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Second hand Leia/Petra market

Leia/Petra are what we classify as a hyper-performance canopy, a class above normal high performance cross braced canopy. The absolute minimum requirements for Leia are;

- ✓ 1500 jumps
- ✓ 500 jumps on a cross braced canopy at a 2.0wl or above
- ✓ 250 jumps (minimum) in the last 12 months
- ✓ A reference from a coach or experienced competitive swooper

The requirements for Petra are even higher;

- ✓ 700 jumps on a 2.2wl or above
- ✓ 250 jumps in the last 12 months
- ✓ A reference from a respected coach/swooper or Petra/Peregrine pilot
- ✓ Have competed at least once in the last 12 months (or competed 3 or more times in Open in the last 3 years)

We arrived at these requirements after careful consideration and feedback from highly experienced test jumpers, and competitive canopy pilots.

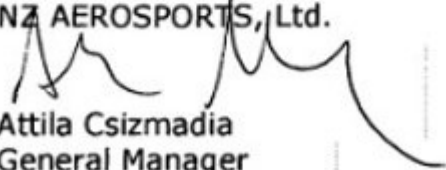
This new generation of wings is a big step up from the older generation x-brace platforms. They require a great deal of experience and demand a lot of respect from anyone flying them. When things go wrong everything happens a lot faster. The margin for error is very narrow.

Both Leia and Petra have a very high roll rate and an aggressive dive with long recover arc. Put simply they are dangerous for anyone who doesn't meet the minimum requirements.

We have always had concerns raised around the second-hand market for these canopies. Although we can't police it very easily, we'd hope that anyone owning either of these wings is conscious when selling them on. The responsibility lies with the community to ensure they don't fall into the wrong hands.

If you are selling either your Leia or Petra and are unable to determine if someone is suitable or not. You probably shouldn't be flying either of these wings.

For and on behalf of
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