

# Flight deck caution

A pilot reported, through the Incident Reporting system, that they had attached an XC stylus/pen to the flight deck of their front-mounted emergency parachute container, secured by hook and loop material (Velcro) and fixed to the flight deck with a security lanyard. In flight, the pilot noted that the stylus was loose, and its lanyard had looped around the parachute's deployment handle and then around itself. This tethered their deployment handle to the cockpit and may have prevented a successful deployment. The pilot was able to untangle the stylus lanyard from the parachute handle whilst airborne.

Varios, GPS devices and other items such as styluses mounted to a front emergency parachute container can become detached from their Velcro mount. If their security lanyard is long enough they may become entangled with the parachute deployment handle. This may hinder or prevent the deployment of the parachute. Pilots are advised to keep the security lanyard as short as possible to prevent fouling of the deployment handle.