

# Reusable Aeiral Delivery Equipment

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## **Feedback**

# **Feedback from Air Force Bases**

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### ✓ Little Rock, Arkansas, USA

**“Looks like we are at 14 drops with REAL/RUSB, it looks great still.”**

**“21 drops total, some minor scratches on the skid board, but everything is holding up very well.”**

**“23 and ready to go out again, no damage... all still looks good.”**

[September 27, 2024](#)

### ✓ Hurlburt Field, Florida, USA

**“We are at 12 drops and no further issues. We love it and I’m working the \$ to hopefully get the rest of ours converted.”**

[September 12, 2024](#)

## Feedback

### ✓ Hurlburt Field, Florida, USA

**“All drops successful, no issues with materials ASIDE from 1 reusable skid board. On its estimated 40<sup>th</sup> drop (I was in Aerial Delivery here when reusables were first implemented here and was gone a while and only recently returned so I don’t have exact numbers others may have been tracking, this is an estimate I made from our tracker), the corner of the skid board presented an approximately 5 inch crack all the way through. It was a normal successful drop, no air starvation in the chute, failure to open, etc., so we believe it is due just to repeated heavy use and/or a particularly awkward landing. In previous correspondence you were made aware of slight warping due to how tight our skid board ties must be, this is a possible contributing factor. We have had no CDS malfunctions and no reported issues/unsuccessful drops.”**

## Feedback

### ✓ AFB Ramstein-Mie, Germany

**During mass airdrop (4 CDS), the Parachute of the last CDS did not open, and still worked. This was a real-world test.**

[April 29, 2025](#)

### ✓ 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Minneapolis, MN, USA

**“Fantastic product, satisfied after 3/4 of a year of use. No deterioration in products besides normal wear/tear.**

**Only notes: Loading by ATF post drop has to be done more carefully than with disposable items. The forklift tines are more likely to do damage than anything else. And that reusable honeycomb should be tied together to prevent slippage.”**

[April 29, 2025](#)

## Feedback

✓ **109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Minneapolis, MN, USA**

**Question:** How has your airdrops been? How is performance? How many drops?

**Answer:** “They have been great! I’ll have to get the numbers when I get back to work next week but no problems so far!”

[June 19, 2025](#)

**Question:** Do you have an update as of June 24?

**Answer:** “We have dropped every bundle about 10 times (range 8, 9, 9, 10, 11) with no incident. One chute opened very late, bundle hit hard, no damage.”

[June 24, 2025](#)

## Feedback

✓ **109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Minneapolis, MN, USA**

**“During the beginning of CY26Q1 (January) when it was cold we had no performance issues. We don’t have any failed chutes but no damage from normal high velocity drops. Our greatest risk remains careful handling during drop zone forklift recovery operations as careless tine application can cut the REAL and retaining band. We plan to order up to 4 more sets this fall.”**

[May 19, 2026](#)

## Feedback

### ✓ Kadena AFB, Japan

**“We took the REAL out for exercise Balikatan and it has been a big help not worrying about brining a bunch of honeycomb and taking up space. Also, not having to worry about breaking down the CDS to keep replacing it and saving a lot of time.”**

[April 30, 2025](#)

## Feedback

### ✓ 374 Logistics Readiness Squadron, Yokota AFB, Japan

**“Build 3 CDS with RUSB/REAL cost saving \$116k a year, no need to replace cardboard honeycomb or wooden skid board over 100 drops.”**

[March 24, 2025](#)

**“The new procedures of securing the REAL to the RUSB has work better and easier to reinspect once we reattach a parachute. Before the REAL would move a lot more and when the CDS landed on their side, the REAL would start to fall out without the weight of the cans on it’s.”**

[April 29, 2025](#)

**“Performing vert well, no issues.”**

[June 9, 2025](#)

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### ✓ 374 Logistics Readiness Squadron, Yokota AFB, Japan

**“By reducing Costs, conserving resources and streamlining manpower, the new platform allows the unit to allocate support to other mission-critical operations. As the Department of Defense Logistics hub for the Indo-Pacific region, this collaboration between 36 AS and 374 LRS highlights a commitment to excellence to the installation mission, sustaining and maneuvering forces at the speed of need.”**

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**May 15, 2025**

## Feedback

✓ **374 Logistics Readiness Sq, Yokota AFB, Japan**

**“Dropped 5 times, No issues.”**

May 13, 2026

## Feedback

### Ten (10) CDS airdrops at Alaska AFB (JBER):

**Slide easier on shop and aircraft rollers**

**Save lots of money & labor**

**They came out of plane very well and easy**

**The process of rebuilding is faster**

May 20, 2025

**So far all is good on the performance end.**

June 11, 2025

## Feedback

### Ten (10) CDS airdrops at Alaska AFB (JBER):

**“No performance issues to report.**

**Things still have been slow due to real-world taskings.”**

May 14, 2026

## Feedback

✓ **97<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, Altus AFB, OK**

**“We have used the product once so far with excellent results.”**

**“The product was very easy to reconstitute and simple to train other personnel on.”**

**“I believe other bases would also benefit from this product.”**

**“A top board would be a valuable addition to our setup.”**

[July 29, 2025](#)

## Feedback

✓ **347 Operations Support Sq, Moody AFB, GA**

**“They have been performing fine with 0 new busted barrels since we switched to the thinner baseboard. No trends of any air starvation/incomplete parachute opening...”**

[May 14, 2026](#)

## Feedback

✓ **97<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, Altus AFB, OK**

**“...each one has dropped 32 times since you were here. So far, no problems. We are fast approaching the 35 drops per bundle. Hoping the extreme cold weather coming this winter will not affect the bottom boards.”**

[Sept 2, 2025](#)

## Feedback

✓ **97<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, Altus AFB, OK**

**“They have been performing as they were designed, we did have one come back that was warped after a hard landing, but we let it rest for a couple days, and it straightened out and became usable again.”**

[May 15, 2026](#)