Safe Deployment Door (Beacon Drop Chute)

Safe Aerial Deployment Door

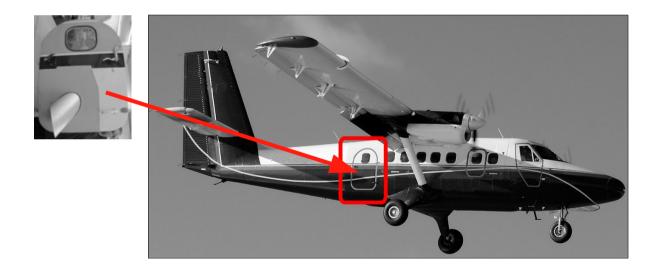
Canatec coordinated the design, fabrication, testing, and certification of a specially adapted safe deployment door. This door is interchangeable with the aft starboard passenger door of the Viking Air Limited DHC-6 (Twin Otter) series 200 and series 300 airplane.

The Type Certificate is held by Infinion Certification Engineering Inc., of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. Canatec Environmental Limited, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, owns the only known production unit.

The purpose of the Safe Deployment Door is to permit the air drop of cylindrical payloads without risk to on-board personnel. The door is never opened out at any time in flight.

Our firm commissioned the design for dropping position beacons onto remote Arctic sea-ice. The beacons measure 15-17 cm diameter and 1 m length. The air stream against the deployed payload opens a parachute to slow the speed of descent. A special Canatec mechanism releases the parachute on landing impact so that wind drag does not interfere with beacon drift readings.

Although originally conceived for deployment of long-life position beacons, the safe deployment door is suitable for dropping of any 17 cm diameter payload.







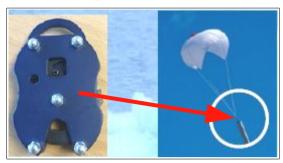


Above, how the Safe Deployment Door works.

Type certificate of Canatec's Safe Deployment Door (Beacon Drop Chute)



Drop Chute Release



Non-explosive mechanical device that automatically releases drop-chute from payload upon hitting ground. For 10-20 kg payloads. Used where an attached drop-chute could be a hindrance to payload on ground.

Demonstration video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMWTewW8kGA

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