

NEW DEVICE ALLOWS SAFER PARACHUTING



OK,
TROOPERS,
STAND BY!



WITH
THIS NEW
ANCHORING
DEVICE, WE'RE
ALL READY TO
TAKE A FLYING
LEAP!



YEP! IT'S TRUE.
EVEN THOUGH
THE DEBATE ON
WHETHER TO
MODIFY...



...OR FABRICATE
THE FLOOR-
MOUNTED ANCHOR
LINE SYSTEM
FOR STATIC LINE
PARACHUTING
OPERATIONS HAS
BEEN RAGING FOR
YEARS.

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AUTHORIZED THE FABRICATION
OF A TEXTILE DONUT ANCHOR
LINE SYSTEM.

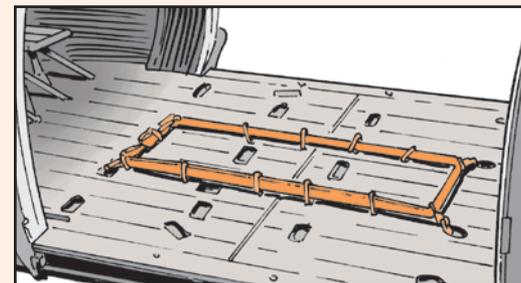
HOWEVER, FM 3-21.220
(FORMERLY FM 57-220/230)
SAID TO BUY AND MODIFY A
STABILIZED BODY (STABO)
INSERTION/EXTRACTION LOOP
FOR THIS PURPOSE.



BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTING
GUIDANCE, MANY UNITS ORDERED
STABO LOOPS AND THEN ASKED
PARACHUTE RIGGERS (MOS 92R)
TO MODIFY THEM.
BUT THEN THERE'S THE QUESTION
OF WHO CAN CERTIFY THE SAFETY
OF THE MODIFIED LOOP.

TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, TACOM'S AERIAL
DELIVERY EQUIPMENT TEAM REDESIGNED THE
STABO LOOP SYSTEM TO CREATE A DEDICATED
STATIC LINE PARACHUTE ANCHOR DEVICE IN UH-60
HELICOPTERS. THE REDESIGN INCLUDED...

- larger D-rings to accommodate the universal static line snap hook. That allows for quicker rigging and derigging.
- a change in buffer material from cotton to nylon.
- new snaps hooks to take advantage of newer hardware.



INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO USE THE DEVICE
WILL APPEAR IN TC 3-21.220, *STATIC LINE
PARACHUTING TECHNIQUES AND TRAINING*,
THAT'S IN THE WORKS.

TC 3-21.220 WILL REPLACE FM 3-21.220,
*STATIC LINE PARACHUTING TECHNIQUES
AND TRAINING*.

IF YOU'VE BEEN USING STABO LOOPS FOR
PARACHUTING, REPLACE THEM WITH THE NEW
STATIC LINE ANCHORING DEVICE.

INFORMATION ON THE OLD STABO LOOPS
WILL BE REMOVED FROM TM 10-1670-262-
12&P AT THE NEXT TM CHANGE.

THE NEW DEVICE WILL BE FEATURED IN AN
UPCOMING CHANGE TO TM 10-1670-299-20&P.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MODEL
USES COMMON AERIAL DELIVERY WEBBING/
HARDWARE THAT CAN BE INSPECTED USING
TM 10-1670-201-23, *GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF
PARACHUTES AND OTHER AIRDROP EQUIPMENT*.

SERGEANT BLADE,
YOU **SURE** THIS NEW
DEVICE WORKS?



I'M **SURE**
OF IT. **GO!**

AVIATION AND
AIRBORNE
UNITS, DID YOU
KNOW THAT A
STATIC LINE
ANCHORING
DEVICE, NSN
1670-00-999-
3544, IS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR
PERSONNEL
PARACHUTING
FROM YOUR
BLACK HAWKS?