



Airborne Systems

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Rigid Inflatable Boat Aerial Delivery



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MARITIME CRAFT AERIAL DELIVERY SYSTEM (MCADS)



System History



- Certified for use from UK C130K aircraft - 1990
- Certified for use from C130 aircraft - 1999
- Certified for use from C17 aircraft - 2003
- Certified for use from latest C130J aircraft - 2011

- US SOCOM has completed over 250 drops of the system to date without any major incidents or boat loss.

System Use

The system is mainly used by Navy/ maritime Special Forces units for maritime counter terrorism and anti-piracy operations. An increase in these activities over the last 10 years has seen a number of new countries requiring this airdrop capability.

The system can also be used for Search and Rescue operations to get a RIB, rescue personnel and life rafts to survivors. The survivors can then be looked after until a rescue ship arrives.

The airdrop system can be adapted to meet user operational requirements.



➤ Platform Universal Rigid Inflatable Boat Aerial Delivery
(PURIBAD)

6.5m to 8.5m RIB's



➤ Platform Rigid Inflatable Boat Aerial Delivery 21
(PRIBAD 21)

9m to 12m RIB's



- 6.5m to 8.5m Boat
- 2.74m wide platform compatible with C130, C17 and A400M
- Parachute Extracted
- Boat released as load exits the aircraft
- 2, 3 or 4 main parachutes dependent on load mass
- Boat ready for use minutes after landing
- Platform recovery parachutes and floatation for training drops
- Drop height as personnel parachutists



7.53m Zodiac RIB

6.5m BAE Systems RIB



Load Extracted



RIB and Platform Descend

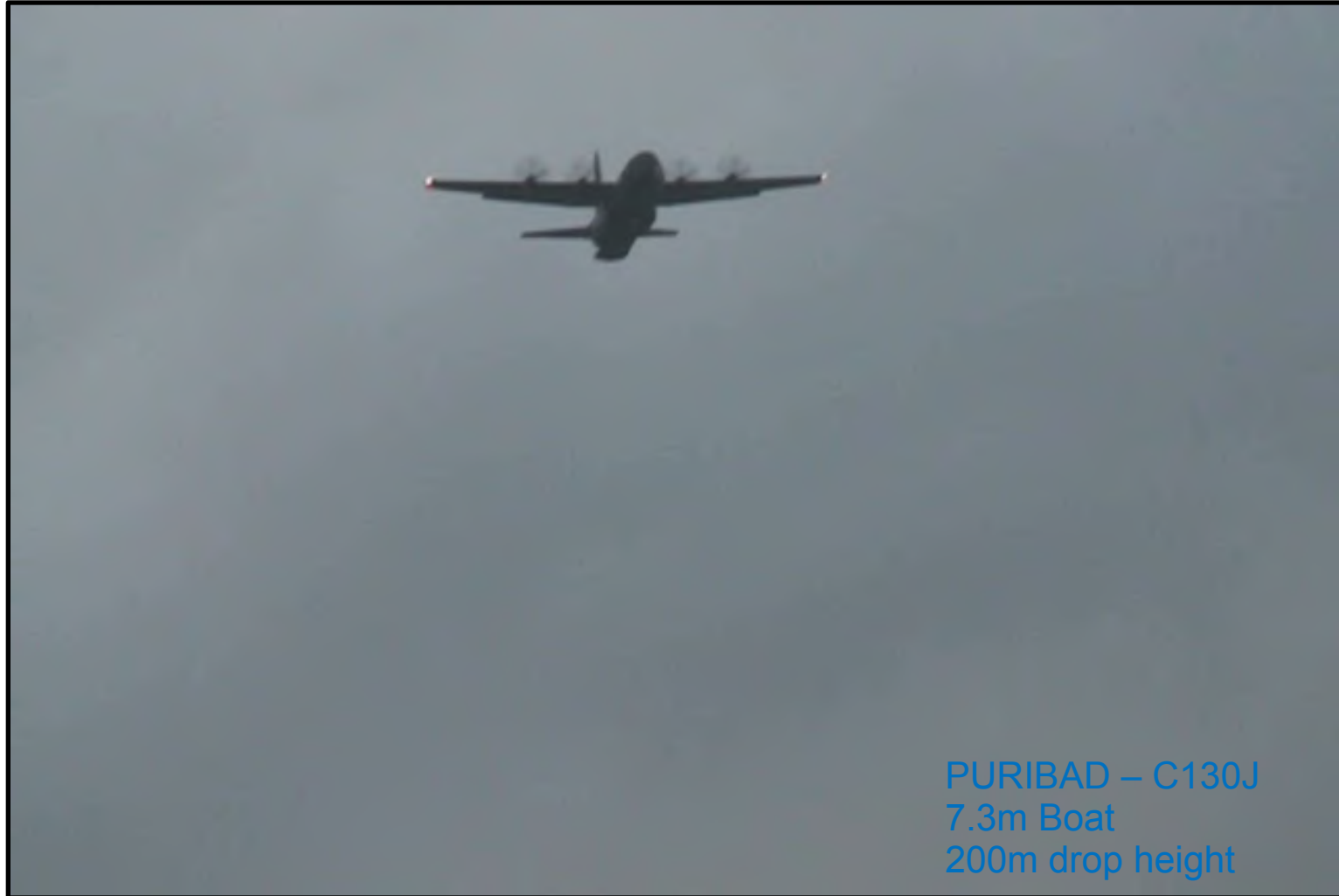


Final Descent



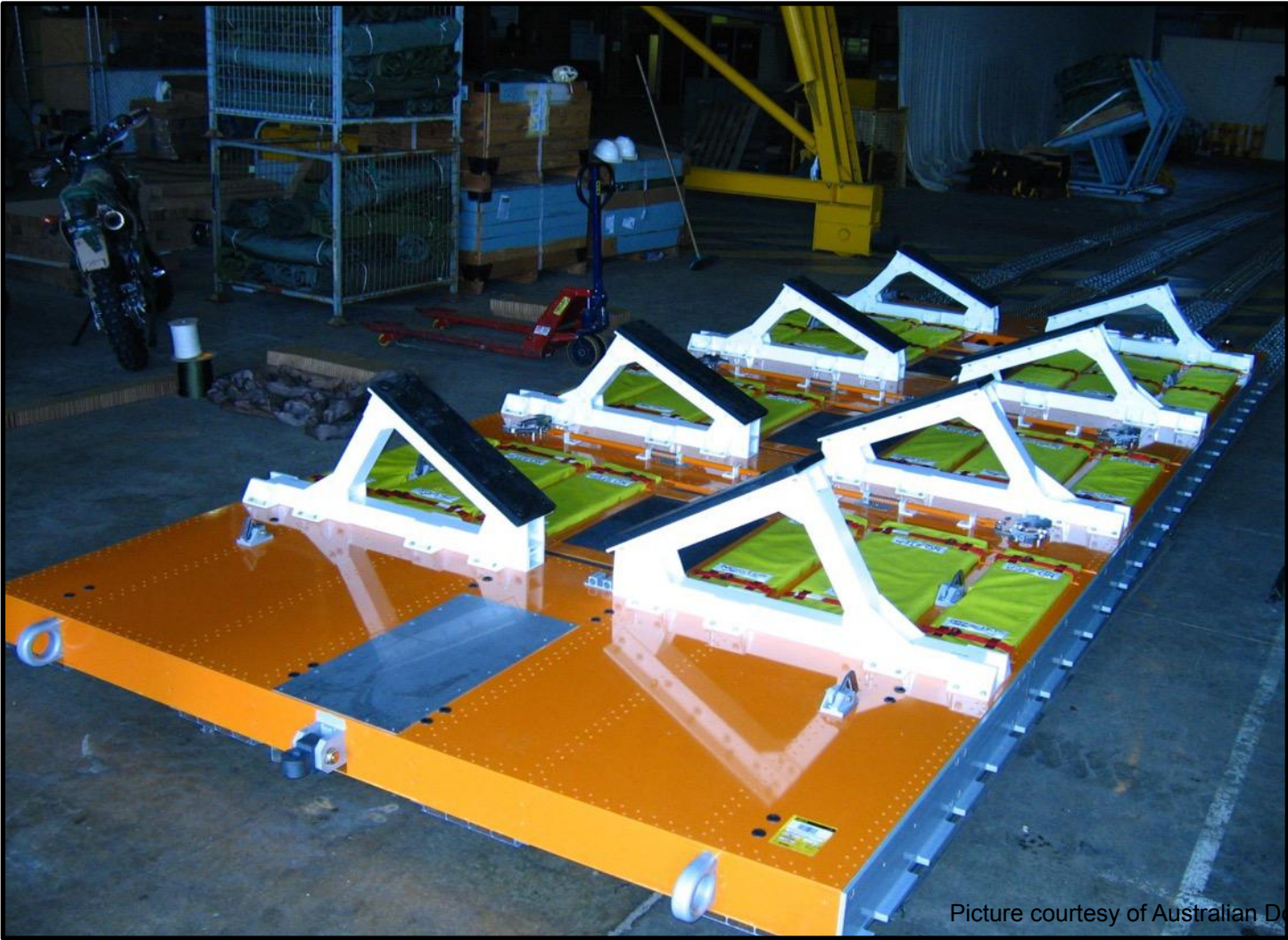
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PURIBAD Airdrop



- 9m to 12m Boats
- Platform
 - 2.76m (108") wide
 - 6.46m (21ft) long
- Parachute Extracted, 22ft or 28ft Ringslot
- 3 or 4 Main G11 Parachutes dependant on the boat mass
- Platform descends beneath G12 recovery parachute
- Drop Height Freefall 1000m AMSL
- Drop Height Static Line 300m AMSL

MCADS PRIBAD 21



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USMI 11m NSW RIB



Picture courtesy of US SOCOM

Goldfish 11.5m RIB Rigged



Picture courtesy of Norwegian DLO

11m RIB Loading in C130H



Picture courtesy of Australian DoD

Load Extraction



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RIB and Platform Descend



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RIB Splashdown



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Goldfish 11.5m RIB Airdrop

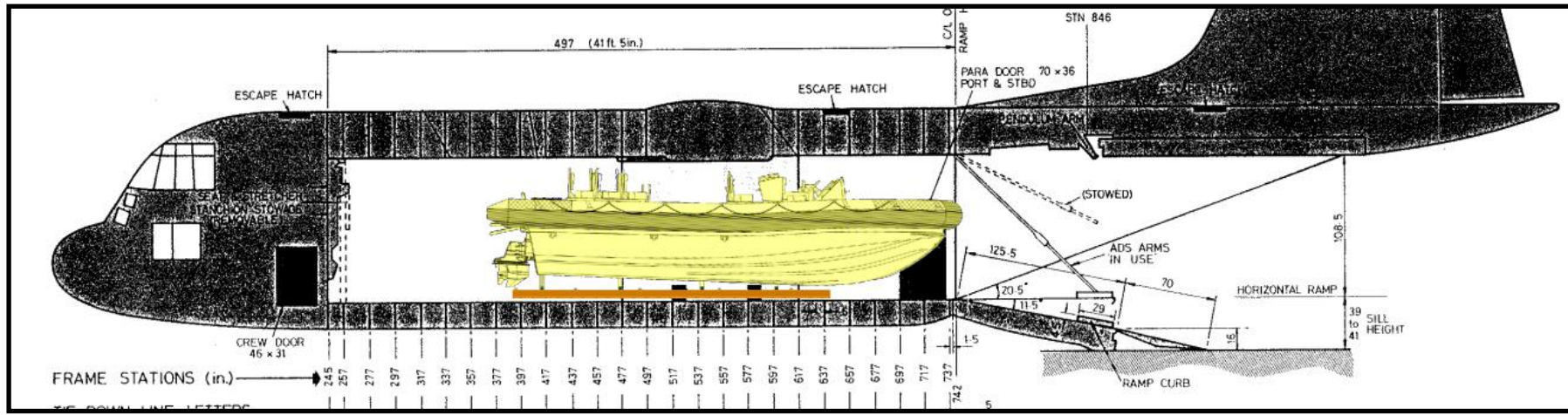
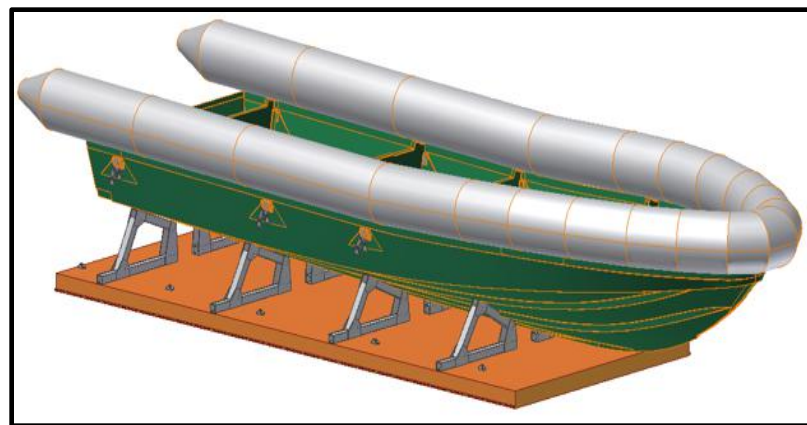
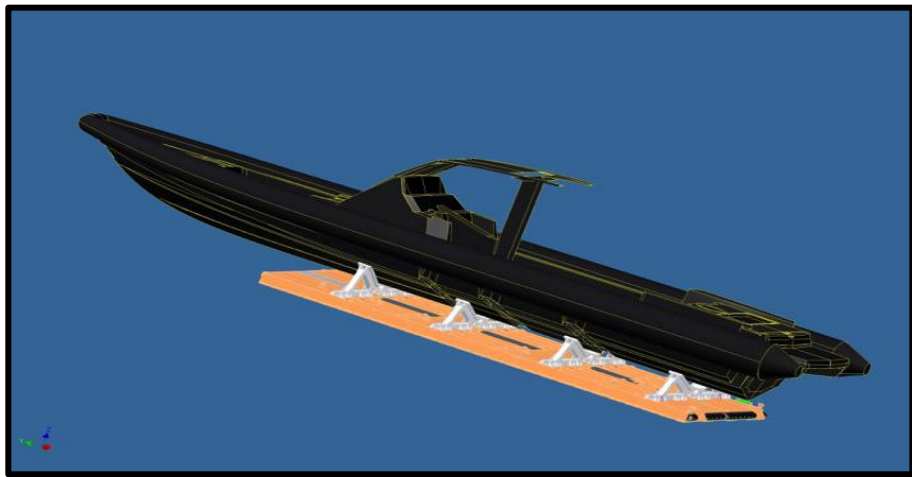


- **Maximum Height to fit into C130 aircraft**
 - RIB on airdrop platform maximum 100” (2.56m)

- **Maximum Width of Rigid Hull with Tubes Deflated**
 - 108” (2.74m)

- **Maximum Length**
 - 40ft (12m)

RIB, Platform, Aircraft Interface



Boat Restraint Fittings



Boat Suspension



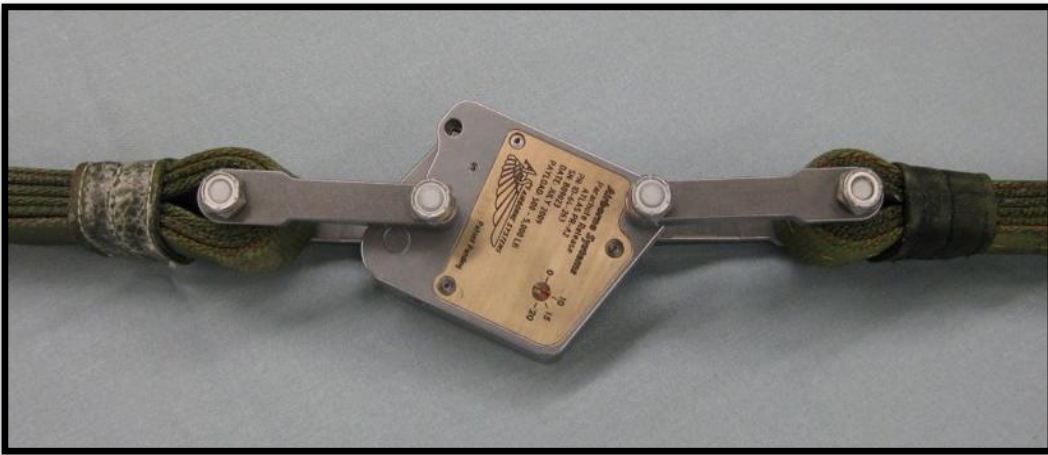
Main Parachute Release

- Two parachute disconnect systems to provide redundancy



Water activated parachute release

Atlas PR-A2 Mechanical parachute release



Boat Airdrop Cover



Parachute Tray Assembly



Automatic Inflation System



- Trials Instruction
- Safety Assessment
- Ground Assessment
- Flight Test Programme
- Final Trials Report

- Platform Maintenance and user repairs
- Platform Pre and Post drop inspection
- Load Rigging
- Parachute Packing and repair
- Aircraft Loading
- In-flight procedures
- Equipment recovery

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- In-flight procedures and checklists
- Equipment post drop procedures

2 x USMI 11m RIB's from C17



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Any Questions



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