

Product Service Bulletin

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Convert Vector Freebag for Use with a Safety
Stow

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VECTOR FREEBAG CONVERSION

At the next repack cycle, all Vector owners with square reserves should have their freebags checked. The freebags on many older Vectors are closed with "O" rings through grommets. The Relative Workshop recommends that this configuration be changed to one using a safety stow.

This kit contains all items necessary to convert the bag to safety stow configuration. This repair must be done by a Senior or Master Rigger. The necessary changes can be accomplished with a single needle machine (301 locking stitch) and hot knife (although a double needle machine with taping attachment is more convenient).

CONTAINED IN THIS CONVERSION KIT:

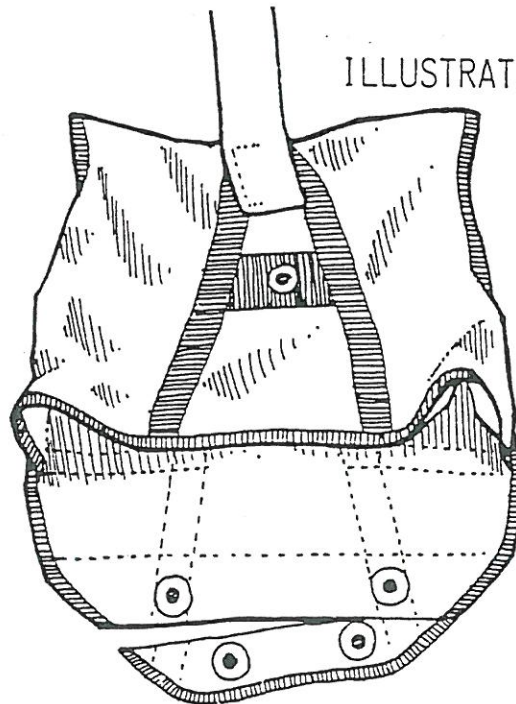
- Safety stow loop.
- Reinforcing band with loop channel already attached.
- Two size "O" grommets (rolled rim, spur washer).

READ ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE STARTING!

1) If your freebag has two closing grommets and two "O" rings, snip the bartacks and remove and discard the loops holding the "O" rings. Skip steps 2, 3 and 4 move onto to step #5.

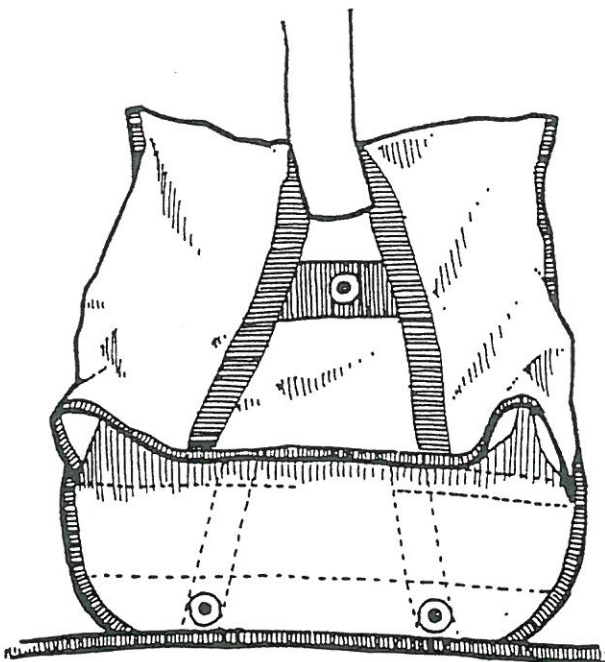
2) If your freebag has four "O" rings and four grommets, carefully snip the bartacks and remove and discard the loops with the "O" rings attached. Next, draw a line straight across the closing flap of the bag, between the two sets of grommets, as close to the outside pair of grommets as possible. Cut along the line with a hot knife as shown in illustration #1.

ILLUSTRATION #1



3) Tape straight across the newly cut portion of the closing flap, as shown in illustration #2. If you do not have a double needle machine with a taping attachment, this can be done with a single needle machine. "E" thread is required.

ILLUSTRATION #2



4) Carefully trim the edges of the tape with a hot knife and sew around the newly formed corner with a single needle machine to secure the new tape end in place.

5) The reinforcing tape and channel included in the kit must now be sewn into the inside of the top part of the bag. To do this, find the center of the top of the bag and mark. Next, find the center of the reinforcing tape and channel and mark that. The tape and channel must be sewn on the edge of the bag (over the existing tape on the edge), on the inside of the bag, exactly centered, as shown in illustration #3.

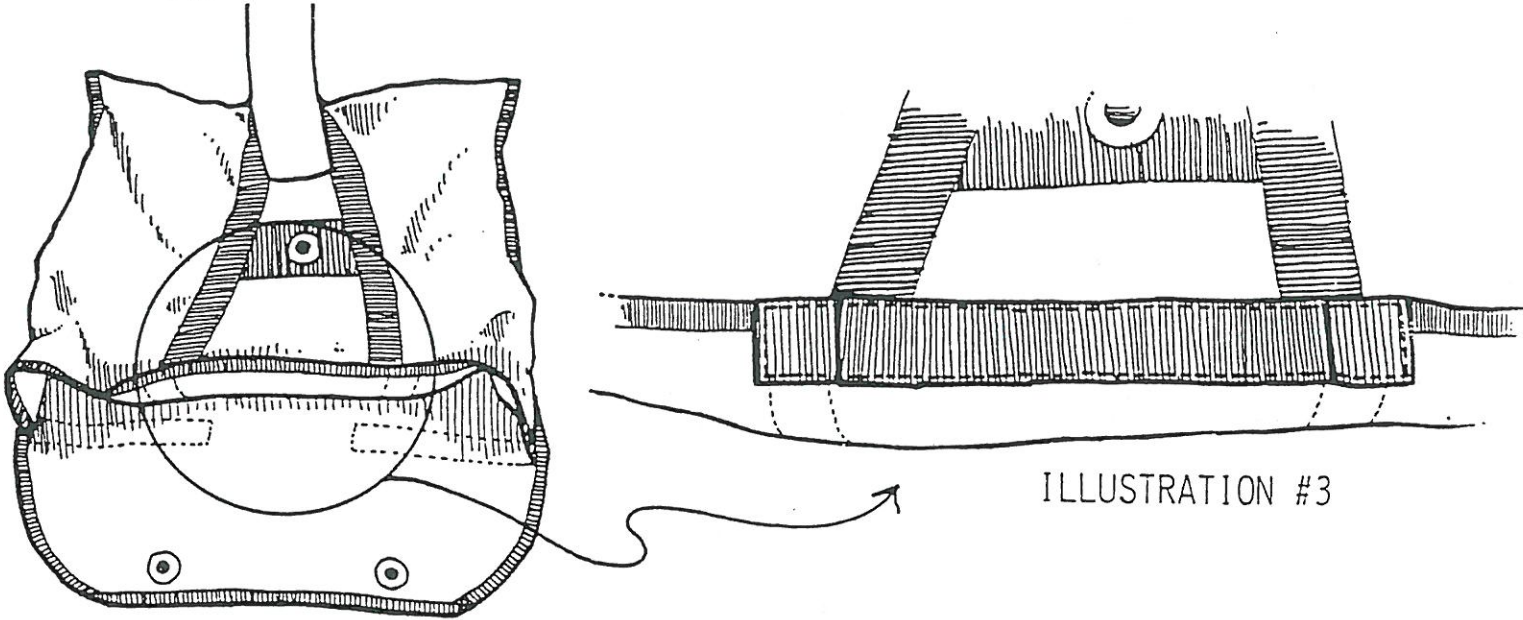


ILLUSTRATION #3

6) Set the size "O" grommets on the outside edges of the reinforcing tape - just to the outside edge of the channel, as shown in illustration #4.

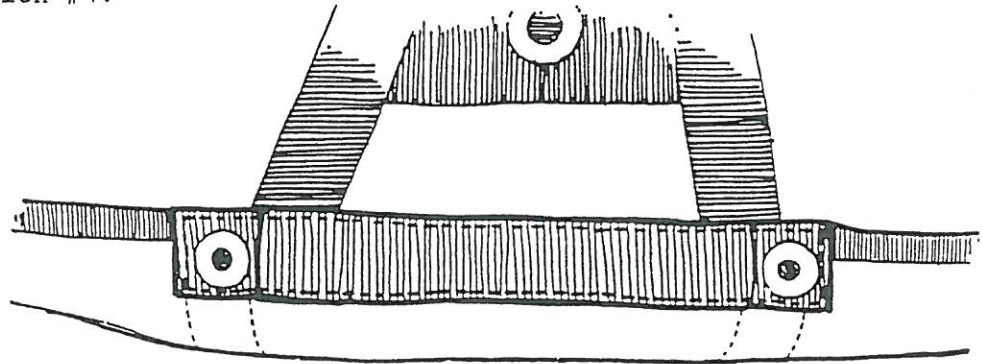


ILLUSTRATION #4

7) Thread the safety stow loop through the channel and through the grommets. The bag is now ready to be used.