

# Batten retaining clip

Following the release of a DHV Safety Notice identifying plastic batten-retaining clips popping open in flight (see above), leading in one case to an unrecoverable spiral dive, a number of British pilots have been



inspecting their own batten clips. Many of these used on imported gliders are to very similar designs. Some pilots have discovered hitherto-unnoticed damage (see photo at left) to these clips allowing them to open under very light loads. All hang glider pilots owning or flying gliders with these clips are encouraged to check them very carefully and replace any that are damaged. The consequences of these opening in flight are uncertain and could be very dramatic.