



# SAFETY NOTICE

Issued by Angus Pinkerton - Chairman of the Flying & Safety Committee 20 April 2000

*All hang glider pilots must READ, DIGEST AND TAKE ACTION on the contents of this Notice and keep it for future reference.*

*If you hold a copy of the BHPA Technical Manual this notice must be inserted into it and retained until it is withdrawn or superseded on instructions from the Chairman FSC.*

## SOLAR WINGS SCANDAL XK CROSS TUBE BRIDLE

A pilot recently reported finding that the fabric pull-back bridle (tension strop) on his glider had suffered damage such that it was cut approximately 30% of the way through. Further serious wear affected at least another 20% of the bridle width. The damage had occurred at the point where the bridle loops through the rear of the cross tube slider.

The two-year-old glider had flown approximately 100 hours from new.

All XK owners are advised to check this area very carefully **before further flight**. Owners should also check that the glider is fitted with silver coloured domed washers at the top and bottom of the aluminium tube sleeve which functions as a pulley for the bridle.

Any bridle damage (other than very minor surface 'fluffiness') should be reported on a BHPA Incident Report Form and the manufacturer should be contacted for advice.

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