

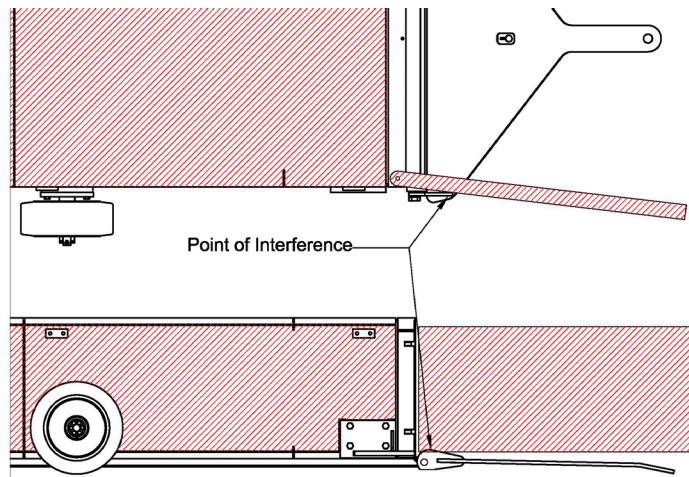
Strata FAB Refuge Alternative Alert-Towbars & Accessories

To: All Strata Safety, LLC customers

Date: February 19, 2025

Re: Strata Refuge Alternatives-Towbars & Accessories

During a recent refurbishment of a Strata Refuge Alternative (RA), Strata found a customer-fabricated tow bar attached to the tent door end of the RA. When attempting to access the tent storage area, we found that the customer tow bar was built in such a way that it obstructed the door, preventing it from fully opening without mechanical assistance. Below is a sketch of the tow bar that indicates the point of interference.



NOTE: Tent deployment doors should only be opened by Strata service personnel or in the event of an emergency.

It is very important to ensure that nothing is permitted to be placed or attached in such a way that it interferes with, or prevents, the Strata RA from being deployed in accordance with the **SS1000-REV02, Fresh Air Bay (FAB) User Guide and/or the Supplemental Fresh Air Bay Deployment Procedures**. This includes but is not limited to:

- Attachment of customer fabricated accessories that interfere with the designed operation of the RA.
- Allowing towbars to remain attached to in-service refuge alternatives that are bent, damaged, or elevated in such a way that they interfere with the operation of the RA.
- Placement of equipment, supplies or any other item(s) that would interfere with the deployment and operation of the RA.
- Allowing accumulation of debris, rubble, etc. within the door operation area, tent deployment area or any other area that would interfere with the daily inspection, deployment, entry, or operation of the RA.

Strata recommends that operators review the **SS1000-REV02, Fresh Air Bay (FAB) User Guide** section titled **Handling Procedures** for guidance regarding the safe handling procedures for your Strata Fresh Air Bay RA. As noted, Strata designed accessories such as towbars, wheels and other accessories are available for all Strata refuge alternatives. Please contact Customer.Service@Strataworldwide.com or your Strata representative if you have questions or require addition information.

Please click on the link below for the latest information regarding this Product Safety Alert:

<https://www.strataworldwide.com/web/productsheets/Strata-FAB-Refuge-Alternative-Alert-Towbars-Accessories-2-4-25.pdf>