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TANDEM INSTRUCTOR EQUIPMENT CONVERSION REQUIREMENTS

The following guidelines will assist BPA Tandem Examiners in the required procedure for carrying out a Tandem System Conversion.

A Tandem conversion course may be delivered by an Independent Tandem Examiner at any Affiliated Parachute Training Organisation (PTO) under the following conditions.

1. The conversion course must be authorised by the STO or the COO.
2. The Independent Tandem Examiner must be trained and current on the Tandem System for conversion.

A full familiarisation of the Tandem System must take place as part of the conversion process covering the following requirements:

1. Familiarisation of new Tandem System differences and be familiar with the manufacturers manual.
2. Carry out a packing assessment.
3. Must be fully proficient in the suspended harness drills and practiced the drills with the BPA 'B' Licence parachutist on the front before they are allowed to carry out any Tandem descents on the new Tandem System.
4. All conversion descents must be filmed and footage sent in to the BPA Office.

The jump requirements for full conversion are as per the BPA Operations Manual Section 4, (Instructors), Para 5.5, (Tandem System Conversion).

1. At least 1 jump with a suitable container.
2. A minimum of 2 descents with a BPA 'B' Licence parachutist or above acting as a Student Tandem Parachutist.

N.B. The requirements for those acting as Student Tandem Parachutists can be found in Section 4, Para 5.5.2 of the BPA Operations Manual.

TANDEM INSTRUCTOR EQUIPMENT CONVERSION TABLE

CONTAINER TYPE	CONFIGURATION	MAIN DEPLOYMENT LOCATION	CONVERT TO	CONFIGURATION	MAIN DEPLOYMENT LOCATION	REMARKS
VECTOR 2 TANDEM						
Vector	Vector	Left BOC	Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Vector	Vector	Left BOC	Next	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Vector	Vector	Left BOC	Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Vector	Vector	Left BOC	Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Full Conversion Required
Vector	Vector	Left BOC	Strong	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Vector	Vector	Left BOC	Strong	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Paratec Next						
Next	Next	Left BOC	Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Next	Next	Left BOC	Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Next	Next	Left BOC	Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Full Conversion Required
Next	Next	Left BOC	Strong	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Next	Next	Left BOC	Strong	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Next	Next	Left BOC	Vector	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
PDF Atom Galaxy						
Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	Next	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Full Conversion Required
Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	Strong	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	Strong	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	Vector	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
UPT Sigma / UPT Micro Sigma						
Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	Next	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Full Conversion Required
Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	Sigma	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	Strong	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	Vector	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong Enterprises Dual Hawk / Hawk						
Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Next	Next	Left BOC	Full Conversion Required
Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	Full Conversion Required
Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	Full Conversion Required
Strong	Strong	Right Lift Web	Vector	Vector	Left BOC	Full Conversion Required
Strong	Next	Left BOC	Next	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong	Vector	Left BOC	Vector	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong	Next	Left BOC	Vector	Vector	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong	Vector	Left BOC	Next	Next	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong	Strong	Left BOC	Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong	Strong	Left BOC	Atom Galaxy	Galaxy	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong	Strong	Left BOC	Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	No Conversion Required
Strong	Strong	Left BOC	Sigma	Sigma	Left BOC	No Conversion Required

For any Tandem Systems where no conversion jumps are required, the Tandem Instructor must have practiced and be proficient with the emergency drills in the suspended harnesses for the new Tandem System prior to making any Tandem descents.