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SWITLIK INTRODUCES TWO NEW HELICOPTER VESTS TO THEIR LINE

August 1, 2011 (Trenton, NJ): Switlik Parachute Co. is pleased to announce the addition of the **Switlik Aviator** and **X-Back™ Air Crew** vests to their line of FAA approved helicopter style aviation life vests. These new designs are distinguished by several innovative features, drawing on feedback from a broad spectrum of users. Helicopter vest wearers have clearly stated they want lightweight, low profile, durable vests that are comfortable to wear on long flights. The new **Switlik Aviator** and **X-Back™ Air Crew** vests deliver all this and more.

The **Switlik Aviator Vest (Model EV-35)** is a stylish new design that provides the most comfort ever offered in a constant wear life vest. Suitable for pilots, crew or passengers, the *Aviator* is ergonomically shaped to drape over the wearer's shoulders, unlike traditional "yoke" style vests that hang from the neck, leading to discomfort and fatigue. Substantially lighter (1.3 lbs) than previous designs, the *Aviator* offers 35 lbs. of buoyancy in a single inflatable cell, with a unique three layer cell configuration, so that if the primary cell is compromised, a second cell is available providing another full 35 lbs. of buoyancy. So thin and comfortable, you may forget you're wearing it!

The **Switlik X-Back™ Air Crew Vest (Model HV-35X)** is a newly configured, lightweight crew vest that is a quantum leap in comfort and durability over its predecessors. The aptly named *X-Back™* has a unique, proprietary cross back strap configuration, with breathable mesh Molle style vest that is ergonomically fitted to one's shoulder contours for an amazing fit. Accessories are located to the sides rather than midsection allowing more room for shoulder and lap belts, for added comfort when seated. As accessories are added, their weight is distributed on the shoulders and off the neck, greatly increasing comfort for the wearer. A variety of accessories are offered in Molle configuration, including a stylish new multi-compartment zippered pocket.

Both the **Aviator and X-Back™ Air Crew** vests have covers made from a durable Nomex®/Kevlar® woven fabric. The new fabric is softer than previous cover fabrics and highly fire resistant, far exceeding FAA requirements. The covers are fitted with breakaway zippers that contain and protect the vest cells, but easily open when inflation is actuated.

The **Aviator and X-Back™ Air Crew** vests will be available in mid-September. Look for them at your local aviation supply outlet or at www.switlik.com/aviation.

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About Switlik: Established in 1920, Switlik Parachute Co. has been owned and operated by the Switlik family for four generations and is known worldwide as a manufacturer of the highest quality sewn and heat sealed inflatable safety and survival products for the aviation, marine, and military/government markets. Switlik products are defined by Quality, Performance and Innovation. Every day, in all we do. All our products are proudly manufactured in Trenton, NJ USA, carrying the Switlik name on their labels for more than 90 years running.



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