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Re: HAB Parachutes

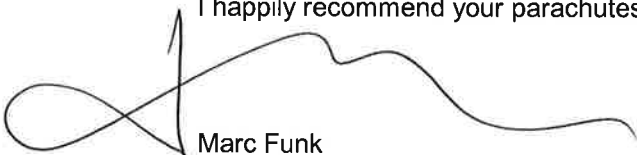
Dear Ky

Over the last 2 years I have launched more than 25 helium filled balloons with payloads of 2kg to a height that are always above 30'000 meters. Each of those trips carry a value of around 6'000 USD of scientific and camera equipment so you can imagine how important the descent and the parachute is.

So far, I only lost one but all payloads were recovered safely. I think you should know that I have always used your parachutes (mainly the 7 feet) and the descent was always according to plans in terms of speed and reliability. No descent crashed and it always slowed the descent at arrival with a speed of about 5 meters per second.

In terms of solidity you should know that one of your parachute made it 12 times into the stratosphere before I had to sadly decide to put him into retirement because of holes and cuts into the tissue due to harsh landings on cliffs and trees.

I happily recommend your parachutes and thank you for your great product and service.



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