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Technical & Safety Information Notice No.	W.N. 55 Re – Vigil AAD Battery Replacement
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Subject Matter and Applicability	Advanced Aerospace Designs Product Advisory, Bulletin No. - ADV-01-2017 Battery replacement for Vigil AADs – all sport Vigil I and Vigil II AADs
Details	<p><u>Background</u> - Due to new IATA restrictions regarding the transportation/shipping of metal lithium batteries, we are no longer able to ship replacement batteries for the Vigil AAD, consequently forcing us to change the battery replacement procedures accordingly.</p> <p>Effectively immediately, the battery is no longer field replaceable and must be returned to either AAD or Vigil America when a battery replacement is necessary.</p> <p>A battery replacement is mandatory when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <<Bat Low>> or <<Bat Rpl>> message appears on the controller screen, or,• When the Vigil has reached 10 years + maximum 3 months. <p>All Vigil batteries (Vigil I, II & 2+) must be replaced after 10 years + maximum 3 months from the date of manufacturing of your Vigil.</p> <p>Remark: the battery date of manufacture (DOM) could be up to 12 months earlier than your Vigil DOM. This extra year tolerance has been considered when your Vigil was manufactured.</p> <p><u>Updated Battery Replacement Procedures Effective Immediately</u></p> <p><u>For VIGIL 1 owners:</u> Vigil 1 owners in need of a battery replacement should contact either A.A.D. nv/sa (Belgium) or Vigil America (Florida) to request and obtain an RMA number. Unfortunately, the encapsulated battery for the Vigil 1 is no longer available and therefore can no longer be replaced.</p> <p>We are offering two options for current Vigil 1 owners who need a battery replacement:</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u> In exchange for the Vigil 1, a new Vigil with a maximum 20 year life expectancy at 300,00€ excluding VAT and shipping (or current exchange rate in US\$).</p>

	<p>Option 2: In exchange for the Vigil 1, a replacement Vigil with the latest firmware and an expiration date comparable to the expiration date of your current Vigil. This engraved Vigil will be offered at the current cost of a Vigil battery plus shipping.</p> <p>For Vigil 2 owners: Vigil 2 owners who need a battery replacement should contact either A.A.D. nv/sa (Belgium) or Vigil America (Florida) to request and obtain an RMA number. Battery replacements for the Vigil 2 will be performed at the current price of the Vigil 2 battery, plus shipping. In addition, all Vigil 2 units returned for a battery replacement will receive a firmware update and full inspection at no additional charge.</p> <p>We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this updated procedure will cause and for both cases you need to contact either AAD Belgium via service@vigil.aero or Vigil America via service@vigilamerica.com</p> <p>Vigil AAD control units and Vigil AAD cutters will continue to be field replaceable.</p>
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