



Mastering the Mirage Reserve Container

Packing and closing tips for the
RTS, G3 and G4 Mirage

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Mirage Overview

- Proper closing loop length
- Smooth, well-divided PRO-pack
- Freebag centered in container
- Keep pilot chute centered
- Pilot chute material in horseshoe shape
- Flaps moved into position evenly
- Keep pressure on center of container

Closing Loop Length

- Suggested loop lengths in tray of main container
- Have found 4.25" (stretched) to be appropriate for most Mirage reserve containers with proper size reserve
- 4" works for Mirages with reserves on the small side for the container
- 4.5" works for Mirages with reserves on the large side for the container

Well-Divided Pro-Pack

- Material kept away from center of pack job (see to floor)
- Grommets spread for AAD, staggered to spread bulk



Smooth, Even Distribution

- Flat, smooth, even folds of canopy fabric
- Keep canopy distributed evenly from side to side



Center Freebag

- Align top of freebag with top of reserve container tray
- With knee on center of freebag, carefully work in bottom edge



Freebag Ears Under #1 Flap

- Keep outside top of freebag or ears tucked under #1 pilot chute kicker flap



Pilot Chute & Fabric

- Pilot chute fabric should favor the bottom half
- Make sure pilot chute stays centered after



One Flap at a Time

- Close each side flap in turn, moving the flap evenly to center
- Final flap pinned and sealed, grommet centered



Recessed Mirage Center

- Keeping pressure on center of container throughout closing leads to recessed pin cover flap



Final Mirage Notes

- Reserve loop length
- Divided pack job
- Center freebag/PC
- Pressure on center
- PC fabric to bottom
- Move flaps evenly



More Mirage Information

- Mirage Systems
 - www.miragesys.com
 - 386-740-9222
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