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SERVICE BULLETIN #108

This service bulletin applies to all Raven Model RX-6 hot air balloons certified in all categories. Of special interest are those RX-6 gondolas which have been transported frequently or for long distances with the load fitting attached to the gondola. All balloon owners should be made aware that it is recommended not to consistently transport their RX-6 balloon in this manner.

It has been brought to Raven's attention that on some RX-6 superstructure tubes small grooves have been formed in the aluminum tubing immediately under the four quick release pins which secure the load frame to the gondola. This deformation may result from extensive transportation with the load fitting attached to the gondola. All RX-6 gondolas which have been transported in this manner should be inspected as described in the following paragraph.

With the load fitting attached to the aluminum uprights, in the flight configuration, mark the top of the aluminum tubing immediately under the four quick release pins. Once the aluminum tubing has been marked, remove the load fitting and inspect the area marked for deformation. If deformation is observed, contact the factory to determine whether corrective action is warranted. The factory contact should be Larry Manderscheid or Ken TeKrony.