

A quick-guide to rigging under Danish Parachuting Association

Certificates

Packer

- Required to get a C license
- Allowed to pack Ram Air Parachutes
- Can swap canopies *that are already installed on risers*.
- Can teach students to pack with handdeployed throw out (BoC) and springloaded PC-

Senior packer

- Same as above plus:
- Required to become S&TA
- Allowed to install a canopy on risers and approve the specific canopy for use in a specific container
- Can teach principles for flight and opening characteristics of a Ram Air parachutes
- Can teach how to pack other deployment systems than handdeployed throw out and springloaded PC
- Can teach how to attach risers on a container with a MARD and Collins Lanyard
- Can conduct packing exams for students

Reserve packer

- Same as above plus:
- Can inspect and pack Ram Air Reserve parachutes
- Can install AAD

Rigger

- Same as above plus:
- Install reserve canopies
- Repair main canopies and container
- Perform annual check

Master Rigger

- Same as above plus:
- Repair reserve canopies and harness

Equipment

Annual check

Each year, all parachuting equipment must go through an annual check. The annual check follows up on all service bulletins and inspects the current state of the equipment. Relevant repairs are conducted.

It must be done between October 1st and March 31st. Is valid for the year put in the papers, through to March 31st.

Repack cycle

- Licensed jumpers: Up to 18 months (follows the annual check)
- Student and tandem: Up to 6 months

Paperwork

All parachuting equipment must have an official set of Danish Parachuting Association Equipment papers. The information shown: Serial numbers, DOM, Latest repack, Annual check validity, significant bulletins, canopies and AAD approved for use in the specific container.

General

Lifespan

For licensed jumpers, we encourage to follow recommendations, but the annual check serves to keep equipment airworthy for as long as viable. Also to deem relevant equipment un-airworthy.

Certain limitations:

Reserves:

20 years for student and tandem, unless they've been re-certified by the manufacturer (due to higher volume of repacks)

From March 31st 2019: 25 years for licensed jumpers, unless they've been re-certified by the manufacturer

Harness, container, AAD and main canopies:

20 years for student and tandem

AAD - Manufactures recommendation