



Welcome to More

The Art of Continual Improvement

You're not the average person, you are a Skydiver. You're not even the average Skydiver, you are a Tandem Instructor. You strive for ways to experience more.

Let us help! It is our intent with this email newsletter to support the Tandem Training program at all levels: from the first time student, to the instructor candidate, the seasoned TI and the Examiner. Each month we will cover topics ranging from jump stories to tips on maintaining the gear to history and more. Strong Enterprises embarks on a new way to provide our valuable Instructors with more ...

More information! More education! More news! More opportunities! More networking!



Tandem Instructor and Student in Close

Proximity to an Open Door

Tandem Instructor Responsibilities

Often solo skydivers opt to jump at lower altitudes for clear and pulls, for example to focus on canopy flight, or perhaps when working towards the USPA Canopy Proficiency Card requirements. What is required by Tandem Instructors to ensure the safety of their student while others exit lower during a climb to full altitude?

Guidance can be found in section 7.2 of the Tandem Instructor Certification Course syllabus:

Do not hook-up the student to the Tandem Instructor during take-off, unless the tandem pair is sitting in close proximity to an open door. In the event of a crash on take off, evacuation of the aircraft is more efficient if tandem jumpers are not attached.

Exceptions to the hook up sequence:

- *Student proximity to an open door during the climb to altitude requires hookup on the ground.*
- *When lower altitude jumpers are allowed to exit before the Tandem, **always have at least one shoulder connection and the opposite side connector attached before the door is opened.***

What does this mean? In smaller aircraft a tandem pair would always be in close proximity to the door. So if the door is or will be open any time before the Tandem pair is ready to jump then the student should be completely hooked up on the ground or before the door is opened. In larger aircraft it depends, you could be by the door or far away from it. The following rhyme is a clever reminder: ***By the door, hook up all FOUR---by the bulkhead, TWO instead.***

This procedure is supported by USPA and other tandem manufacturers, but mostly by common sense.

Keep your students safe!



Digital Waivers Now APPROVED!

Has your drop zone been considering converting to digital waivers? Are they hesitant because they don't want students to have to fill out a separate hard copy of the Strong Enterprises waiver? Good news. We are now accepting digital waivers that contain approved wording. Two DZs are already onboard: Skydive City in Z-hills and Skydive Kansas!



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A Touch of History

Ted Strong D-16 taking student Mary Jobe on a drogue less Tandem in September 1983. This was before drogues were incorporated into Tandem jumping. Stay tuned... Our next Newsletter will have more on the development of the drogue and how it evolved the Tandem jump experience.

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