

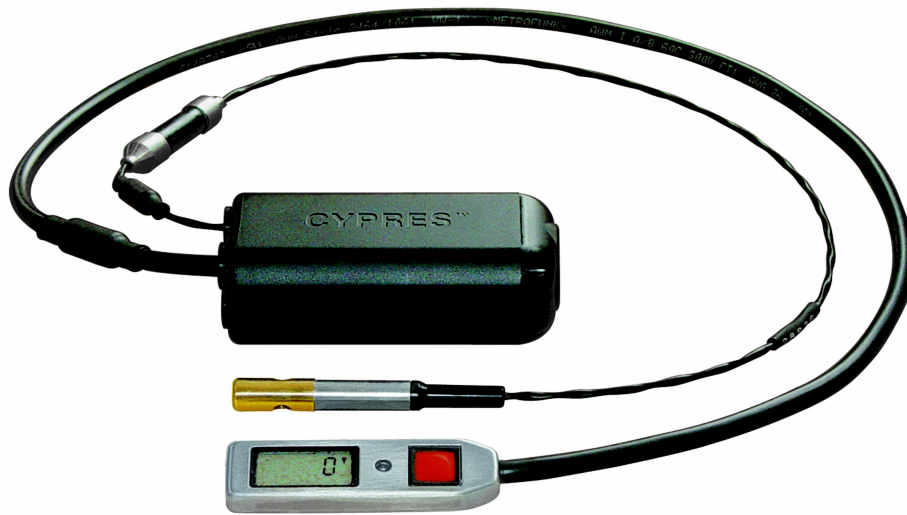


HAPPY LANDINGS WITH CYPRES

SOME AUTHENTIC CYPRES SAVE REPORTS

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May 2016

Germany

Expert CYPRES

After an 8-way RW I had a bag-lock. I could not reach my reserve handle, because my harness was too large and the left strap had slipped over my shoulder. I tried all the way down but the situation was out of control for me. Fortunately, the CYPRES fired and I landed unhurt under my reserve. Without any doubt CYPRES saved my life. Therefore I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Helmut and the whole Airtec-Team!

May 2016

Austria

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver could not pull out hand deploy. Waited too long to perform emergency procedures, CYPRES takes over the rest and skydiver landed without injuries on reserve.

February 2016

USA

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver cut away at a normal altitude but never completed the procedure

December 2015

Spanien

Expert CYPRES

Wingsuiter couldn't find his pilotchute, he tried all the way until the CYPRES put an end on his action. Well done CYPRES!

December 2015

USA

Expert CYPRES

Jumper had trouble to find his BOC. His rig "rode up" on his back. CYPRES saved him.

October 2015

UK

Expert CYPRES

I suffered a premature deployment on my back whilst free flying which broke my right arm above the elbow, rendering it useless, as well as my shoulder blade.

I then had to chop away my main canopy due to brake fire just below 2000ft. I was unable to find the reserve handle with my left hand that I had used to cut away my main. Fortunately, my CYPRES fired and I was able to land under my reserve without further injury.

Your excellent device saved my life! Many thanks and keep up the good work! :-)

September 2015

France

Expert CYPRES

Wingsuit jump, malfunctioning main, jumper never found his reserve ripcord after cutaway !

September 2015

Australia

Expert CYPRES

Student stage 5 (6 jumps) lost height awareness and had absolutely no idea of what was happening. got away from jump master who called it quits at 1,400' and landed unhurt on his reserve, unaware of what had just happened.



June 2015

Canada

Student CYPRES

Young student girl forgot to pull the reserve handle and said that she was relying on her CYPRES to save her life after 5 tries of pulling her main.

Thanks again Airtec !!!

May 2015

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Due to a packing error I experienced a bag-lock. Why I did not perform the required emergency procedures, I am not able to say. When I reached the altitude where the CYPRES does it's job, it activated and saved my life. I would like to express my deep respect to the CYPRES product and team.

May 2015

Sweden

Expert CYPRES

Freefall collision after exit on a 7-way jump. He dived straight into the back on a jumper of the formation in 3500 meters. Got unconscious. CYPRES fired.

April 2015

England

Student CYPRES

Static line jump, exit OK. Main canopy opened with a line over malfunction. Descend rate was slow but rotations were about 1 ½ to 2 times per second. Student took no action until CYPRES activated! Student cut away main after reserve deployed and landed save.

April 2015

Austria

Student CYPRES

Student (50+ jumps) hard pull on AFF level 5, got unstable on the second attempt to pull, no further action until CYPRES fired at 225 m! AFF- Instructor followed till 500 m !!!

April 2015

Germany

Expert CYPRES

After a successful RW jump we separated at 2000 meter followed by a track of about 8 sec. At 900 meters I waved off in order to pull, but could not locate my hand-deploy. After the second attempt many more attempts followed instead of going for the reserve right away. I went unstable and got on my back then turned to my belly again and started to do the emergency procedures. Finally, after the cutaway, before even reaching for the reserve handle, the CYPRES activated and severed the reserve loop. There was not much time to prepare for landing but I landed with a PLF, unhurt. I would like to thank Helmut and his co-workers explicitly for their great job and for my life.

April 2015

France

Student CYPRES

Jumper tried to pull his hand-deploy, did not succeed. He tried further and further and forgot everything around him.

Shortly after the CYPRES activated, he was able to pull out the hand-deploy.

His main opened after the reserve was open.



April 2015

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Freefly jump with a stranger after the winter break, lost completely track of altitude until CYPRES activated! The other jumper just about pulled his main high enough so his CYPRES did not activate.

March 2015

Spain

Expert CYPRES

on the second load I dislocated my shoulder. I couldn't go any further! I can not even say what happened next. I was definitely not able to pull and I got totally unstable with trying to do the emergency procedures or anything else with my left arm. I am also not able to tell any details about this jump !

Thanks so much, your CYPRES worked perfect! Thanks you so much!

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

Finland

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

Austria

Student CYPRES

Skydiver was entangled with the main suspension lines and could not open the reserve. After 15 seconds of "Freefall" the CYPRES activated.



August 2014

Austria

Expert CYPRES

after the main pilotchute was stuck on the back after opening, the jumper waited too long and the CYPRES initiated the reserve opening before he then also pulled the reserve ripcord.

August 2014

Austria

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver created a severe stall/line twists on his main at about 400 Meter and was twisted up to his neck. He did the correct emergency procedures but the CYPRES activated ahead of him, the loop was cut.

Juli 2014

Finnland

Expert CYPRES

Wingsuit jump, did not find main handle, activated his reserve simultaneous with the CYPRES. But the loop was cut.

Juli 2014

Germany

Expert CYPRES

got unstable at pull time, after recovery I could not locate my pilotchute, after several attempts I tried to reach my reserve ripcord but went unstable again. I did never think of the CYPRES when my reserve parachute opened.

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.

May 2014

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Bigway headdown formation attempt. During the approach there was a collision because one jumper got unstable. My head collided with his leg during the collision. After the hit, I could not move my arms and legs for about 5-6 seconds. Somehow I could manage to turn to my belly and I had the feeling that my power returned back to my legs and arms. I tried to reach my pullout handle but only succeeded very very slow as I could only move my fingertips. At about 1000 meters, my second acoustic alarm went off and I realised that with the speed I was going I am not able to activate my main in time so I went for the reserve handle.

Unfortunately, I also had not enough strength to pull it with my left hand. Just as I peeled off the velcro my 3rd alarm went off and the CYPRES activated, luckily, because if not I would not be able to write this report today! Thanks to Airtec and the whole team you saved my life!



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.

04 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.

01 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.

25 August 2013

Finnland

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 pilotchute, 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 2012

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 redock 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 redock. 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 freely, 2 sitflyers below me, I tried to get on level with them in head down position. In that moment 1 of the sitflyers 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.

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 procedure

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 procedure

07. July 2012

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Line twist malfunction, skydiver decided to cut away, and the CYPRES unit successfully started the reserve deployment sequence just in time.



30 June 2012

Germany

Student CYPRES

Novice jumper – no pull - CYPRES fired and initiated the reserve deployment.

29 June 2012

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver lost cutaway handle unnoticed during 10 way formation dive. After initiating the main opening, skydiver lost awareness, had the feeling that she was falling without her rig and was in shock. About the same time the CYPRES unit successfully started the reserve deployment sequence, she reacted with the normal emergency procedures. She landed safely under her reserve.

25 June 2012

Denmark

Expert CYPRES

Exit from ~ 2500 meters, get's unstable in 1500 meters. Tries to get stable for too long, can't pull the handles, starts spinning and CYPRES saves him finally.

23 June 2012

Germany

Expert CYPRES

Skydiver lost cutaway handle unnoticed by him during 2 way competition. After initiating the main opening, he had the feeling that his complete rig was lost and resigned at first. About the same time when the CYPRES unit successfully started the reserve deployment sequence he reacted with the usual emergency procedures. He landed safely under his reserve.

28 April 2012

Italy

Expert CYPRES

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

14 April 2012

South Africa

Student CYPRES

AFF Level 7, student was unable to pull – CYPRES fired - Student did reserve drills but too low.



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 breakoff 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 (pilotchute 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 console 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 pilotchute 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 wingsuit 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 pilotchute 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, wingsuit, rig, etc. was destroyed by the accident or thereafter by the rescue guys who cutted everything that was still working. and also I couldn't 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 tonsuits offered support and helped minimizing the financial disaster.

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 wingsuiting and freeflying and of course if i can give something back i would love to.

03 November 2009

Chicago, USA

Expert CYPRES

During AFF level 3 (release skydive). After an uneventful and good freefall. 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.

21st August 2009

Skydive The Ranch

Student CYPRES

A quick thanks, from a very grateful student:

The first words that were yelled aloud as I came plummeting into the woods behind the dropzone 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 dropzone 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.

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 freefall.



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.

[21st 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.

[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 discoordination 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 freefall. 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 I 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.

24 May 2009

Skydive Westerwald, Germany

Expert CYPRES

After an uneventful skydive and "normal" parachute deployment. The skydiver could not release the brakes off of his Atom container. After several attempts the skydiver decided to cut away his main. Other skydivers reported seeing him tumbling in free fall without a successful reserve deployment. CYPRES started the reserve procedure at +/- 750 feet. The skydiver landed uninjured.

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 1500 m 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 try s she knew she was loosing height (but kept stable) and realized, 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.



11 April 2009

Undisclosed, 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 dropzone, 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 anymore) 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 Tandemmaster to leave the airplane, 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 CYPRES, 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 its 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's 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 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 console jumps after fin aff. on a jump previously 2 months ago, he dislocated his LEFT shoulder in freefall, 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.

22 September 2008

Z-hills Florida USA

Student CYPRES

Had an AFF Level 6 student yesterday at sunset. Went to pull, started flailing, went all the way to Cypres fire. Big guy from Altamonte Springs, FL, a football player at 240lbs. The instructor never caught him and bailed below 2000'. We had him under our "big-boy rig", Wings container, PD Navigator 300 and PD 281 Reserve, with a Cypres. He broke his leg on landing, but had less than a 20 second reserve ride we think. Good job on the gear everyone.



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 freebag 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 live 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 May2008

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 extradite 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 loose 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 1 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.

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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.

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 aprox. 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.

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.