to pull without success. Both jump masters save themselves, the CYPRES opens the reserve of the student.

31 January 2005

Zephyrhills USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 220 jumps arrives uncurrent at the DZ. Receives refresher training and a coach jump. Signed off as OK, and continued jumping over a week, did 31 jumps in 7 days. On jump # 31, the skydiver experiences a pilot chute in tow. He never pulled anything after that and rode the pilot chute in tow until the CYPRES fired.

25 October 2004

USA

Expert CYPRES

Two way free fly sit position, 1st glance @ altimeter. I was in the red, could not believe it. Looked @ground coming up, felt reserve deploy before I could pull left pad."

29 September 2004

USA

Expert CYPRES

An AFF instructor chases the student. deploys the students canopy and is knocked out. The CYPRES opens his reserve.

19 September 2004

Poland

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 53 jumps becomes unstable at pull time. No recovery, the CYPRES opened the reserve.



12 September 2004

Poland

Student CYPRES

A student with 27 jumps tries to become stable, without success. The CYPRES opened the reserve.

4 September 2004

South of Germany

Expert CYPRES

Male skydiver, four years in sport. 355 skydives "After main opening my lines were screwed up and the canopy turned. I cut away. Went unstable. That's why I couldn't grab my reserve handle".

02 September 2004

Cross Keys, USA

Expert CYPRES

2 jumpers were track diving together. Both lost altitude awareness. One had no AAD and one was equipped with a CYPRES. The CYPRES guy landed uneventfully under his reserve, the other skydiver died due to impact with the ground.

8 August 2004

Rantoul, USA

Expert CYPRES

An experienced jumper has a CYPRES fire / save when he had a total mal. According to the jumper, a funnel during the dive somehow pushed his main pilot chute handle into his pouch far enough to make extraction impossible. He tried to deploy his main, then grabbed his reserve, but put his thumb or one of his fingers through the space between the reserve cable housing and the point at which it was anchored to the harness. (This was a Dolphin, and there is a space between the cable housing and the place where it is anchored near the handle that you could stick your fingers through). He tried several times to deploy his reserve, but his fingers through the anchor prevented him from extracting the handle. He then looked, rearranged his hand and pulled again. His CYPRES fired before he was able to pull the handle. He landed without injury.



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7 August 2004

Rantoul, USA

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver with 500+ jumps. Low cut-away. CYPRES opened reserve.

31 July 2004

Undisclosed location

Expert CYPRES

An experienced jumper (3000+ jumps) was jumping with a friend that had about 100 jumps. They were doing daffys when the low-timer came down hard with their knees onto the experienced jumper's back. The shock to his back paralysed the jumper's arms and legs, and he started tumbling. Realizing that he couldn't move, he tried to remember if he had turned CYPRES on that morning. He wasn't sure. He always turns it on, but couldn't remember doing it that morning. Fortunately he had turned it on. Per his Pro-Track, his CYPRES fired just above 700 feet, and he was in the saddle by 300. Since he was tumbling when the CYPRES fired, he had severe line twists on the reserve. Still being paralysed, he had a hard off-DZ landing on his back. He instructed the locals to call an ambulance. Shortly after landing, the jumper started getting feeling back his arms and legs. Before the ambulance arrived, he hitched a ride back to the DZ. After being checked by his doctor, the jumper was back jumping a week later. He now calls himself a testimonial for the CYPRES.

18 July 2004

USA

Student CYPRES

AFF student spinning out of control with altimeter stuck on 9000 feet. Did not attempt to pull. CYPRES opened the reserve.

30 May 2004

Russia

Expert CYPRES

Post-AFF student, 3 week after AFF without jumps. 1.500 meters jump, non-stable position, try to stabilize, loose altitude control, CYPRES fire, high-speed reserve opened. He was saved by his CYPRES. Thank you!



27 May 2004

Karlsborg, Sweden

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver exits a plane which is still climbing and hits the stabiliser. The skydiver is immediately unconscious and free falls until the CYPRES fired. She woke up several minutes after the jump.

1 April 2004

USA

Expert CYPRES

A very experienced skydiver (38 years in sport) had a mid air collision on a 10-way formation skydive. The skydiver was knocked unconscious and additionally his right arm was out of socket. The skydiver said he first wasn't aware of what had happened at 1000 feet and he was going for the reserve as his CYPRES fired. On top of that he had to avoid power lines and landed quite hard. He is tough one and was jumping again 3 days later.

March 2004

Singapore

Student CYPRES

Jumper was unconscious, CYPRES saved his life.

18 November 2003

Swakopmund, Namibia, Africa

Student CYPRES

A student skydiver with 13 jumps exits at 6000 feet. After approx. 7 seconds the student started spinning. He first wanted to regain stability before opening his main canopy. He didn't pull, the CYPRES opened the reserve. The student was on the ground after a very short canopy ride without any injuries.

04 October 2003

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver experiences an opening hesitation due to a lazy pull of her throw-out pilot chute. She cuts away the main, the main canopy disappears in that moment. She does not pull the reserve, CYPRES cuts the loop. She landed without injuries.



September 2003

UK,

Expert CYPRES

quotation from a report: A skydiver tracked towards a formation and hit another skydiver on lower left leg with his head. The skydiver was then seen below formation in a back down position – CYPRES fired approx. 1.000 ft – he landed unconscious with reserve brakes in keepers and main pilot chute still in BOC. He regained consciousness a while later, was taken to hospital for observation and is now OK

13 September 2003

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 56 jumps cuts away his main canopy after a malfunction. He is not able to locate his reserve handle. The CYPRES activates the reserve.

06 September 2003

USA

Expert CYPRES

On Saturday afternoon at Tullahoma Skydive Centre in TN, I was on the westwind beech, a full load, sitting in the right seat next to the pilot. At around 2000 feet he called back for all sport jumpers to exit and he was going to land with the tandems. There was a seal that broke in the fuel line I think. Anyway, the left engine was going full speed, which meant a high speed low pass (we didn't know this till we got on the ground). I was last out behind the new guy who hadn't done his hop and pop yet, so I gave him 5 seconds before I got out. I attempted a poised exit, and immediately hit the vertical part of the tail with my temple. I plummeted to the ground unconscious. I woke hanging from a tree just above the ground with a guy asking me how to take my rig off. He ran from the local nearby WalMart parking lot. I had no idea what had happened. All I knew was that I was dizzy, and had no clue why. I vaguely remember looking up at my rig and seeing my reserve out. Lucky me... I was wearing my helmet, thank you Sky Systems, which has a nice chip on the left temple. So, I have huge lump on my head..that hurts, but...I'M ALIVE!!! My Pro Track had me at 2600 exit altitude with opening at 500 feet, 16 seconds of free-fall. The best part about the whole story is that my CYPRES has been due its 8year, and I had planned on taking it out and sending it in to SSK last week...glad I didn't or I definitely would not be here today!



September 2003

Ohio, USA

Expert CYPRES

Jump from 14.000 ft. Nothing pulled, CYPRES did cut the loop, container opening very much delayed, container opened so low that jumper broke a bone on landing.

September 2003

USA,

Military CYPRES

Jump from 13.000 ft, no pull, tumbling, reserve container loop cut by CYPRES, pilot chute. hesitation, pilot chute. towards the legs, pilot chute. underneath the left arm, jumper bend forward in a head-down position, reserve canopy deployed.

That CYPRES had been to the maintenance in August 2002, than it had been on the shelf until this jump,

September 2003

USA

Expert CYPRES

quotation from the report: „We were doing a three way freely drive. The jumper who was saved by your device was doing a two way coach dive with a up and coming free-flyer and I was filming the jump. The dive was going very well, but around 5.000 ft I did a 360 and for whatever reason I did not stay vertical and tracked at a high rate of speed into my friend, rendering him unconscious. He fell back to earth until 750 ft where his CYPRES fired and reserve deployed. He regained consciousness before landing and had an uneventful landing in an open field.“

31 August 2003

Germany

Student CYPRES

AFF level 1: Unstable exit, loss of one instructor, second instructor is turnings with student and tries to pull the main canopy of the student, but the student prevented this by a firm grip to the instructors arm. At 600m, the instructor goes away from the student to open his own canopy. The student is saved by his CYPRES 2. This was the first official CYPRES 2 save.



21 August 2003

Italy

Expert CYPRES

Hi, I don't know why I am writing this I wanted to say thank you because CYPRES saved me twice, I am not proud of this fact, on the contrary I feel ashamed. But unfortunately I am this way, careless, irrational and emotional! If I will find the courage to jump again some day, I hope to be mature enough so that I will not have to use CYPRES any more. Anyhow be aware that even if I do not know you personally, I will thank you for all my life!

09 August 2003

Germany

Expert CYPRES

An experienced skydiver dislocates his right shoulder in free-fall. He thinks about his emergency procedures and comes to the conclusion that the CYPRES is his last chance. He made no attempts to pull the reserve with the left hand, the CYPRES works as designed.

05 August 2003

France

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 80 jumps experienced a pilot chute. in tow. He did not take any actions until his CYPRES fired.



August 2003

USA

Tandem CYPRES

Quotation from the TM: „Normal opening, unstowed brakes, right didn't. It hung up at the brake setting. The canopy began spinning to the right, consistent with one brake being stowed and one released. The TM handed left toggle line to the passenger and told him to hang onto it. The passenger let go the toggle. Tried to fix the stuck steering line, decided no way to fix main, went for cutaway handle was not there. Was looking inside of harness, not outboard. Tried to unpeel what he thought was the cutaway handle. The spin moved the cutaway handle back. Was thinking „this sucks, I'm going in“. Pulled on the RSL/Aug reserve handle ball, trying to get more fabric out (didn't give up). Wasn't able to deploy the reserve by pulling on the ball (did disconnect the RSL). Went after green (reserve) handle. Got right hand on cutaway and tried to get left hand tried on cutaway also (couldn't reach with left hand), pulled the cutaway handle. Looked left can't see red handle. Thinking RSL will activate the reserve. Thinking, wow this is taking a long time. Reserve opened. Got the red handle (reserve) as parachute opened at about 180 feet, facing downwind. Downwind landing next to target, main landed in peas, 7 sec. reserve ride, catchers shaking.

TM's conclusions:

1. there is almost no recovery from a ZP elliptical with a line over or tension knots
 2. no matter what the condition of the canopy, check the handles, preferably touch them. Look at handles before doing anything
 3. Don't get complacent
 4. Open higher first jump of the day and with any passenger over 200 pounds“
- A little background info: 4 cutaways on tandems, 5'11" tall, 800 tandem jumps

31 July 2003

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 80 jumps in the past 3 years completely loses altitude awareness. He does not pull any handles. The CYPRES opens the reserve.



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26 July 2003

Germany

Tandem CYPRES

The TM set's the drogue after a normal exit. The drogue doesn't inflate, the free-fall speed increases. The video man can't follow. The TM realizes that there is something wrong with the drogue, and decides to pull the release higher (at approx. 2200 meter). The TM waits a few seconds after the release pull, „nothing happened“. The TM pulls the cutaway handle. At this moment, observers on the ground see the disconnected main going off, at approx. 1700 Meters. The RSL is disconnected. The TM reported that he had difficulties to find the reserve handle and to remain stable. After some seconds, the Tandem CYPRES fires and cuts the loop. The reserve opens, the tandem couple is in the saddle at approx. 300 meters, they just make it back to the DZ. Currency of the TM: He has several hundred tandem jumps to his credit. But his last skydive was over a year ago, his last tandem jump was 1,5 years ago.

22 July 2003

Canada

Student CYPRES

Quotation from the report: „A first jump student rolled on exit and ended up with the pilot chute. bridle wrapped around his body causing a pilot chute. in tow. He spend most of the remaining skydive on his back, he cutaway the main but claims he could not find the reserve handle. The CYPRES fired and saved his butt.“

28 June 2003

USA

Student CYPRES

AFF instructor was unable to reach student by 2000 feet. Student did not pull main or reserve parachute handles. CYPRES fired.

31 May 2003

Austria

Student CYPRES

A student is making his 3rd jump with a throw out pilot chute. At opening altitude (1200 meters) he doesn't find the hand deploy. He pulls the cutaway handle but never the reserve handle. The CYPRES activated.



25 May 2003

USA, Kansas

Student CYPRES

A skydiver experienced a hard pull on his BOC pilot chute. Observers on the ground see that he is struggling to get the pilot chute out. He was falling de-arched with legs very stiff and straight out, barrel rolling and also tumbling end over end. The CYPRES opened the reserve.

24 May 2003

Germany Gera

Expert CYPRES

After a normal free-fall, with separation in 1200 meters the skydiver attempts to pull his BOC pilot chute at approx. 900 meters, but does not find it. He decides to pull his cutaway handle. The first and only attempt to find the reserve handle is negative. At this moment the jumper decides to go into stable box – position and to wait for his CYPRES to activate. The skydiver was wearing camera and was filming the DZ hangar, which became bigger and bigger. 12 sec. canopy ride after CYPRES activation.

26 April 2003

Germany

Student CYPRES

On his 14th jump, a student experiences stability problems. He tries to fix them until the CYPRES fired.



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19 April 2003

USA

Tandem CYPRES

Took up a 250 lb tandem yesterday. No problem with the free-fall. and initial opening (5000 pull, 3400' in the saddle). Canopy had collapses right end cell, I flared to fix and then tended to the student who was complaining about pain of course. Canopy starts to turn and collapses again. I then looked for line knots or whatever was causing it. Finally noticed the top skin blown out on the tail of the right end cell. 2500' and I figured I had enough time so I decided to cutaway rather than land heavy passenger under damaged canopy. Took some time to get the lower connectors hooked up again, pulled cutaway handle at 2200'. Immediately accelerated, also immediately noticed that the RSL was not doing anything, looked over my shoulder, no pilot chute., fumbled for my reserve handle, heard the flat-line on my Pro-Track Dytter (1500') and the CYPRES fired pretty much the same time. Reserve opened fine, probably in the saddle at 1200'. Short canopy ride, landed short distance off DZ, no problems and no injuries. Felt like a dickhead. RSL (and whole rig) was checked and in order when I put it on, so not sure how RSL got disconnected. Others watching said they have seen the RSL come undone on opening before. I have not seen that. What did I learn? Do not take heavy passengers. Check canopy more closely. Make cutaway decisions higher up. Have your hands on both handles before cutting away.

13 April 2003

Germany

Student CYPRES

AFF level 1: Unstable exit. One instructor has to release. Student and the remaining instructor get into a fast spin, laying on their back. The second instructor also releases to regain stability, but is unable to catch the still spinning student. The student didn't do anything until the CYPRES opened the reserve.

16 March 2003

USA

Student CYPRES

Jumper had not jumped in about 12 years until last summer. Went through retraining and was out on student gear. First jump this year, seemed very nervous. Left air plane stable, began to spin, did nothing until CYPRES fired, then put out the main – landed with 2 parachutes. Jumper wasn't able to explain exactly what happened. Was told to take up golf."



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01 March 2003

Moscow Russia

Student CYPRES

A Let 410 stalls on jump run at approx. 3.900m. The plane spins down fast and goes into a dive with over 500 km speed. As the tail of the plane rips off, four skydivers make it out of the plane. One skydiver is unconscious as his CYPRES fires. The reserve canopy pulls him out of the plane. Nine skydivers were lost in this crash.

01 December 2002

USA

Student CYPRES

The student, on a planned 10 sec. delay, was on his back after exit, then quickly got back to a belly to earth position. He then began a flat spin, and lost altitude awareness. The CYPRES activated the reserve. The canopy ride was very short, the steering lines were not released.

29 November 2002

Houston USA

Expert CYPRES

A low time jumper had an injury in free-fall. which incapacitated the right arm. He was unable to deploy the main pilot chute. Jumper apparently experienced a „hard pull“ on the reserve handle. The CYPRES opened the reserve container.

20 November 2002

Gran Canaria Spain

Expert CYPRES

„When I tried to pull I did not get the pilot chute. out of the pocket under my rig. I tried several times and lost control of altitude. I did the cut-away procedure and my CYPRES fired at the same moment in 1000 ft.“

13 November 2002

USA

Student CYPRES

The jumper exited from 4500 feet doing a 10 sec. delay. Instructor and pilot watched the jumper do a 22 sec. delay. Both felt the CYPRES fired at or about 750 feet. The jumper was in a right spin at deployment, landed safely.



20 October 2002

Indiana USA

Student CYPRES

A static line student doing a 10 second delay failed to deploy "The CYPRES opened the reserve.

29 September 2002

Kiev Ukraine

Student CYPRES

Quotation from the report: At 1000m parachutist tries to find ripcord, but unsuccessful, then she went to unstable position. At 500m she relaxed (on her back) and started thinking "What are they thinking about me on the ground?", about her mom (as she told me after landing) At 250m CYPRES fired and reserve opened. After inspection we found that ripcord was in place, easy to deploy, cutaway and reserve handles were in place, easy to use. Thank you CYPRES.

28 September 2002

Undisclosed location

Student CYPRES

An advanced student takes by mistake a rig with BOC deployment instead of ripcord. At pull altitude, she had difficulties to find the handle. She went head low and tumbled until she found the handle. She pulled the handle but did not release it- she was not trained for the BOC. A few seconds after nothing happened, she lets the pilot chute. go and immediately goes for the cutaway handle. The CYPRES fired while she was pulling the cutaway handle. She had just enough time to unstow the brakes, avoid obstacles and flare for landing.

18 September 2002

Austria

Student CYPRES

A jumper with 37 jumps experienced a hard pull on his BOC pilot chute. He was not stable and not aware of the altitude as the CYPRES fired.

14 September 2002

USA Semo

Student CYPRES

12th jump of student, 2nd 10sec delay -went unstable and lost altitude awareness, did not pull anything. CYPRES fired as it should.



21 August 2002

California USA

Tandem CYPRES

Quotation from the activation report: „Unit worked properly. Tandem Master did not. Thank goodness for this unit! “

12 August 2002

Västeras Sweden

Expert CYPRES

Quotation from the activation report: „Not an aggressive pilot chute. throw, bag lock occurred, fail to proper emergency procedure, just cut away, short entanglement on right foot with main canopy, unable to locate reserve ripcord, CYPRES fires at approx. 200 meters plus, saves jumpers life.“

10 August 2002

Slavnica Slowakei

Expert CYPRES

Two jumpers lost altitude awareness, CYPRES activated and saved their lives.

08 August 2002

Germany

Student CYPRES

A Student searched for his hand deploy until the CYPRES fired.

02 August 2002

Locarno Switzerland

Student CYPRES

A Student searched for his hand deploy until the CYPRES fired.

12 July 2002

Höxter Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver tried several times unsuccessful to pull the reserve handle after a cutaway. The CYPRES fired and the reserve opened still in time.



15 April 2002

England

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with approx. 180 jumps has problems to extract the BOC pilot chute. She goes for the reserve, but is unable to peel the reserve pad of the velcro. The CYPRES activated and she landed safely.

17 March 2002

Austria

Tandem CYPRES

The TM exited with a lightweight passenger and made some planned back loops. After the couple stabilized, the TM forgot to throw the drogue out (He thought he did) At pull time, the TM pulled the first release, then the second release – without effect because the drogue was still in the pouch. He did a cutaway – the CYPRES fired before he pulled the reserve handle.

11 March 2002

Sweden

Student CYPRES

A student who made his third jump after graduation from the AFF program lost altitude awareness and didn't pull.

March 2002

Australia

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with 160 jumps opened with line twists and spinning on a 135 main. He put his right hand on the cutaway pad and the left hand on the reserve handle. The cutaway seemed quite hard and he took away his left hand from the reserve handle in anticipation of a hard (two-handed) cutaway pull. The cutaway pulled OK and he fell away unstable, back to earth and was unable to relocate the reserve handle. The CYPRES opened the reserve.



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February 2002

Australia

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with 80+ jumps deployed the main canopy, had line- twists and elected to cutaway. The jumper said she gripped both handles of the cutaway pad and reserve handle and pulled the pad. On release she felt the sudden drop and thought she had done something wrong – she thought she had cutaway her reserve, even to the extent of trying to reach up and grab the canopy back. She thought all was lost, free falling in a stable position towards the ground from 2000 feet. She thought she had no options left and using her words, „I prepared myself to die“ The CYPRES fired and the reserve ride was approx. 7 seconds.

12 December 2001

USA

Expert CYPRES

The skydiver had a main malfunction – successfully cut away, but was unable to locate his reserve handle. The CYPRES fired – deploying reserve. The opening altitude was quite low.

03 December 2001

USA

Student CYPRES

Quotation of the activation report: „AFF student went out of control at pull altitude, continued to pull the harness. The CYPRES activated at 1000 ft AGL. No damage to equipment, no injury to AFF student.

23 November 2001

Orange USA

Expert CYPRES

Quoted from the activation report: „2 line twists to a spiralling dive FAST FAST FAST HARD HARD cutaway, reserve ripcord not pulled.“



09 November 2001

Europe

Tandem CYPRES

After a planned backloop-exit, the tandem couple stabilized quickly. After stabilizing, the TM thought that he had set the drogue – but the drogue was still in the pouch. At 5000 ft, he pulled the release – nothing happened. The TM decided after a few seconds to cutaway and to go for the reserve. He had problems to pull the cutaway handle with one hand, therefore he reached with the left hand around the student to finally cutaway with both hands. He was on the way to the reserve handle as the CYPRES fired.

15 October 2001

Gera Germany

Student CYPRES

A student with 28 jumps remained in free-fall. until the CYPRES fired.

09 October 2001

Austria

Tandem CYPRES

The TM does a planned back loop with his passenger. He recovers quickly and the following free-fall. is stable. He pulls the first release at approx. 1800 ft – nothing happens, also the second release does not initiate the main opening. The TM decides to cutaway. He needs both hands to do it and need valuable time. As he is n the way to the reserve handle, the CYPRES fires. The reason for the total malfunction was that the drogue was still in the pouch. The TM thought that he had set the drogue, but it was not so.

26 October 2001

Empuriabrava Spain

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver chopped his main at approx. 1500 feet but did not find his reserve handle. The CYPRES activated his reserve and after a very short canopy ride, followed by a landing in a paddock. Later at night he called a friend (already drunk), and mentioned that the Germans produce two good things, Mercedes and CYPRES. (Thank you.)

10 October 2001

Empuriabrava Spain

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver got wrapped with his main pilot chute bridle. It was around his neck and he lost conscious ness after a few seconds. The CYPRES activated the reserve.



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17 September 2001

USA

Student CYPRES

Quotation from the report: Student released by jump master, student started to spin. Jump master unable to catch student. Student did not pull.

26 August 2001

Kapwosin USA

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with A-license had a bag – lock and was unable to cut away. She was falling through the last thousand feet at near terminal speed in a lazy foetal position when the CYPRES fired. Luckily, the reserve pilot chute missed the bag- locked main and the reserve inflated quickly.

12 August 2001

California, USA

Expert CYPRES

Quotation from the report: „Manifested as a two-way for a free-fall head-down jump. Had a successful exit with partner holding onto my harness. After establishing eye contact and a mutual smile that indicated we felt stable, he let go of me. I maintained a head down position for a while. I looked at my altimeter when I recognized that I was no longer in head down position and saw 7,000'. I attempted to get into a head down position, while maintaining what appeared to be sufficient horizontal distance from him. In my next recall of this incident, I was on the ground with several fellow jumpers around me asking me numerous questions that didn't make sense.“

02 August 2001

Colorado USA

Student CYPRES

On an AFF Level 2 skydive, the student went foetal at pull time. As the main side JM was deploying the student, the students knee impacted the JM's face and knocked him unconscious. The JM fell head down and spinning until his CYPRES fired. Due to the high speed and the unsymmetrical opening, the reserve was loaded on one side and was heavily damaged. The resulting canopy gave him a short spiralling canopy ride. Fortunately he was jumping a larger reserve and there was enough left in size to slow his descent down to a survivable speed.



29 July 2001

Kassel Germany

Expert CYPRES

Sunset load, 18 way: A skydiver with 1000 jumps has a collision at approx. 11000 ft before docking the formation. She falls unconscious on her back down to approx. 750 ft. until the CYPRES fires. Her reserve opens with line twists, but the reserve untwists without her input. She lands in a field and regains consciousness a few minutes later. She did not remember the free-fall.

28 July 2001

Ravenna Italy

Expert CYPRES

2 free flyers collide while separating from a 4 way free fly jump. One jumper is knocked unconscious and tumbled out of control until the CYPRES fired. He was unconscious until the DZ personal revived him and he did not remember anything that had happened.

27 July 2001

Kunovice Czech Republic

Expert CYPRES

A video man cuts away a malfunction, becomes unstable and tumbles until the CYPRES fires.

23 July 2001

California City USA

Student CYPRES

Quotation from the activation report: Student had a problem to deploy BOC pilot chute. Start tumbling, went into a foetal position. Did not do any attempt to pull reserve ripcord. Falling on his back till CYPRES fired and reserve was open. Student turn into wind and flare for landing. No injury.



07 July 2001

Dieuze France

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 60 jumps separates at 4500 ft from a 2-way RW instruction jump. He reaches his hand deploy at 3500 ft, but without pulling it. His right arm stays closed to his body and he starts turning very quickly, and loses consciousness. The CYPRES opens the reserve. He is completely inactive under canopy. On the ground, the right shoulder was dislocated and swollen. He reported that he had a very strong pain in his right shoulder during the track which made it impossible to pull with the right hand. He has already had an operation on the shoulder after dislocating it previously.

June 2001

Netherlands

Tandem CYPRES

Drogue Free-fall normal. Due to a rigging error, the TM was unable to deploy the main. He tried without success to pull both release handles until the reserve was opened by the Tandem CYPRES.

May 2001

USA

Student CYPRES

AFF Level III jump: At the lower end of the skydive, the student became very stiff and began a violent spin. The JM was unable to catch him. The CYPRES opened the reserve.

20 May 2001

USA

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 25 jumps cuts away a spinning malfunction and does not pull the reserve. The CYPRES stops the free-fall.

20 May 2001

Japan

Student CYPRES

An AFF Level 3 student becomes violently unstable at approx. 5500 feet. Both JM's try a recovery without success. The student did not pull the main. The CYPRES opened the reserve.



05 May 2001

USA

Expert CYPRES

The skydiver experienced a bridle and hand entanglement at 2000 ft. He attempts to clear the bridle, then cuts away the main. He was going for his reserve handle as the CYPRES opened the reserve.

April 2001

USA

Tandem CYPRES

Tandem passenger got the pair close to a side spin. The instructor took a shot at throwing the drogue which entangled with his leg. The passenger then began searching for the ripcord. Due to the fact that pulling the ripcord would have made the problem worse, the TM kept the passenger from doing so. The passenger was wearing a baggy suit and this made the reserve ripcord hard to find. By the time the instructor got to the ripcord, the CYPRES did its job.

February 2001

USA

Expert CYPRES

The skydiver went to pull at 2000 AGL. Found P/C half way out of BOC, continued to attempt main P/C pull until reserve deployment. It is stated by the jumper that heavy clothing /gloves were contributing distraction.

January 2001

Wichita, USA

Expert CYPRES

The jumper reported that he had two dislocated shoulders after a mid air collision with another jumper. He was unable to pull either the main or reserve. The CYPRES did its job at 750 feet.

25 August 2000

Sweden

Student CYPRES

A skydiver has a spinning malfunction and cuts the main away. But she is not able to pull the reserve handle far enough to open her reserve. CYPRES cuts the loop.



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03 August 2000

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver experiences a pilot chute in tow because of a wrong bridle routing. She pulls the cutaway handle, the CYPRES opens the reserve before she can complete her emergency procedures.

20 July 2000

Alabama USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper was working on head down and forgot to pull his main. The CYPRES fired at 750 ft.

June 2000

Sweden

Student CYPRES

A Student CYPRES saved a life.

26 June 2000

Europe

Tandem CYPRES

During a military training jump with passenger and luggage, the TM does not find either main release. He tries to locate them until the CYPRES opens the reserve container.

20 June 2000

Paderborn Germany

Student CYPRES

During a military training camp, a student does not find the ripcord and tries to locate it until the CYPRES fire's

08 May 2000

Australia

Tandem CYPRES

Quotation from the report: Main deployed at 5000 ft with bag lock, TM reports that only one riser released which he cleared manually. Main released just prior to reserve deployment. CYPRES cut loop. I am attributing this as a CYPRES save. TM may have pulled with enough height to spare but it would have been close.



10 June 2000

Kassel Germany

Expert CYPRES

A free-flyer with 600 jumps forgot his audible, and didn't check his alti. His CYPRES fired while he was in head down position.

06 May 2000

Eloy USA

Student CYPRES

A low time jumper had a CYPRES firing after not being able to deploy her main. The BOC PC was still in it's pouch after landing. The reason remained unclear.

16 April 2000

Saulgau Germany

Expert CYPRES

A jumper was unable to pull her BOC because of a pulled muscle. She lost orientation and didn't pulled the reserve handle. CYPRES activated the reserve at approx. 750 ft.

05 March 2000

Moorsele Belgium

Student CYPRES

Parachutist was in an unstable position and did not pull any ripcord until the reserve was opened by the CYPRES.

February 2000

DeLand USA

Expert CYPRES

The jumper discovered that she couldn't deploy her main because of her shoulder. She started spinning, at some point her left shoulder also became dislocated and she was unable to pull her reserve handle. The CYPRES activated the reserve and the subsequent landing knocked her left shoulder back in it's socket. The hospital later confirmed that both shoulders had been dislocated.



27 February 2000

Air Adventures USA

Student CYPRES

A static line student held on to plane as he left, putting him on back/ side. Lines came out and caught left leg. Continued entanglement until cutaway. No reserve handle pull until the CYPRES fired. RSL became disconnected, possibly during entanglement.

27 February 2000

Malaysia

Student CYPRES

Exit altitude 8500 ft: The jumper tumbled on exit, recovered and remained stable all the way until the CYPRES activated the reserve.

29 December 1999

USA

Expert CYPRES

There's really not much to say. The only reason I am alive is because of God and CYPRES, that's it

28 December 1999

Bailen Spain

Expert CYPRES

Quotation from the activation report: „The parachutist didn't pull main or reserve and he was in head down position „ (as the CYPRES fired)

September 1999

Skydive Carolina USA

Expert CYPRES

2 way RW jump, break off altitude 4500 ft, deployment was planned at 4000 ft. It was a transition jump to a BOC. The jumper went almost head down as she tried to initiate the deployment. She stayed in free-fall. until the CYPRES fired.

25 September 1999

Skydive Lake Tahoe USA

Expert CYPRES

Quotation from the report: 1st jump at new DZ. Audible failed. Didn't check visible. Broke of at about 1200 ft, still unaware of altitude. CYPRES fired while I was tracking on my back. I saw my free bag coming out. I rolled away from it, then got slammed by my reserve. Normal landing.



20 September 1999

Skydive Bouquet, USA,

Student CYPRES

The student was on his 2nd free-fall. and went out of control. He never pulled any ripcord. The CYPRES opened the reserve.

19 September 1999

Walldorf Germany

Student CYPRES

A student was unstable and lost altitude awareness. He didn't pull any ripcord until the CYPRES activated the reserve.

25 August 1999

Argentina

Tandem CYPRES

During a jump with a paraplegic passenger the tandem master was unable to reach the ripcords to open the main parachute due to an untight adjustment of the passenger harness. The CYPRES opened the reserve, the reserve ride was without further problems.

03 August 1999

Taylorville USA

Student CYPRES

First free-fall. jump The student exits in 4000 feet and falls unstable and spinning until the CYPRES opens the reserve, definitely saving his life.



29 July 1999

Empuriabrava Spain

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 60 jumps was jumping his older gear (without CYPRES) until two lines of the main broke. He then borrowed a rig from a friend. This friend switched the CYPRES on before he gave the rig away. The skydiver didn't know at all that the borrowed rig had a CYPRES and that it was switched on. On the next jump, he experienced a hard pull. He tried to go for the reserve but he didn't find the handle because it was located a little bit higher than on his own rig. He kept trying to find the handle... and realized that he was going to die when he saw the houses coming nearer and nearer. A few seconds before impact, suddenly his reserve opened and he did not understand it at all because he didn't open it. He was able to pull the reserve away from the houses and landed safely in the water. One day later, he was still not used to the fact that he was still alive...

25 July 1999

Germany

Student CYPRES

A student experienced a pilot chute in tow malfunction in 1200 meters and didn't do anything until the CYPRES fired.

16 July 1999

Moscow Russia

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 182 jumps experienced a hard pull on her BOC hand deploy. She tried to solve this problem until the CYPRES fired. She had the same problem already one year ago (May 98) when she had approx. 80 jumps. As on the jump in 1998, she was now saved the second time by the CYPRES.

14 July 1999

Stockholm Sweden

Student CYPRES

A student exits from 1500 meters. He was supposed to pull latest in 900 meters. He came into a flat spin and "forgot" to pull his main. He never tried to pull his reserve. The CYPRES fired at approx. 750 ft, saving the life of the student.



11 July 1999

Viterbo Italy

Student CYPRES

Static line jump: After exit, the canopy started fast left turns. The student did not perform any emergency procedures. The Student CYPRES activated in approx. 1000ft. and the reserve canopy opened. The landing was without injuries.

20 July 1999

Locarno Switzerland

Expert CYPRES

A fresh- licensed jumper tried to find his BOC – hand deploy. until the CYPRES fired.

19 July 1999

Chambersburg USA

Student CYPRES

A level 5 AFF skydive went well until pull time. The student wasn't able to extract the main ripcord and fumbled with it. JM left to open her own main and student continued to try to pull the main ripcord until the CYPRES saved her life.

17 July 1999

Sauerland Germany

Student CYPRES

After an unstable exit, a static line student is entangled with his right arm in the rigging lines of the main canopy. The main canopy begins to spiral. At approx. 1000 ft, the Student CYPRES opens the reserve container. The round reserve deploys. This takes the tension from the main canopy and the student is able to free his arm and to cutaway the main. The landing under the reserve was uneventful.

10 July 1999

Trier Germany

Student CYPRES

A student is unstable from exit until CYPRES activation altitude.



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07 July 1999

Moscow Russia

Expert CYPRES

On exit from a Mi 8 helicopter, a video man slips off the fuel tank and hits the wheel with his head. He loses consciousness immediately and free falls until the CYPRES opens the reserve. He remembers only the opening shock of the reserve, some line twists on the reserve and the ground coming closer. He recovered in hospital.

6 June 1999

Klatovy Czech Republik

Expert CYPRES

A Czech skydiver made his first jump with a through out handedly. He tried to locate and pull it until the CYPRES opened the reserve container.

15 May 1999

Caboolture Australia

Expert CYPRES

After a lazy pull on the BOC, the novice pulled the cutaway handle, threw it away and did nothing further until the CYPRES activated the reserve.

20 April 1999

Schaffen Belgium

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 180 jumps made practice pulls on his hand deploy. to train on a new system. Nevertheless, at pull time he isn't able to pull. He stops doing anything and falls until the CYPRES activates the reserve.

17 April 1999

Hüttenbusch Germany

Student CYPRES

A student exited in 2000mtrs. At pull time, he started searching his ripcord until the CYPRES activated the reserve.

April 1999

Eloy AZ

Expert CYPRES

After a collision on a 3- way free fly jump an unconscious skydiver is saved by his CYPRES.



28 March 1999

Elsinore USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 2000 jumps and 20 years in the sport was unable to pull the reserve handle after a cutaway. The CYPRES opened the reserve container.

13 March 1999

Hungary

Student CYPRES

After an unstable exit, the student was entangled in a pair of risers. The canopy was turning violently and the student was unable to cutaway. The Student CYPRES activated in approx. 300 meters. The reserve opened and took away the tension of the main canopy risers. This made it possible for the student to cutaway. he landed without injuries.

13 March 1999

Eloy USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver experienced a total malfunction due to a hard pull. She was jumping a soft reserve handle, which had folded underneath the harness. She couldn't get it out. "I struggled with it right up to the second my CYPRES deployed my reserve"

08 March 1999

Illinois, USA

Student CYPRES

1st jump, Static line (pilot-chute assisted): The container opened, but the PC bridle got caught in approx. 4' of lines. The PC laid on the container until the CYPRES opened the reserve container.

6 March 1999

Locarno Switzerland

Expert CYPRES

A non-retracted hand deploy. produces a pilot chute in tow. The skydiver cuts away and then feels the opening of the main which is already disconnected. At this moment he takes his hand away from the reserve handle. He tries to find the handle again until the CYPRES activates the reserve.



02 March 1999

Baelen Spain

Student CYPRES

A student with 20 jumps didn't find his ripcord. he stopped acting at some point. The CYPRES opened the reserve.

14 February 1999

Sebastian USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 1100 jumps experienced a line over malfunction. She cut away the main and then had a hard pull on the reserve. CYPRES cut the reserve loop and the reserve opened.

11 February 1999

Raeford USA

Tandem CYPRES

The tandem couple was in a flat spin, The TM "saw the cameraman pull. looked at altimeter, began pull sequence when CYPRES activated."

28 December 1998

Empuriabrava Spain

Expert CYPRES

A 3 way head down skydive went low, resulting in one skydiver being under two canopies and another was still head down when his reserve was activated through CYPRES.

04 December 1998

La Ferte France

Expert CYPRES

An experienced sky surfer had problems after performing the "invisible man " figure at the altitude of approx. 12-1300 meters. He cut away the board in 600 meters but had problems with stabilizing himself. As he saw the ground, he decided to go directly for the reserve handle, but it took him too long to locate it. The CYPRES activated the reserve, resulting in an uneventful landing.

10 November 1998

USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 550 jumps loses altitude awareness due to another jumper. The CYPRES activates the reserve in approx. 750 feet, resulting in a save landing.



14 October 1998

Mile high USA

Expert CYPRES

A group of Air force cadets were at the DZ this weekend. Went up to do a free fly jump, 2 jumped out in a sit another followed after a slight delay head down. The plan was for the guy going head down to dock onto the sit flyers. He collided at high speed with one of the sit flyers. This knocked the head downer unconscious his CYPRES fired and saved his life. He landed unconscious. The hospital found only facial injuries.

11 October 1998

Le Luc France

Expert CYPRES

Misrouting of the throw-out bridle, the skydiver (75 jumps) cut away and didn't find the reserve handle at all. The CYPRES initiated the reserve opening.

03 October 1998

Victoria Falls Zimbabwe

Tandem CYPRES

A Tandem master was not able to pull the reserve handle after a cutaway because of a bent reserve pin. He tried to pull the handle until the CYPRES cut the reserve loop.

19 September 1998

San Juan Venezuela

Student CYPRES

A student with 9 jumps was very unstable and spinning. He was not aware of his altitude. The CYPRES fired in approx. 750 feet and the reserve opened without problems.

30 August 1998

Meißenendorf Germany

Student CYPRES

A student lost altitude awareness because of steamed up goggles. He pulled his main after the CYPRES activated.



29 August 1998

Virginia USA

Student CYPRES

A student just off AFF status failed to pull. Stability problems at pull altitude and the student attempted to regain stability until the CYPRES fired.

22 August 1998

Klatovy Czech Republic

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 45 jumps couldn't find his ROL hand deploy. due to a bulky pullover. The jumper has also problems to pull the reserve handle. CYPRES opened the reserve container through loop cutting, resulting in safe landing.

17 August 1998

Mendota USA

Student CYPRES

A Student jumper with 30 jumps tries several times to locate his BOC. After he went unstable, he tried unsuccessfully the last time to find it and then pulls the cutaway handle. The CYPRES activated and the jumper landed with the reserve handle in his pocket.

15 August 1998

Quincy USA

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 54 jumps experienced a hard pull on her BOC throw-out. She tried to pull her reserve, but pulled on the reserve cable housing instead of the handle. The CYPRES opened her reserve. Witnesses spoke from a 10 second canopy ride.

12 August 1998

La Ferte France

Expert CYPRES

Two free flyers lost altitude awareness. One of the jumpers had two different audible warning devices, but heard none of them. Both reserves were activated by the CYPRES, there was no attempt to pull the main canopy. Both jumpers landed without injuries.



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08 August 1998

Holzwickede Germany

Student CYPRES

A student thought that gaining stability is the most important part on a skydive. He exited in 1500 meters and was in a stable back to earth position, trying to get on his belly when his CYPRES fired.

01 August 1998

Higuerote Venezuela

Expert CYPRES

A 3 way formation lost altitude awareness. One skydiver wasn't able to open his main any more and was saved by his CYPRES.

03 July 1998

Quebec Canada

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 320 jumps experienced a pilot chute. in tow. He spent time trying to cut away, but before he pulled the reserve handle, the CYPRES initiated the reserve opening.

13 June 1998

Vilar de Luz Portugal

Student CYPRES

A student with 15 jumps flipped on his back after exit and remained in this position until opening altitude. When he opened his main canopy, he experienced a horseshoe malfunction that didn't clear until the CYPRES fired and opened the reserve canopy.

05 June 1998

Lake Elsinore USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 1500 jumps tried to pull his reserve pad but found it too hard. He tried with two hands until the CYPRES cut the loop.

16 May 1998

Lyon France

Expert CYPRES

An experienced skydiver dislocated his shoulder in free-fall.. After several unsuccessful attempts to pull either main or reserve, he decided to go back in a stable position and waited for the CYPRES to fire.



16 May 1998

Lyon France

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver is not able to locate either main or reserve handle. CYPRES opens his reserve.

16 May 1998

Europe

Student CYPRES

A student lost stability and altitude awareness on his first free-fall. jump. The CYPRES saved him.

15 May 1998

Sweden

Student CYPRES

A student wanted to regain stability before pulling his main. He tried it until the CYPRES activated the reserve.

11 May 1998

Moscow Russia

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 80 jumps tries too long to pull her BOC mounted hand deploy. The CYPRES activates the reserve.

11 May 1998

Chicago USA

Expert CYPRES

Until now the lowest known cutaway followed by a CYPRES activation. The reserve deployed just before landing. No canopy ride. A helmet helped to prevent serious injuries.

04 May 1998

Switzerland

Student CYPRES

A student-status jumper with 40 jumps made successful PRCP's in the air but was not able to locate the handle at pull time. She tried, and then had a blackout and did nothing. The CYPRES deployed the reserve; landing without injuries



25 April 1998

Köln Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 120 jumps tries to pull her BOC mounted hand deploy. She loses time and altitude awareness and tries it until the CYPRES activates the reserve canopy.

26 April 1998

Batangas Philippines

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 20 jumps was unable to stop a flat spin until the CYPRES activated the reserve.

19 April 1998

Neustadt – Gleve Germany

Tandem CYPRES

Malfunction on the main canopy. The RSL is disconnected. The tandem master has to cut away. The pair becomes unstable, the TM tries to stabilize first before pulling the reserve. The CYPRES activates the reserve in approx. 580m, resulting in an uneventful landing.

11 April 1998

Cushing US

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 38 jumps fails to pull the reserve handle far enough after a cutaway. After realizing this, she tried to pull again until the CYPRES fired.

29 March 1998

Kassel Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 50 jumps can't find his BOC throw-out hand deploy. He tries to find it until CYPRES activates the reserve.

01 March 1998

East USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 40 jumps tried to pull his reserve while unstable, but he pulls on the housing and the cable, not on the handle. Only one of the two pins was pulled. CYPRES opens the reserve container through the cutting of the second loop.



08 February 1998

Schaffen Belgium

Expert CYPRES

Because of a badly packed hand deploy the skydiver was not able to open the main. CYPRES activated resulting in an uneventful landing.

02 February 1998

Monroe USA

Student CYPRES

AFF Level 3: The student experienced a hard pull on the main ripcord and continued to attempt pulling the main until the CYPRES activated the reserve.

13 January 1998

Headcorn UK

Expert CYPRES

A jumper is unable to pull either main or reserve handle because of cramps and several layers of clothing. CYPRES activates the reserve, the jumper lands without injury.

04 January 1998

Wallace USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper experiences a pilot chute in tow and is not able to locate his reserve handle. CYPRES activates in approx. 750 ft., resulting in a safe landing.

06 December 1997

South pole Antarctica

Expert CYPRES

The participants of a 4 way loose altitude awareness. One skydiver is saved by CYPRES, the other 3 non AAD equipped skydivers died through impact

03 December 1997

Eloy USA

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 40 jumps lost altitude awareness. She was falling back to earth and was looking after her handles, when the CYPRES opened the reserve.



15 November 1997

Boituva Brasil

Student CYPRES

A skydiver with 35 jumps did not find his BOC pilot chute and lost altitude awareness. CYPRES opened his reserve.

19 October 1997

Werdohl Germany

Student CYPRES

The jumper had problems to pull the hand deploy until the CYPRES opened the reserve..

16 October 1997

Vinton Iowa

Student CYPRES

Wearing gloves the student couldn't find the ripcord. Trying to take off his gloves he forgot altitude and didn't pull anything. CYPRES opened the reserve resulting in a save landing.

04 October 1997

Byron California

Student CYPRES

AFF Level 7, Dive Exit: Student cheated Instructor(outside AC) with a good exit count followed by a 2 sec delay. Due to this, the instructor had no influence on the dive. The student went later into a hard spin, was unable to recover and passed out. The instructor pulled at 2000ft, the student was saved by reserve opening through CYPRES.

28 September 1997

Elsenborn Belgium

Student CYPRES

Parachutist was unstable and lost track of time and didn't pull anything. CYPRES activated the reserve resulting in a normal landing.

20 September 1997

Northampton USA

Tandem CYPRES

The tandem instructor experienced a drogue in tow. He pulled both release handles but still no main opening- then the CYPRES fired and the reserve deployed – without injuries or equipment damage.



13 September 1997

Deland USA

4 x **Expert** CYPRES

A 4-way team didn't hear their audio altitude warning device. All 4 CYPRES activated simultaneously. The average time under reserve was 16 seconds.

31 August 1997

Ft Dodge USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper on 3-way dive broke off at 6000 ft to practice some new freestyle manoeuvres. Passing through 2500 ft her goggles broke and blew off. She became confused and disoriented. After pulling, her pilot chute was wrapped around her body. She fell head-to-earth until the CYPRES activated her reserve. She had a clean landing and suffered no injuries.

31 August 1997

Bad Woerishofen Germany

Student CYPRES

An AFF Level VI student did not pull anything. The instructor could not help. CYPRES activated the student's reserve.

21 August 1997

Nechrieden Germany

Student CYPRES

Static line jump: Student caught pilot chute and got entangled with the lines, pulled the cutaway handle but didn't pull the reserve handle, CYPRES activated the reserve resulting in an uneventful landing.

28 August 1997

Italy

2 x **Expert** CYPRES

Two free flyers lost altitude awareness. Each had a CYPRES which activated at the correct altitude.

August 1997

Gransee Germany

Student CYPRES

On a static line jump the static line was disconnected. After 30 seconds of free-fall, the student pulled the cutaway handle. CYPRES activated the reserve resulting in an uneventful landing.



August 1997

Holland

Expert CYPRES

A jumper had a new BOC rig and did no training before jumping it. He tried to locate the hand deploy until CYPRES activated the reserve.

09 August 1997

Meißenndorf Germany

Expert CYPRES

On an AAF level 4 jump, the instructor chased the student and pulled the student's ripcord at approx. 1000 ft. The student's CYPRES activated immediately after main deployment. The instructor's CYPRES activated at approx. 225m, he had no time to pull anything before.

01 August 1997

Boituva Brazil

Student CYPRES

A student, equipped with a belly belt throw out rig for the first time, had problems to deploy. She kept trying it until CYPRES activated at the correct altitude.

26 July 1997

Hutchinson Minnesota

Expert CYPRES

Quotation from the CYPRES activation report: "I was flying camera head down, did not hear my audible altimeter and lost altitude awareness. I had made no attempt to deploy my main at the time my CYPRES fired. I was head down when my reserve deployed."

06 July 1997

Covington Georgia

Student CYPRES

A student with 38 jumps, on a re-currency jump exited at 5500 ft., went unstable and did not pull anything. He was on his back spinning when CYPRES activated his reserve at approx. 750 ft. - he landed without further incident.



29 June 1997

Hoexter Germany

Student CYPRES

A student, exiting at 4000m, went unstable and kept trying to stop her uncontrolled spins until CYPRES activated her reserve.

28 June 1997

Titusville USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper fell into the deploying main of another jumper, destroyed the canopy and knocked the other jumper unconscious. This jumper fell, due to his destroyed canopy, with a very high descent rate until CYPRES activated his reserve at the correct altitude.

25 May 1997

Hemet USA

Expert CYPRES

After a normal exit from a King Air, a jumper experienced a malfunction and tried to cut away. Due to these procedures he went unstable, when CYPRES finally activated his reserve resulting in a safe landing.

24 May 1997

Leopoldsburg Belgium

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with 1000+ jumps had problems to open his main. When he realized he would not be able to CYPRES activated, and he landed without problem.

10 May 1997

Boituva Brazil

Student CYPRES

A student exited at 6000 ft. for a 5 sec delay and became unstable. The static line instructor, realizing this, jumped after her. The student finally was saved by CYPRES, while the non CYPRES equipped instructor deployed the main too low and impacted with line stretch.

30 April 1997

USA

Expert CYPRES

Having a line over problem, a jumper cut away his main. Instead of pulling his reserve, he took no further action until his CYPRES activated his reserve.



25 April 1997

Gransee Germany

Expert CYPRES

A jumper was unable to find her hand deploy. She kept searching for it until CYPRES activated her reserve.

21 April 1997

Loxn Austria

Expert CYPRES

After a normal exit at 3600m, a jumper had problems finding his hand deploy. Searching it, he finally cutaway, also having problems with this. He thought about pulling his reserve handle, when CYPRES activated deploying the reserve.

13 April 1997

Siegerland Germany

Student CYPRES

On a pilot chute assisted static line jump, the student experienced a horseshoe malfunction with the bridle. He took no further action until CYPRES opened his reserve.

March 1997

Le Luc France

Expert CYPRES

A jumper had problems finding his hand deploy. He did not realize the loss of time and believed he had pulled his reserve handle which was not the case. CYPRES had activated his reserve.

28 March 1997

Lake Wales USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with 6000+ jumps was knocked out upon exit at 13,500 ft. At the correct altitude, CYPRES opened his reserve. He landed, still being unconscious, only with minor injuries, and regained consciousness a little later.

20 February 1997

San Diego USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver tried to deploy his main but could not. He cutaway when CYPRES activated his reserve, resulting in a safe landing.



16 February 1997

Zwartberg Belgium

Expert CYPRES

After a solo jump from 6500 ft. a skydiver couldn't find his ripcord, went unstable and tried to become stable again. Due to these procedures he forgot altitude and time. CYPRES activated his reserve.

11 February 1997

Boituva Brazil

Expert CYPRES

Brazilian skydiver was unable to deploy either his main or reserve for reasons that were not very clear. CYPRES opened his reserve container.

11 February 1997

Sierra Morena Spain

Expert CYPRES

Total malfunction after pulling the hand deploy. The jumper pulled the cutaway handle, CYPRES activated the reserve.

08 February 1997

USA

2 x Expert CYPRES

On a two way head down dive both jumpers lost altitude awareness. Each CYPRES activated, resulting in a double save.

30 November 1996

Toledo Spain

Expert CYPRES

A jumper couldn't pull the BOC because of a hard pull. CYPRES activated her reserve at the correct altitude thus saving the jumper.

24 November 1996

Undisclosed location

Expert CYPRES

A jumper couldn't find BOC after wave off at 3500 ft. He later reported, he wasn't sure of which emergency procedures to use. He kept trying to find throw-out until CYPRES activated his reserve.



03 November 1996

Denver USA

Expert CYPRES

A student exiting at 7000 ft had problems to pull. He turned on his back until CYPRES activated at the appropriate altitude.

27 October 1996

USA

Student CYPRES

AFF level 5 student failed to pull main or reserve. CYPRES activated at the correct altitude resulting in a good reserve opening.

25 October 1996

Ampfing Germany

Expert CYPRES

A free stylist and her experienced video man (4000+ skydives) performed a camera jump. Both forgot about the time. At approx. 750 ft. the CYPRES of the free stylist activated her reserve. Realizing that, her video man pulled immediately. When touching the surface, his canopy still was not completely inflated. He landed in a small river and only suffered minor injuries.

04 October 1996

Byron USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with 1000 jumps lost altitude awareness while competing in a vertical speed contest. CYPRES activated his reserve, resulting in an uneventful landing.

01 October 1996

USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with over 1000 jumps had a twisted leg strap. He deployed his main at approx. 2000 ft., and spent considerable time analysing pilot chute in tow. The jumper did not attempt to cut away, but opted only to pull reserve. However, he did nothing, until CYPRES activated his reserve.



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14 September 1996

Flensburg, Germany

Student CYPRES

A student, becoming excited, lost altitude awareness and didn't find the hand deploy. He took no further action, until CYPRES activated and the student landed without incidents.

10 August 1996

Salgareda Italy

Expert CYPRES

After a clean exit a jumper lost his goggles and started to spin. While he was trying to re-stabilize he lost altitude awareness, and the spinning even increased. CYPRES activated the reserve and the jumper landed safely.

08 August 1996

San Vincenzo Italy

Expert CYPRES

A relatively new jumper did not pull or do anything else, until CYPRES opened his reserve.

July 1996

Kassel Germany

Student CYPRES

A Student with 13 jumps didn't do anything. CYPRES activated his reserve, resulting in an uneventful landing.

July 1996

Germany

Expert CYPRES

A jumper in the AFF training wanted to finish training prematurely as he wanted to leave for the US. He was recommended not to do so but could not be prevented. The trainer pulled at 900m, the student didn't pull and fell until CYPRES activated the reserve.

09 July 1996

Sarmellek Hungary

Expert CYPRES

The jumper could not find the handle of the hand deploy. She pulled the cutaway handle but then didn't do anything. CYPRES activated the reserve and she landed safely.



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07 July 1996

Moscow Russia

Expert CYPRES

On a sky surfing jump the bridle, due to a weak pin, got loose and the main container opened. The pod came out. The jumper released the board which resulted in a twist of lines and cutaway cable of the board. The jumper tried to de-entangle this until CYPRES activated his reserve.

06 July 1996

Holland

Expert CYPRES

A jumper exited at 2,300 ft. The weather was rather bad and he was wearing no jump suit – just his normal clothes. His hand deploy was hidden, so he couldn't find it. CYPRES finally activated his reserve.

06 July 1996

Moscow Russia

Student CYPRES

A jumper started tumbling in free-fall. and didn't take any action, until CYPRES activated the reserve.

22 June 1996

Corbelling Germany

Expert CYPRES

A jumper experienced a pilot chute in tow malfunction resulting from a twisted leg strap. The pilot chute however had enough power to pull the pin of the main container. The lines became entangled around the jumpers foot. He unsuccessfully tried to get rid of the lines, finally trying to cut away. CYPRES activated the reserve. Later the jumper admitted he had lost track of time and altitude.

22 June 1996

Wartburg Belgium

Expert CYPRES

An AFF student (level 4) pulled his main but the pilot chute remained under its flap. The student became unstable and tried further to open the main. CYPRES activated his reserve and he landed safely.



June 1996

Sydney Australia

Expert CYPRES

Having finished relative work, a jumper with 100 jumps wanted to deploy at normal altitude but had trouble finding/pulling his BOC throwaway. He lost track of time and altitude, only realizing this when CYPRES opened his reserve.

26 May 1996

Lobos Argentina

Tandem CYPRES

The tandem master deployed the drogue through the passenger's ripcord housing. When he released the drogue release nothing happened. He tried twice until CYPRES activated, and pilot and passenger both landed safely.

18 May 1996

Perris, USA

Expert CYPRES

At approximately 8,000 ft., a skydiver with 31 jumps fell directly onto another jumper, striking his head on the second jumpers thigh. He was knocked out immediately. Later, at the appropriate altitude, CYPRES activated his reserve, and he landed safely in a clear field where he soon regained consciousness. Later the same day, after being released from the hospital, he returned to the DZ with no injuries being sustained.

13 May 1996

Perris USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with 42 jumps experienced a horseshoe malfunction. After a clean cutaway, no other action was taken and CYPRES activated his reserve. After landing, the reserve handle was still in the pocket, and the lead seal still on the ripcord pin.



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04 May 1996

Vandalia USA

Expert CYPRES

Two skydivers on a 2-way night jump lost altitude awareness. The first, unfortunately not CYPRES-equipped, was later found with full line stretch on the main canopy and with the reserve ripcord handle out of the pocket. The second, who normally used a Dytter and usually jumped from a higher altitude than on this skydive, reported that he saw the first jumper's altimeter reading "about 1,500 ft." As he turned to track, CYPRES activated his reserve preventing a double fatality.

April 1996

Hannover Germany

Expert CYPRES

After exit of an experienced CRW group, one of the jumpers – who because of the warm weather wore no helmet – collided with another jumper and was knocked unconscious. At the correct altitude, CYPRES activated the reserve and he landed in a wood, only suffering minor injuries from the landing.

21 April 1996

Bad Wörishofen Germany

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with 200 jumps couldn't find the hand deploy pilot chute. He pulled the cutaway handle and took no further action until CYPRES activated his reserve. Later he reported that he didn't realize what actually happened.

March 1996

USA

Expert CYPRES

After a long winter lay-off, and a bit too much "partying" the night before, a relatively new skydiver was unable to pull the BOC pilot chute. Fortunately, someone else turned on the CYPRES prior to the skydive, as she had forgot. Witnesses stated that the reserve ripcord was not pulled but rather removed after landing.



24 March 1996

Gardiner New York

Expert CYPRES

A jumper, jumping a new rig for the second time, had a normal exit and went to pull at 3.000 ft. He was not used to BOC and was unsuccessfully trying to find the pilot chute. CYPRES activated the reserve and the jumper landed safely.

23 March 1996

Moscow Russia

Expert CYPRES

A student with 35 jumps could not find the handle and panicked. CYPRES activated her reserve and she landed without further problem. It turned out that she is the mother of five children.

March 1996

Brisbane Australia

Student CYPRES

A student with 21 jumps lost altitude awareness and didn't take any action. It was simply reported that "CYPRES saved him".

11 February 1996

San Diego USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver rented a student throw-out rig. He attempted to pull at 3,000 ft. but could not find the pilot chute. Using the remaining free-fall., he continued searching for the throw-out, never pulling the reserve. CYPRES activated and he landed without further incident.

December 1995

Temploux Belgium

Expert CYPRES

A jumper was hit in free-fall. and became unconscious. CYPRES opened his reserve and he landed without further incidents.

26 December 1995

Empuriabrava Spain

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 1800 jumps couldn't pull out the reserve ripcord because of a stiff pull. Even with both hands and all her effort there was no result. CYPRES activated and she landed in a front garden in the village of Ampuria.



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17 December 1995

Moscow Russia

Expert CYPRES

An experienced jumper (600 jumps) and a student (35 jumps) exited at 3000 meters. Busy with the skydive, they were not properly keeping track of the altitude, until the experienced jumper realized they were very low and immediately pulled his main ripcord. The student did not understand why his partner did not signal. As he began to pull out his pilot chute, CYPRES activated his reserve. Observers on the ground said his canopy was fully inflated at 100m and that without CYPRES the student had no chance to survive.

09 December 1995

Buenos Aires Argentina

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver on a 3-way was unable to remove her pilot chute from the BOC pouch. As it was impossible for her, she then attempted to pull the reserve using one hand. This too was unsuccessful. Finally CYPRES activated her reserve and she landed without further problems.

03 December 1995

Taft USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver was involved in a funnel near break-off. While "going for the main", CYPRES activated his reserve. After opening shock, he checked his altimeter which read about 600 ft. He landed uneventfully with his still packed main.

21 November 1995

California, USA

Expert CYPRES

On a stunt skydive for a TV clip a skydiver was unable to open either parachute. CYPRES activated his reserve and he landed safely.

04 November 1995

Redmond, Oregon

Expert CYPRES

A student doing his A-license manoeuvres experienced a hard pull and began tumbling. He lost altitude awareness and CYPRES activated the reserve at the correct altitude.



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08 October 1995

California USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver had a pilot chute in tow, and then could not locate her reserve ripcord handle. While still attempting to locate the handle, CYPRES activated the reserve at approximately 700 feet. She landed with her ripcord handle in the pocket.

08 October 1995

Buttwil Switzerland

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 1400 jumps exited at 9500 ft. After a long free fall he couldn't find his hand deploy. While still looking for the main pilot chute handle, his CYPRES activated the reserve canopy at the appropriate altitude. He then landed without further problems.

17 September 1995

East Troy USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper went up for a Skydive with some friends. At 3,500 ft. they broke off and the jumper turned, tracked, then reached for her pilot chute. After two hard tugs (the pilot chute on the rig was about 1/2 way out of the pouch), she was unable to extract her throw-out. CYPRES activated her reserve, and she landed uneventfully under her reserve.

11 September 1995

Canada

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 470 jumps experienced a malfunction and tried to cut away, but nothing happened. Bewildered by the situation, she realized she was getting lower and lower, until CYPRES activated her reserve. Later she thought, her inability to take appropriate action had to do with a stay in the hospital some days before, where she was treated with an anti-histamine after a wasp sting.



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August 1995

Italy

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver exited at 3,800m. When he prepared for opening, he became unstable keeping his hand deploy in his hand. At 600m he realized he was very low, and he decided to do nothing but let CYPRES open his reserve. CYPRES worked as expected, and the jumper had an uneventful landing.

10 August 1995

Quincy USA

Expert CYPRES

Following a skydive from a 727 jet aircraft, a skydiver with 135 jumps had a main bag lock malfunction. Although he pulled the cutaway handle, the RSL could not activate the reserve pin. Later he explained that as "nothing was happening, I was pulling on the bridle when CYPRES activated the reserve", apparently forgetting to use the reserve handle.

06 August 1995

Wisconsin USA

Expert CYPRES

At 3500 ft, a skydiver could not get the hand deploy pilot chute out of the pocket. While pulling with both hands, a spin developed, he then pulled the cutaway handle below 1000 ft., and was looking for the reserve handle when CYPRES activated the reserve, followed by a short pilot chute hesitation. He saw the ground as his reserve opened at was later estimated to be about 400 ft. After a short canopy ride, the skydiver was unable to avoid a barn, striking it on landing. As later it was possible to pull the pilot chute on the ground, it is unknown if he was actually pulling on the pilot chute handle.

05 August 1995

Quincy USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 86 jumps experienced a pilot chute in tow resulting from a belly band misrouted over the bridle of his leg strap mounted hand deploy. While spinning on his back, he went for his reserve handle after "figuring out what was going on". He experienced a hard pull on the reserve, with the handle clearing after the CYPRES cut the reserve loops.



04 July 1995

Germany

Student CYPRES

An AFF level 3 student made no attempt to pull either main or reserve until CYPRES activated at the correct altitude.

01 July 1995

Rittman USA

Expert CYPRES

An experienced jumper made a 2-way exit from a Twin Beech (E18) from rear float position. The jumpers left before receiving a "cut" from the pilot. The back of his head hit the elevator of the air plane and jumpers on board watched his body go limp as he was instantly knocked unconscious. Observers on the ground watched his CYPRES activate his square reserve and him land in an open field, shortly thereafter. He remained unconscious for an unspecified time after help arrived, and was airlifted to a hospital where he spent the next two days before being discharged. It is reported that he suffered no broken bones or other injuries.

20 June 1995

Zürich Switzerland

Expert CYPRES

Following a 6-way, a skydiver with 1500 jumps and 14 years in the sport experienced a pilot chute in tow upon attempting to deploy the main. While gearing up, the right leg strap had been twisted, causing a mis-routing of the hand deploy bridle. CYPRES activated his reserve, and he landed safely. Later, he said he didn't really know what to do next while the pilot chute was in tow.

02 June 1995

Wichita USA

Student CYPRES

A student exited at 4000 ft. for his second free-fall. (Hop and Pop – Static line program). He went unstable immediately and made no attempt to pull either main or reserve until CYPRES activated at approximately 750 ft. The Student landed safely.



20 May 1995

Bautzen-Litten Germany

Student CYPRES

A student started spinning in free-fall. and completely lost altitude awareness. CYPRES activated the reserve at approximately 750 ft.

13 May 1995

Elkton Virginia

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver involved in a relative work jump (75 way) broke off uneventfully. At pull time, the skydiver could not extract the pilot chute from its pocket on the leg strap. She kept trying to pull until CYPRES activated her reserve at approximately 750 ft. Later inspections showed that the hard pull was due to improper packing of the throw out pilot chute.

01 May 1995

Gransee Germany

Student CYPRES

A student with 11 jumps had a malfunction and cut away the main. The RSL failed to activate the reserve. He didn't take any further actions, and his CYPRES activated the reserve at approximately 750 ft. On the ground, the RSL shackle was found open, although witnesses thought they had seen it closed prior to the jump.

04 February 1995

Waller USA

Student CYPRES

An AFF student went unstable after being released. Neither jump master was able to re dock. While unstable on her back CYPRES activated the reserve.

01 February 1995

Waller USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 143 jumps tracked away from a 4 way until his CYPRES activated the reserve.



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15 January 1995

Perris USA

Tandem CYPRES

A visiting tandem examiner and trainee deployed the drogue and had a hard pull on the drogue release. The CYPRES opened the reserve container at the appropriate altitude. Ground observers estimated the reserve canopy to be open at approximately 1000 ft.

14 January 1995

California USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver starting in a "Skydive University" program turned to track at about 4,500 ft. and had difficulty finding the pilot chute. He failed to deploy the main and made no attempt to deploy the reserve. The CYPRES activated at approximately 750 ft.

08 January 1995

East Troy USA

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver attempted to pull at 3200 ft. Unable to extract the pilot chute, he started to pull the reserve at 2000 ft. He continued to pull until CYPRES activated his reserve. The jumper was wearing neoprene gloves, and it is thought he was pulling on the main lift web.

December 1994

Lake Wales USA

Expert CYPRES

On New Year's Eve a free-fall collision between two skydivers occurred on a 230 way attempt during break-off. One skydiver landed under his main with a broken leg. The other one tumbled unconsciously towards the earth when CYPRES activated his reserve. He landed with serious injuries from the collision under his reserve, still being unconscious. Next day he fortunately was recovering. - Will be jumping again in six weeks, doctor said.



December 1994

Albenga Italy

Expert CYPRES

An AFF graduate on the third jump after graduation was unable to correct a turn that had started after exit. While attempting to deploy the main, she went unstable and managed to trap the pilot chute and bagged main canopy between her legs. At about 750 ft. CYPRES deployed the reserve. After landing safely under the reserve with the main canopy still in the bag, she was completely unaware of what had happened, and in fact thought the landing was underneath the main canopy.

November 1994

Orange USA

Expert CYPRES

A jumper with one year in the sport and 65 jumps couldn't find her main parachute handle and failed to activate the reserve. CYPRES rescued her.

October 1994

Bad Lippspringe Germany

Expert CYPRES

An ex-student with 45 jumps had a problem with her main and cut away. No further action was taken. CYPRES opened her reserve and she was under it for about 28 seconds.

October 1994

Teuge Holland

Expert CYPRES

A cameraman, making his first jump with a new suit, deployed the pilot chute (BOC) through the hole between the suit wing and his body. The inflated pilot chute caused him to go into a head down, back to earth position in which he remained for 9 seconds until CYPRES activated at 750 ft. deploying the reserve.



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September 1994

Neustadt Germany

Tandem CYPRES

A tandem pair exit at 13,000 ft. and the tandem master (with 1880 jumps) deployed the drogue after six seconds. At 8000 ft. his wrist mounted altimeter stuck and although he was concerned he continued to fall without taking any action. At approximately 1900 ft. his Tandem CYPRES activated. The reserve was fully opened with the slider down at below 1000 ft. On the ground the altimeter turned back to zero by itself.

September 1994

Canton USA

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver using loose-fitting gloves had trouble pulling hand-deploy pilot chute from pocket. She pulled her cutaway handle, and then had trouble locating the reserve handle. She then rolled onto her back while attempting to locate the handle visually. Still unable to locate or pull the reserve handle, she went back to a face-to-earth position prior to CYPRES activating. After landing under the reserve, the reserve handle was still in place in the pocket, and the hand-deploy was able to be pulled from its pocket.

September 1994

British Columbia Canada

Expert CYPRES

A parachutist with 470 jumps completed a normal 4 way dive and then experienced difficulty in pulling her throw-away pilot chute from its pocket. After repeated attempts, she pulled the cutaway handle instead of the reserve, then remained in stable free fall until CYPRES activated at 750 ft. She was unable subsequently to explain why she had not pulled the reserve.

September 1994

Hoevenen Belgium

Student CYPRES

The free-fall student left aircraft at 4500 ft. He activated the main in an unstable position resulting in a line over malfunction. He did not cut away the main and CYPRES activated his reserve. The student landed safely under both canopies.



August 1994

Weston on the Green UK

Expert CYPRES

A newly qualified AFF student on a solo jump seemed to lose all altitude awareness and made no attempt to pull. The reserve was activated by CYPRES. The student was reported to have had a 'history of problems' and has since been permanently grounded.

August 1994

Nowra Australia

Expert CYPRES

The parachutist experienced a 'floating' pull out. After several attempts to locate it he for some reason initiated the cutaway procedure and then continued to fall towards the earth. At the CYPRES altitude his CYPRES opened his reserve.

August 1994

Le Blanc France

Expert CYPRES

A parachutist with 70 jumps was doing his second hand deploy exercise from 6500 ft. His attempts at deployment were unsuccessful and he made no attempt to pull the reserve. He then went into a fast spin and was saved when CYPRES activated his reserve.

July 1994

Dortmund, Germany

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver was unable to pull her hand deploy. At about 2000 ft. she made the decision to deploy the reserve but in spite of using both hands was unable to do so. CYPRES worked as expected and activated her reserve. She later said she fully trusted CYPRES and had waited "patiently" until the appropriate altitude was reached.



July 1994

Raeford North Carolina

Expert CYPRES

Two members of an experienced CRW team were involved in a CRW wrap at about 6000 ft. The entangled jumper cut away from his main and then observed the other jumper cutting suspension lines to free him. When he fell away, convinced that he now had neither a main nor reserve, he tracked towards a small lake. CYPRES then activated his previously unopened reserve.

June 1994

Teuge Holland

Expert CYPRES

35 year old sky surfer with approximately 700 jumps in 5 years got into an inverted spin and tried to cut the board away. Because of his unusual position the release handle (leg mounted) was very close to his main cut away pad and he pulled this instead. The board did not jettison and he kept trying to cut it away. At about 1500 ft. he was successful and, now very dizzy, he pulled his main parachute which disappeared. By now in a state of terror he was attempting to deploy the reserve when CYPRES activated and the reserve opened.

May 1994

Anchorage Alaska

Expert CYPRES

A first time surf board jumper was unstable for most of the descent. On cutting away the board only one side released and the jumper, who had the hand deploy in his hand, was afraid to release it for fear of entanglement. CYPRES activated at the correct height and activated the reserve. Fortunately the DZ owner had required the sky surfer to use a rig with CYPRES.

April 1994

Kassel Germany

Student CYPRES

AFF-Student jumped with a defective altimeter. He lost track of altitude and his reserve was activated by CYPRES.



February 1994

Yuma Arizona

Expert CYPRES

A member of a professional demo team collided with another team member during a free fall track manoeuvre. He was seriously injured and rendered unconscious. CYPRES activated his reserve, and he landed in a tree. Sadly, he died later from injuries sustained during the free fall collision.

November 1993

Vero Beach Cuba

Tandem CYPRES

Main canopy bag lock due to incorrect routing of the drogue release. The reportedly inexperienced tandem master made no attempt to deploy the reserve. CYPRES activated the reserve.

August 1993

Barki Russia

Expert CYPRES

A 46 year old ex-AFF graduate cut away from a malfunction on his 96th jump. While trying to pull the reserve he became unstable and remained so until CYPRES fired and activated the reserve.

August 1993

Saint-Flour Coltines France

Student CYPRES

The student was unstable from exit, experienced a horseshoe malfunction, and made no attempt to deploy the reserve. CYPRES fired and activated the reserve parachute.

August 1993

Ampfing Germany

Student CYPRES

A static line student was unstable from exit and experienced a horseshoe malfunction. He ended up back to earth with both arms entangled. CYPRES activated the reserve. The student later stated that he was afraid to deploy the reserve for fear of entanglement.



July 1993

Ampfing Germany

Student CYPRES

The student made a dive exit from a Twin Otter, achieved a stable position, then became unstable and went into a spin. He tried to stop the spin by adopting the neutral position, forgot to look at the altimeter and made no attempt to pull. CYPRES activated the reserve. The student later said that he felt he couldn't do anything - "nothing worked."

July 1993

Empuriabrava Spain

Student CYPRES

Although there is little information on this incident it appears that the altimeter stuck at 8000 ft., and the student then lost altitude awareness. CYPRES worked as expected and activated the reserve.

July 1993

Saint-Flour Coltines France

Expert CYPRES

The jumper was doing his first hand deploy exercise from 6500 ft. As he tried to pull he became unstable, rolled on his back and remembers observing his reserve and cutaway/reserve handles. Although he was aware that he must do something he later said that for some reason he could do nothing. The reserve was activated by CYPRES.

February 1993

Z-Hills Florida

Expert CYPRES

A qualified jumper using borrowed equipment was unable to deploy his main parachute and was then observed to go unstable. At approximately 600 ft. CYPRES activated his reserve.



January 1993

Locarno Switzerland

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver, jumping from 3500 ft. had problems pulling her hand deploy. She seemed to fumble for a long time until the CYPRES activated and deployed her reserve. She later claimed that she deployed the main at the same time as the CYPRES fired but two inspecting riggers stated that the main canopy still had packing folds and had certainly not experienced opening shock. The jump was unobserved, and the riggers state that the main was probably opened on the ground after landing.

January 1993

Heumoor Germany

Student CYPRES

Skydiver (88 jumps) experienced difficulty with the hand deploy. She believed she had released it but still had no parachute. She then could not find the cutaway handle. At this stage the CYPRES activated. Only then she did discover the hand deploy **clenched between her teeth**.

December 1992

Naas Ireland

Expert CYPRES

Jumper missed her main ripcord handle, pulled cutaway handle, but didn't pull the reserve.

October 1992

Cedar Rapids USA

Student CYPRES

Student became unstable after exit. CYPRES activated and the reserve deployed. Student subsequently admitted losing track of events.

October 1992

Berlin Germany

Expert CYPRES

Jumper had a bag lock malfunction and became confused. The jumper had 70 jumps, but over a short period of time. He had a bag lock malfunction caused by the incorrect routing of the bridle. The jumper was confused and remembers looking at his handles. Not knowing what to do next, he continued to look at the handles until he saw the ground, realized it was very close and screamed just before CYPRES activated.



October 1992

Sitterdorf Switzerland

Expert CYPRES

Jumper lost reserve handle and became confused. The jumper was on a 4-way dive when the others tried pointing out that his reserve ripcord was floating free of the housing. This confused the jumper, and he pulled his cutaway handle, even though he had not deployed the main. The jumper looked down, realized the ground was getting very close, and reportedly gave up hope. The CYPRES then activated and the reserve deployed.

September 1992

Berneck Germany

Tandem CYPRES

Drogue failed to release. Tandem master became engrossed in the problem and did not pull the reserve, although he later reported he was reaching for the handle when the reserve opened.

August 1992

Trier Germany

Student CYPRES

Student had an unstable exit which resulted in a horseshoe malfunction. He did nothing about it.

July 1992

Flensburg Germany

Expert CYPRES

An experienced jumper with about 270 jumps, most of them with the military, was jumping an unfamiliar rig at a new DZ in poor conditions. Although the jumper wasn't current, he accepted a slot on a 4-way dive. At break-off, he pulled out his throw-out pilot chute and held onto it until CYPRES activated his reserve. The jumper couldn't explain why he didn't let go of the pilot chute.

June 1992

Cottbus Germany

Student CYPRES

Student with 14 jumps went unstable and tried unsuccessfully to pull ripcord.



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May 1992

Schmallenberg Germany

Student CYPRES

Bridle line wrapped around student's leg, resulted in a streamed main.
Student did nothing about it.

May 1992

Przyleg Poland

Expert CYPRES

Jumper started spinning in free-fall., couldn't do anything about her spin and didn't pull.

April 1992

Meissendorf Germany

Expert CYPRES

AAF trained jumper lost her goggles and didn't pull anything.

February 1992

Davis California

Student CYPRES

Student had a bag lock malfunction and did nothing.

January 1992

Ahden Germany

Student CYPRES

Student's main canopy streamed. Student did nothing about it.

July 1991

Klatovy CSFR

Expert CYPRES

A skydiver with 200 jumps cut away from her malfunction, but did not pull the reserve.

June 1991

Ampfing Germany

Expert CYPRES

Jumper went into a fast spin in free-fall. and took no further action.



May 1991

Ampfing Germany

Student CYPRES

Student could not find ripcord, became confused and did nothing.

April 1991

Dortmund, Germany

Student CYPRES

Student experienced a total malfunction.