

## CANOPY CARE

Canopies are expensive, and damaging one means that the glider will be out of action for weeks while a new canopy is made and fitted. To avoid this:

- Do not leave a canopy open and unattended, it will break if it blows shut. Close the canopy and latch it so it does not blow open.
- Do not lift the canopy by the DV panel opening, it is likely to crack it
- Do not reach in through the DV panel opening, for example to pull the cable release



- Before you fly, make sure the canopy is clean and polished. This is particularly important on damp winter days because a dirty canopy is more likely to mist up.
- Do not use a gloved hand to clear mist from the canopy. If it is liable to misting then either carry a clean cloth or do not fly the glider.
- Use a *clean* microfibre cloth and the spray cleaner from the drawer on the bus. The best method is to rub longways on the outside and side to side on the inside, this makes it easier to see the bits you have missed.
- Do not toss the cloth into the back of a buggy, or similar. Clean cloths belong in the drawer, dirty ones in the box in the cupboard in the hangar, from where the duster fairy will collect them and take them home to wash.
- If the canopy is dusty because it has been in the hangar for a while, gently rinse it off with a leather.

