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Preface

SCOPE

This manual tells and shows how to rig the following airdrop loads for special operations:

- Four different High Speed Low Level Aerial Delivery System (HSLLADS) container loads rigged for airdrop from the MC-130 aircraft.
- Two different inflated Combat Rubber-Raiding Crafts (CRRC) rigged on a Combat Expendable Platform (CEP) for low-velocity airdrop from a C-130 or C-17 aircraft.
- The Rigging Alternate Method Zodiac (RAMZ) is rigged in an A-22 container for low-velocity airdrop from a C-130 or C-17 aircraft.
- The Naval Special Warfare Rigid Inflatable Boat (NSWRIB) is rigged for low-velocity airdrop on a specially designed platform from a C-130 or C-17 aircraft.
- Two different Advanced Rescue Crafts (ARC) rigged on a combat expendable platform (CEP) for low velocity airdrop from a C-130 or C-17 aircraft.
- The Wind Supported Aerial Delivery System (WSADS) Snow Goose is a low-cost, reusable, fully autonomous, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) that can be used to carry out a variety of missions at otherwise inaccessible locations for low velocity airdrop from a C-130 or C-17 aircraft.

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Introduction

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS

The descriptions of the items rigged in this manual are given below:

- **High Speed Low Level Aerial Delivery System (HSLLADS):** The HSLLADS container is an adjustable container made of an A-21 cargo cover and other airdrop items. The dimensions and weight capacity of the container is determined by the load being airdropped.
- Zodiac F470U Combat Rubber Raiding Craft (CRRC): The inflated Zodiac 470U boat is airdropped singly or in pairs. Each boat is 75 inches wide, 22 inches high, 185 inches long and may be airdropped utilizing a roll-up floor or hard deck. A single boat weighs approximately 322 pounds.
- Zodiac F470U Combat Rubber Raiding Craft rigged in an A-22 Container or Rigging Alternate Method Zodiac (RAMZ): The boat is rigged in an A-22 container rigged for low-velocity airdrop over water. The boat is deflated and rigged for rapid inflation and deployment once in the water.
- Naval Special Warfare Rigid Inflatable Boat (NSWRIB): The NSWRIB is 108 inches wide, 100 inches high and 432 inches long. The boat rigged on its platform can weigh a maximum of 20,640 pounds.
- Advanced Rescue Craft (ARC): The ARC is rigged on a 48- x 87-inch combat expendable platform for low-velocity airdrop. The load can be rigged with or without a 20-man life raft and a rescue board, a rucksack, and an aid bag. The ARC is 70 inches high, 48 inches wide and 111 inches long. The ARC is 1,140 pounds when rigged.
- Snow Goose: The Wind Supported Aerial Delivery System (WSADS) Snow Goose is a lowcost, reusable, fully autonomous, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that can be used to carry out a variety of missions at otherwise inaccessible locations. It is quickly configurable for air or ground launch deployable missions.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

CAUTION

Only ammunition listed in FM 4-20.153/MCRP 4-11.3B/TO 13C7-18-41 may be airdropped. Only ammunition and supplies approved for high velocity or HSLLADS airdrop may be airdropped by HSLLADS. When a dangerous material is being rigged, the container must be marked, labeled and comply with AFMAN 24-204(I)/TM 38-250/NAVSUP PUB 505/MC0 P4030.19H/DLAI 4145.3. A copy of this manual must be available to the joint airdrop inspectors during the before and after loading inspections.

HSLLADS Container. The following items apply to the HSLLADS container:

- A multiple drop of four HSLLADS containers may be airdropped on one pass provided the total weight of the load does not exceed 2,200 pounds.
- The type XXVI nylon webbing used to secure multiple HSLLADS loads will be furnished by the US Army.
- HSLLADS containers are airdropped from the MC-130 aircraft only.

Note. For Air Force use only. A HSLLADS container weighing at least 250 pounds may be airdropped for continuance training purposes only, provided the 35 pounds per square foot minimum is maintained. For unilateral training loads honeycomb is not required.

Boats and Parachutists. The following items apply to boats and parachutists:

- At no time will the total number of static lines on the anchor line cable for personnel and cargo exceed 20.
- The total rigged weight of rubber raiding craft loads on CEP must be a minimum of 2,100 pounds. Sandbags or other ballast may be added to the platform for this purpose.

Chapter 1

Rigging High Speed Low Level Aerial Delivery System (HSLLADS) Container Loads

SECTION I-RIGGING THE CONTAINER

DESCRIPTION OF LOAD

1-1. The HSLLADS container (Figure 1-1) is an adjustable container made of an A-21 (nylon) cargo cover and other airdrop items. The assembled items are rigged to ensure that the container will withstand the shock of the parachute opening when airdropped at high speeds.



Figure 1-1. High Speed Low Level Aerial Delivery System (HSLLADS)

PREPARING CONTAINER

1-2. Dimensions of the load base in these procedures are typical. The size of the load base may change to fit other supply loads. Prepare the load base and HSLLADS container as shown in Figures 1-2 and 1-3.

CAUTION

When a container is rigged for delivery from Air Force aircraft, the rigged weight divided by the largest surface area (measured in square feet) must be a minimum of 35 pounds per square foot.



Figure 1-2. Skid Prepared

4. Center a 30- by 48-inch piece of honeycomb on the skid.
5. Thread three 12- foot lengths of type X nylon webbing through the keepers on the A-21 cargo cover.
6. Place the cover, with the webbing down, on top of the honeycomb and skid.
7. Center another 3/4- by 30- by 48-inch piece of plywood and a 30- by 48-inch piece of honeycomb on top of the cargo cover. This is the load base.

Figure 1-3. A-21 Honeycomb, Container Cover and Load Base Placed on Skid

LOADING CONTAINER

1-3. Place the items to be airdropped on the honeycomb in the manner shown in Figure 1-4. Place the durable or heavy items on the bottom and the lighter or more fragile items on the middle or top layers. Use the cellulose wadding, felt or honeycomb to cushion the rigged items. Use honeycomb to level and square the load before closing the container.



Figure 1-4. Load Positioned on Load Base with Sideboards in Place

CONSTRUCTING CONTAINER STRAPS

1-4. Construct two container straps as shown in Figure 1-5.



Figure 1-5. HSLLADS Container Strap Prepared

CLOSING CONTAINER AND STOWING PARACHUTE

1-5. Close the container and secure the skid as shown in Figures 1-6 and 1-7. Attach and restrain a 22-foot cargo extraction parachute to the load as shown in Figures 1-8 and 1-9. If a 22-foot cargo extraction parachute is not available, use a 28-foot cargo extraction parachute.



Figure 1-6. HSLLADS Container Closed

1. Tie an end of the 12-foot length of 1/2-inch tubular nylon (positioned on the skid in Figure 1- 1) to each clevis indicated below under the first tie column using three half-hitch knots and one overhand knot. 2. Form a loop an appropriate distance from the end of each piece of 1/2-inch tubular nylon for the second tie. Pass the free end through the clevis indicated below in the second tie column and back through the loop. Pull the 1/2-inch tubular nylon tight, and tie it with three half-hitch knots and one overhand knot. Skid Tie-down Number First Tie Second Tie 1 Clevis 1 Clevis 2 2 Clevis 1 Clevis 2 3 Clevis 1 Clevis 2 4 Clevis 2 Clevis 1 5 Clevis 2 Clevis 1	CLEVIS 2		CLEVIS 1	
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5 Clevis 2 Clevis 1	4 Clevis 2 Clevis 1			
	5	Clevis 2	Clevis 1	
6 Clevis 2 Clevis 1	6	Clevis 2	Clevis 1	

Figure 1-7. Skid Tied to the Container



Figure 1-8. Parachute Prepared

CAUTION

The load band must be as tight as possible to prevent it from stretching when it is attached to the release system.



Figure 1-9. Parachute Restrained and Load Band Installed

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1-6. The equipment needed to prepare and rig the HSLLADS container is listed in Table 1-1.

National Stock Number	Item	Quantity
4030-00-678-8562	Clevis, 3/4-inch medium	3
4030-00-360-0304	Clevis, small	3
4020-00-240-2146	Cord, nylon, type III, 550-lb	As required
1670-00-360-0321	Cover, canvas, type A-21 bag	1
8135-00-664-6958	Cushioning material (Cellulose wadding)	As required
5365-00-937-0147	D-ring, 10,000- lb	6
8305-00-958-3685	Felt, 1/2-inch	As required
1670-00-753-3928	Pad, energy-dissipating, honeycomb	As required
	Parachute, cargo extraction:	
1670-00-687-5458	22-ft. or	1
1670-00-262-1797	28-ft. with deployment-bag	1
5530-00-618-8073	Plywood, 3/4-inch	As required
1670-00-136-9820	Static line, cargo parachute with universal static line	1
No NSN	Strap, container assembly (fabricated locally)	2
1670-00-937-0271	* Tie-down assembly, 15-ft.	1
	Webbing:	
8305-00-268-2411	Cotton, type I, 1/4-inch	As required
8305-00-082-5752	Nylon, tubular, 1/2-inch	As required
8305-00-268-2455	Nylon, tubular, 1-inch	As required
8305-00-261-8585	Nylon, type VIII	As required
8305-00-261-8584	Nylon, type X	12 yd.
* When the f	ollowing item is not available, the following items are requ 	lired:
1670-00-937-0272	Binder, load, 10,000-lb.	1
1670-00-937-0147	D-ring	2
8305-00-206-9219	Webbing, nylon, type XXVI	15-ft.

Table 1-1.	Equipment	Required	for Rigging a	HSLLAD	S Container
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SECTION II-MODIFYING AND PACKING THE 22-FOOT AND 28-FOOT CARGO EXTRACTION PARACHUTES

MODIFYING CARGO EXTRACTION PARACHUTE DEPLOYMENT BAG

1-7. Remove the pendulum line, safety cords, deployment bag bridle loop, and V-rings from the deployment bag as shown in Figure 1-10. Construct two bridle straps as shown in Figure 1-11. Attach the bridle straps to the deployment bag as shown in Figure 1-12.



Figure 1-10. Deployment Bag Modified



Figure 1-11. Bridle Straps Formed



Figure 1-12. Bridle Straps Attached to the 22-Foot Cargo Extraction Parachute Deployment Bag

ATTACHING STATIC LINE AND BRIDLE LOOP BREAKCORD

1-8. Using the G-14/Universal Static Line (USL) cargo parachute static line, attach the static line to the bag bridle straps with a length of 1-inch tubular nylon webbing as shown in Figure 1-13. Make the bridle loop break cord tie as shown in Figure 1-14. Stow the static line as shown in Figure 1-15.



Figure 1-13. Static Line Positioned



Figure 1-14. Static Line Attached and Bridle Loop Break Cord Placed and Tied

STOWING SUSPENSION LINES

1-9. Use ticket number 8/7, cotton thread instead of retainer bands to stow the suspension lines. Attach the thread to the suspension line retaining straps by making a loop around the straps. Place the suspension line stow between both ends of a length of ticket number 8/7, cotton thread. Secure the ends with a surgeon's knot and a locking knot.

PACKING PARACHUTE

1-10. Pack the 22-foot cargo extraction parachute according to the procedures in TM 10-1670-279-23&P/ TO 13C5-27-2/NAVAIR 13-1-28. If using the 28-foot cargo extraction parachute, pack the parachute according to the procedures in TM 10-1670-277-23&P/TO 13C5-28-2/NAVAIR 13-1-30.

Note. Make the bag-closing tie using one turn single, type I, ¹/₄-inch cotton webbing.

STOWING STATIC LINE

1-11. Stow the static line as shown in Figure 1-15.



Figure 1-15. Break Cord Tie Made and Static Line Stowed

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Chapter 2 Rigging Combat Rubber Raiding Craft

SECTION I-RIGGING SINGLE ZODIAC F470U BOAT

DESCRIPTION OF LOAD

- 2-1. The description of the load rigged in this section is given below.
 - Inflated zodiac F470U rubber raiding craft. This boat is rigged on a 75- by 144-inch combat expendable platform (CEP) with one G-12E cargo parachute. The weight of the boat is 250 pounds. When inflated, the boat is 75 inches wide, 185 inches long and 22 inches high. One or two 35-horsepower outboard engines that weigh 136 pounds each power the boat shown or one 55 horsepower engine that weighs 215 pounds with a full fuel tank, six paddles weighing a total of 24 pounds and two sets of air pumps with hoses are parts of each boat's equipment.

Note. A 40-horsepower engine is the largest that may be used on this boat when the boat is equipped with the accordion floor. An engine as large as 65-horsepower may be used on this boat without the accordion floor.

• Accompanying load. An accompanying load weighing at least 650 pounds but no more than 1,170 pounds must be dropped with the boat.

PREPARING THE PLATFORM

2-2. Build a new CEP, or recondition a used one, using the procedures shown in Figures 2-1 through 2-4 and as described below. This platform is used for all the loads in this chapter.

- **New platform.** When no used CEP is available, build a new platform for this load as shown in Figures 2-1 through 2-4. Salt-treated lumber is recommended for the platform frame.
- Used platform. When a used CEP is available, inspect and recondition it as described below.
- Inspecting for damaged or missing parts. Check the platform to see that all parts are present. Inspect each part carefully for damage. When the following conditions exist, the platform is not suitable for use until it is repaired:
 - Any part is missing.
 - A stringer or spacer block is broken, cracked, split, or severely gouged.
 - A plywood panel is cracked or gouged through at least one ply for a width of 2 inches or more.
 - A plywood panel is gouged for a length of 12 inches or more.
- Inspecting parts, screws or nails. Check the entire platform for loose stringers, spacer blocks, and plywood panels. Also, check for loose, missing, damaged, or protruding screws, bolts or nails. These defects may be corrected as follows:
 - Nail loose parts that are undamaged. Do not nail in original holes or in the grain line used before. Use screws when possible.
 - Replace loose, damaged, or missing nails, screws, and bolts. Reset or remove and replace protruding nails, screws, and bolts.



Figure 2-1. Platform Frame Built



Figure 2-1. Platform Frame Built (Continued)



Figure 2-2. Spacer Blocks Attached to Frame



Figure 2-3. Plywood Attached to Frame



Figure 2-3. Plywood Attached to Frame (Continued)



Figure 2-3. Plywood Attached to Frame (Continued)



Figure 2-4. Corners Cut Off, Bolts Installed and Tiedown Spaces Numbered

INSTALLING SUSPENSION SLINGS

2-3. Install four 16-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing slings as suspension slings on the platform. Use two $3\frac{3}{4}$ -inch two-point link assemblies or two type IV link assemblies with covers to finish installing the suspension slings. Installation is shown in Figure 2-5.



Note. The two-point link cannot be installed on platforms manufactured before June 2006.

Figure 2-5. Suspension Slings Installed on Platform

STOWING SANDBAGS

2-4. Fill 16 sandbags with 35 pounds of sand or gravel in each bag. Stow the sandbags in the platform recesses as shown in Figure 2-6.



Figure 2-6. Sandbags Stowed on Platform

ATTACHING LASHINGS TO THE PLATFORM

2-5. Using ten 18-foot and two 26-foot lengths of 1/2-inch tubular nylon webbing, attach the lashings to the CEP as shown in Figure 2-7.



Figure 2-7. Boat Lashings Attached

BUILDING, PLACING AND SECURING HONEYCOMB STACKS

2-6. Build the honeycomb stacks as shown in Figure 2-8. Place and secure the honeycomb stacks as shown in Figure 2-9.



Figure 2-8. Hone	ycomb Stacks	Built
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The prevent damage to the honeycomb, tape the edges where the type III nylon cord passes.
1.) Pass a length of type III nylon cord through tiedown spaces A3 and B3 (not shown).
2.) Pass a length of type III nylon cord through tiedown spaces A7 and B7 (not shown).
3. Pass a length of type III nylon cord through tiedown spaces C3 and D3 (on the left side of the platform) and another length through tie down spaces C6 and D7.
4. Lay a 36- by 96-inch piece of honeycomb on the right side of the platform 23 inches from the front of the platform. Tie the honeycomb in place with the type III nylon cord placed in Steps 1 and 2 (not shown).
5. Lay a 36- by 96-inch piece of honeycomb on the left side of the platform 23 inches from the front of the platform. Tie the honeycomb in place with the type III nylon cord placed in Step 3.
6. Center and glue stack 3 over stacks 1 and 2 flush with the front and rear of the honeycomb.
7.) Tie stack 3 to the inboard longitudinal stringers of the platform with lengths of type III nylon cord.

Figure 2-9. Honeycomb Placed and Secured

PREPARING BOAT

2-7. Inflate the boat except the keel. If the keel is inflated, let the air out. Install the hose clips as shown in Figure 2-10. Prepare boats with a hard deck (aluminum floorboards) as shown in Figure 2-11. Prepare boats with a roll-up floor as shown in Figure 2-12. Prepare and position honeycomb in both boats as shown in Figure 2-13.



Figure 2-10. Hose Clips Installed



Figure 2-11. Boat Prepared with Hard Deck (Aluminum Floorboards)

(5)
8 Right
Bow 9
4. Run a 6-foot length of 1/2-inch or 1-inch tubular nylon webbing through the two holes prepared in Step 2. Secure as in Step 3.
5. Install the floor panels, and inflate the boat.
Note. Additional ties may be added to panels to accommodate the accompanying load.
6.) Start at the bow of the boat and name the in-boat tiedowns on the right side A, B, C and D. Name the in-boat tiedowns on the left side E, F, G and H.
7.) Tie chemical lights to the bow of the boat and to the center side carrying handles with type I, 1/4-inch cotton webbing if dictated by mission requirements (not shown).
8. Using type III nylon cord, tie the paddles to the side of the boat in the holders provided.
9. Stow an air pump and air hose in each of the pockets provided in the right front and left rear of the boat.

Figure 2-11. Boat Prepared with Hard Deck (Aluminum Floorboards) (Continued)





Figure 2-13. Honeycomb Prepared and Positioned