

Benefits of Replacing Cardboard Honeycomb & Plywood skid board with Reusable Parts - REAL & RUSB

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Benefits of Reusable Parts - REAL & RUSB



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Website for more in formation:

- 1) https://www.qrdc.com/library/real-reusable-energy-absorbing-layer/
- 2) https://www.qrdc.com/

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1) Ground and Flight Tests

- 1.a) Simulated Ground Test at Natick
- 1.b) Airdropped at
 - Tucson AFB (airdrop test)
 - Little Rock AFB (airdrop test)
 - Little Rock AFB (Strength tests)

Approvals

2) Approved by

- 2.a) ATTLA
- 2.b) USAF issued UAT (Unilateral Aeiral Training)

UAT for REAL was issued in January 2024
UAT for RUSB was issued in March 2024
USAF FCIF on RUSB was issued in January 2025
AFSOC FCIF on mixing Plywood & RUSB in August 2025

USAF issued **UAT** for

REAL

January 2024

orbing Layer) and RUSB (Reusable Universal Skid Board)								
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Applies to: Interim:	Army	√ USAF	Navy	USMC O	ther:		Release Date:	
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Authorization for Reusable Honeycomb (REAL)								
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Loads (CF	2. This exception to policy governs AF UAT loads rigged for CDS, Container Ramp Loads (CRLs), and LCLA only. Loads covered in TO 13C7-1-11 are the only loads authorized for use for UAT loads. Contact QRDC for purchasing at:							
Mr. Daryo 3223 Fairo Wayzata, Email: Da Office pho Direct line	child Av MN 553 laei@q ne: 952	e. 391 rdc.com 2-556-520	05					
IAW TO 1	3. All units utilizing REAL will follow the manufacture procedures for assembly and place IAW TO 13C7-1-11. Adverse results of using the REAL versus Energy Dissipating Material (EDM) are mandatory.							
4. This memorandum expires when TO 13C7-1-11 is revised/published.								
5. The point of contact for this action is MSgt Drew Holsenback, commercial 703-659-5517 or andrew.holsenback@us.af.mil.								
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USAF issued UAT for

RUSB

March 2024

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Exception: ✓ USAF 24-006		29-Mar-2						
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Reuseable Universal Skidboard (RUSB) Rigging Authorization								
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1. This releases the interim/exception for TO 13C7-1-11.								
2. Current wooden skidboards have a tendency to break after one drop or cannot be brought to other countries based on the WRM issues. A reusable universal skidboard (RUSB) has been tested and authorized for airdrop of USAF UAT containers. The RUSB is approximately 1 inch thick, 48"x48", and has pre-drilled holes for skidboard ties. These may be reused until they break, crack, or have noticeable degradation affecting the survivability of the airdrop. RUSB is designed to be utilized with REAL, but can be used with traditional EDM (honeycomb) if needed.								
This interim/exception will expire when incommon 13C7-1-11 when it is revised / published.	3. This interim/exception will expire when incorporated in TM 4-48.03/MCRP-4-10.3C/TO 13C7-1-11 when it is revised / published.							
4. Units wishing to purchase RUSB will conta QRDC, Inc Dr. Daryoush Allaei Chief Executive Officer dallaei@qrdc.com Cell: 612-380-4433	act the foll	owing:						
Releasing Authority:	HOI SEN		Signature: DRE Digitally signed by HOLSENBACK ANDREW. JAMES. 126584194					
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USAF issued FCIF for

RUSB

January 2025

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Maj Andy Forsyth, RIANG
AMC C-130J Command Evaluator
Quonset ANGB, RI

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3. Several USAF unilateral airdrop training units have purchased RUSB quantities however, a full restraint evaluation of the RUSB is pending and has not been completed. Until a full restraint evaluation is completed, vertical restraint will be applied utilizing aircraft CGU 1/B straps to all CDS bundles rigged with the RUSB. This includes bundles restrained by the Center Vertical Restraint (CVR) or Enhanced Container Vertical Restraint (ECVR) systems. Straps used as additional restraint will be placed and secured in a manner that does not interfere with the parachute and/or bundle rigging.

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AFSOC FCIF 25-112

August 14, 2025

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		193 SOG(G)	8 SOS		AFMC
		352 SOW	9 SOS		AETC
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AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

- 1. This AFSOC FCIF applies to units operating the MC-130J; all others take for information only.
- 2. The Reusable Universal Skid Board (RUSB) is a composite, reusable Container Delivery System (CDS) skid board with the potential to significantly reduce the cost of conventional plywood skid boards. Additionally, RUSB is designed to be utilized with Reusable Honeycomb (REAL/REAP), but can be used with traditional Energy Dissipating Material (EDM) honeycomb.
- 3. RUSB is approved for use for unilateral training airdrops; however, a full restraint evaluation of the RUSB is pending and has not been completed. Until a full restraint evaluation is completed, vertical restraint will be applied utilizing aircraft CGU 1/B straps to all CDS bundles rigged with the RUSB. This includes bundles restrained by the Center Vertical Restraint (CVR). Straps used as additional restraint will be placed and secured in a manner that does not interfere with the parachute and/or bundle rigging.
- 4. User reports indicate the RUSB exits faster than a plywood skid board. To prevent malfunctions caused by bundle interaction among mixed RUSB and plywood skid boards, all bundles rigged with RUSB in a mass configuration will be loaded to exit the aircraft before any bundles rigged with plywood boards exit. If a bundle rigged with RUSB is the first to exit the aircraft--and until RUSB exit times have been fully evaluated and published--aircrews will subtract one second from the calculated CDS exit time to correct for faster exit. This corrected exit time will be overwritten into the aircraft's CARP computer or manually computed CARP.
- 5. Aircrews will report any problems encountered when using the RUSB to AFSOC/A3FW/A3V.
- 6. The FCIF will remain in effect until the TO 13C7-1-11 is revised/published and additional guidance is incorporated.
- 7. Post this FCIF within 2 days of receipt to Volume 1, Part B of the FCIF. AFSOC/A3V is the POC, DSN 579-4880.

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