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SAFETY ADVISORY

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All paramotor pilots should read, digest, and take action on the contents of this advisory notice and keep it for future reference until it is superseded or withdrawn by the FSC Chairman. This notice will remain available on the BHPA website.

RETROFITTING PARAMOTORS TO A LIGHTWEIGHT WHEELED UNDERCARRIAGE or TRIKE.

The FSC wishes to make paramotor pilots aware of a potential issue in adapting or clipping a paramotor frame to a wheeled undercarriage or trike unit.

If you clip your paramotor onto a lightweight trike, be aware that significant additional loads will be imposed on the paramotor, especially during take-off and landing. These loads can potentially lead to structural failure.

Pilots undertaking this retrofitting are advised to consult their paramotor unit manufacturer to ascertain suitability of the paramotor unit for this adaption.

Pilots are further advised to seek appropriate instruction in the required techniques that are specific to wheeled undercarriage flight, in particular the correct and safe techniques for the powered launch.