PRODUCT INSPECTION GUIDE



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HARNESS INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Webbing

Grasp the webbing with your hands and bend the webbing, checking both sides. This creates surface tension making damaged fibers or cuts easier to see. Webbing damage may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) the harness is equally important.

Visual and Touch Inspection	✓ Pass✗ Fail Criteria
🗶 Cuts, nicks or tears	
¥ Broken fibers∕cracks	
✗ Overall deterioration	
✗ Modifications by user	
✗ Fraying/Abrasions	
🗶 Discoloration of material	Dependant on cause of discoloration
🗙 Hard or shiny spots	Indicates heat damage
¥ Webbing thickness uneven	Indicates possible fall
✔ Mildew	Clean harness
¥ Missing straps	
¥ Undue stretching	Indicates possible fall
✗ Burnt, charred or melted fibers	Indicates heat damage
★✔ Material marked w/permanent marker	Check w/manufacturer
★ Excessive hardness or brittleness	Indicates heat or uv damage

- **✗** Stitching that is missing
- ✗ Hard or shiny spots✗ Cut stitchesIndicates heat damage
- ★ Discoloration of stitching Dependant on cause of discoloration

Hardware

- ✗ Distortion (twists, bends)
- **★** Rough or sharp edges
- ✗ Rust or corrosion
- ✗ Cracks or breaks
- ✗ Broken/distorted grommets
- ✗ Modification by users (ie additional holes)
- ✗ Tongue buckle should overlap the buckle frame and move freely back and forth in their socket
- Roller of tongue buckle should turn freely on frame
- ✗ Bars must be straight
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ All springs must be in working condition

HARNESS INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Tagging System

Every harness must have a legible tag identifying the harness, model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations and warnings.

- Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy.
- If tagging system is missing or not legible remove harness from service.

Cleaning and Storage

Wipe off all surface dirt with a sponge dampened in plain water. Squeeze the sponge dry. Dip the sponge in a mild solution of water and mild detergent. Work up a thick lather, with a vigorous back and forth motion. Then wipe dry with a clean cloth.

Hang freely to dry, but away from excessive heat, steam or long periods of sunlight.

Storage areas should be clean, dry and free of exposure to fumes, heat, direct ultra violet light, sunlight and corrosive elements.

Note: Do not store harnesses next to batteries, chemical attack can occur if battery leaks.

Description:	Model #:
Serial #:	Date of Manufacture:
Inspector:	Date Inspected:
Inspector Signature:	

× FAIL:
Initial_____
REMOVE FROM SERVICE

✓ PASS: □ Initial_____

RETURN TO SERVICE

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments

INSPECTION CHECKLIST -HARNESS

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Item Description							
1.	x		Dee Ring				
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4.			Spring Loaded Friction Buckles				
			Elastic Keepers (2)				
			Nylon Webbing				
			Spring Loaded Friction Buckles				
			Elastic Keepers (2)				
			Nylon Webbing				
			Stitching				
			Stitching				
			Tongue Buckle				
			Elastic Keeper (1)				
			Nylon Webbing				
			Stitching				
			Stitching				
			Tongue Buckle				
			Elastic Keeper (1)				
			Stitching				
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22.	×	V	Stitching				
23.	×	V	Nylon Webbing				
24.	x	V	Grommets				
25.	x	V	Stitching				
26.	x	V	Nylon Webbing				
27.	×	V	Stitching				
			Stitching				
29.	×		Nylon Webbing				
30.	×	~	Grommets				
31.	×	~	Sub-Pelvic Strap				
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33.	×	~	Stitching - Back Strap				
34.	×	~	Stitching - Back Strap				
35.		~	Chest Strap Pad				
36.	X	~	Nylon Webbing				
37.	X	~	Stitching				
38.		~	Mating Link				
39.	X	~	Chest Strap Pad				
40.	X		Nylon Webbing				
41.		~	Stitching				
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- 43. 🗶 🖌 Elastic Keeper (1)
- 44. 🗶 🖌 Tagging/Label System

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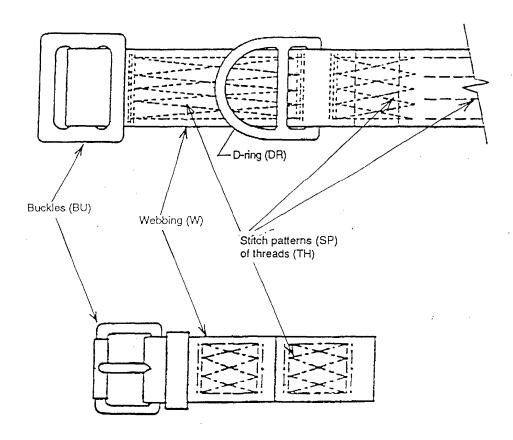
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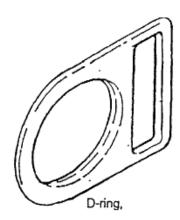
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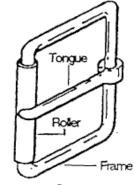
Some Typical Thread (TH) and Stitch Patterns (SP) in Webbing (W)



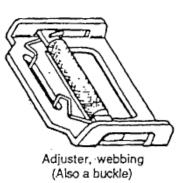
EXAMPLE 2

Some Typical Connector (Hardware) Components and Elements





Buckle, tongue



Grommet Webbing C O O 1

Grommets in webbing

SHOCK ABSORBING LANYARD (MANYARD STYLE) INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Webbing

Grasp the webbing with your hands and bend the webbing, checking both sides. This creates surface tension making damaged fibers or cuts easier to see. Webbing damage may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) the lanyard is equally important. **Pay attention to the wrinkled portion of the lanyard.**

 Cuts, nicks or tears Broken fibers/cracks Overall deterioration Modifications by user 	Visual and Touch Inspection	✔ Pass ¥ Fail Criteria	
	 Broken fibers/cracks Overall deterioration Modifications by user Fraying/Abrasions Discoloration of material Hard or shiny spots Change in core size Mildew Missing or popped flag Undue stretching Burnt, charred or melted fibers Material marked w/permanent marker Excessive hardness or brittleness 	Indicates possible fall Clean lanyard Indicates possible fall Indicates possible fall Indicates heat damage Check w/manufacturer	

Stitching

x	Pulled stitches	
X	Stitching that is missing	
X	Hard or shiny spots	Indicates heat damage
X	Cut stitches	
X	Discoloration of stitching	Dependant on cause of discoloration

SHOCK ABSORBING LANYARD (MANYARD STYLE) INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

- × Fail Criteria

X Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type

- ✗ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- ✗ Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- X No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- X No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- X Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- X Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position

✓ Pass

Snap Hook Keeper

- X Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- X Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- X Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose there should be no side play (lateral movement)

Tagging System

Every lanyard must have a legible tag identifying the lanyard, model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations and warnings.

- X Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing remove lanyard from service.

Cleaning and Storage

Wipe off all surface dirt with a sponge dampened in plain water. Squeeze the sponge dry. Dip the sponge in a mild solution of water and mild detergent. Work up a thick lather, with a vigorous back and forth motion. Then wipe dry with a clean cloth.

Hang freely to dry, but away from excessive heat, steam, or long periods of sunlight.

Storage areas should be clean, dry and free of exposure to fumes, heat, direct ultra violet light, sunlight, and corrosive elements.

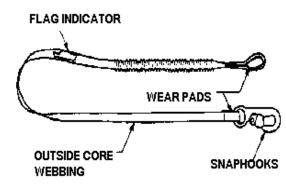
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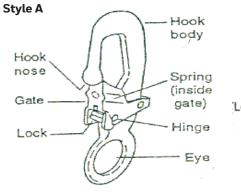
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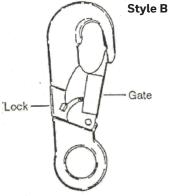
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Inspector:	Date Inspected:
Inspector Signature:	

× FAIL:
Initial_____
REMOVE FROM SERVICE

✓ PASS: □ Initial_____ RETURN TO SERVICE







Snaphook, Self-locking

Snaphook, Self-locking

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	LANYARD			
	Flag Indicator			
	Outside Core Webbing			
	Core			
	Stitching			
	Labeling (tags)			
	Wear Pads			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

ROPE LANYARDS (SYNTHETIC) INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Rope

Grasp the rope with both hands and rotate the lanyard. Inspect strands from end to end. Remember to check inner strands for signs of damage, deterioration, or chemical attack.

Synthetic fiber ropes will show a reduction in strength when used at elevated temperatures. For exposure to excessive temperatures specific for the rope fiber refer to the rope manufacturer's specifications and instructions.

Damage and deterioration may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) the lanyard is equally important.

Rope Diameter

Weakened areas from extreme loads will appear as a noticeable change in original diameter. The rope diameter should be uniform throughout. If areas appear to be reduced more than 5% from original rope diameter, remove from service (ie: 5/8" rope, 5% reduction would be approx. 1/32" – calipers can be used to measure.)

Visual and Touch Inspection	✔ Pass ¥ Fail Criteria
 Fiber, cuts, or nicks Broken fibers Fuzzy of worn fibers Overall deterioration Modifications by user Fraying/Abrasions Hard or shiny spots Fused fibers or strands Change in original diameter Burnt, charred, or melted fibers Material marked w/permanent marker Excessive hardness or brittleness Kinks, hockling*, or knots ✓ Discoloration of rope and brittle fibers (such as splinters/slivers) 	Indicates heat damage Indicates heat damage Indicates possible fall Indicates heat damage Check w/manufacturer Indicates heat or uv damage Dependant on cause of discoloration but may indicate chemical attack or UV degradation
(Such as spunters/ suvers)	, ,

* **HOCKLING** – unraveling of the lanyard due to constant turning in the same direction or shock loading

ROPE LANYARDS (SYNTHETIC) INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Thimbles and Eyes

Thimbles (steel or plastic) must be seated firmly in the eye. Thimbles must not show any sign of damage. Check around the eye itself for damage, wear or deterioration.

Visual and	Touch	Increation
visual anu	TOUCH	inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Missing thimble(s)
- **✗** Loose thimble(s)
- ✗ Damaged thimbles white stress marks, thimble collapsing over itself
- Eye damage due to cuts, nicks, abrasions, fraying, fused areas (look for same indicators as you would for the rope body itself)
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Eyes with metal thimbles look for rust in or around the eye

Rope Splices

In the construction of the lanyard the rope is spliced around a plastic or metal thimble. Eye splices in twisted rope having three or more strands shall have a minimum of four tucks (ANSI Z359.1-1992.) (CSA-Z259.1-95 requires a minimum of five full tucks.) Both standards require the ends secured to prevent unraveling.

- Splices not secured properly from unraveling look for tape, shrink wrap tube, stiffening agent (most common methods used by manufacturers)
- ✗ Splices starting to unravel
- ✗ Splices showing damage or deterioration (look for same indicators as you would for the rope itself)

ROPE LANYARDS (SYNTHETIC) INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- Snap hooks should be of the selflocking type
- ✗ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration∕Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- ✗ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- 🗶 No cracks
- **✗** No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- ✗ Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position.

Snap Hook Keeper

- Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- ✗ Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose − there should be no side play (lateral movement)

Tagging System

Every lanyard must have a legible tag identifying the lanyard, model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations, and warnings.

- Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service.

Cleaning and Storage

Wipe off all surface dirt with a sponge dampened in plain water. Squeeze the sponge dry. Dip the sponge in a mild solution of water and mild detergent. Work up a thick lather, with a vigorous back and forth motion. Then wipe dry with a clean cloth.

Hang freely to dry, but away from excessive heat, steam, or long periods of sunlight.

Storage areas should be clean, dry and free of exposure to fumes, heat, direct ultra violet light, sunlight, and corrosive elements. Lanyards should be kept off the floor to provide ventilation underneath. Never store directly on a concrete or dirt floor.

Note: Do not store lanyards next to batteries, chemical attack on the lanyard can occurs if battery leaks.

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Serial #:	Date of Manufacture:
Inspector:	Date Inspected:
Inspector Signature:	

× FAIL: □ Initial____ ✓ PASS: □ Initial_ **RETURN TO SERVICE REMOVE FROM SERVICE** Strand Splice (SPL) Yarns -Thimble (TBL Fiber Synthetic rope (RS) Hook Synthetic Rope Composition body Spliced Eye (Three-Strand Laid Rope) Hook nose Spring (inside Gate gate) Hinge Lock Eye

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	LANYARD			
	Rope Fibers			
	Rope Splices			
	Thimbles and Eyes			
	Rope Diameter			
	Labeling (tags)			
	Rope Hockling			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

WEB LANYARDS INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Webbing

Grasp the webbing with your hands and bend the webbing, checking both sides. This creates surface tension making damaged fibers or cuts easier to see. Webbing damage may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) inspection of the lanyard is equally important.

Visual and Touch Inspection	✔ Pass ★ Fail Criteria
 Cuts, nicks, or tears Broken fibers/cracks Overall deterioration Modifications by user Fraying/Abrasions Discoloration of material Hard or shiny spots Change in core size Mildew Undue stitching Burnt, charred, or melted fibers Material marked w/permanent marker Excessive hardness or brittleness Knots in lanyard 	Dependant on cause of discoloration Indicates heat damage Indicates possible fall Clean lanyard Indicates possible fall Indicates heat damage Check w/manufacturer Indicates heat or UV damage
Stitching	

Stitching	
¥ Pulled stitches	
✗ Stitching that is missing	
✗ Hard or shiny spots	Indicates heat damage
✗ Cut stitches	

X \checkmark Discoloration of stitching

Dependant on cause of discoloration

WEB LANYARDS INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

🗸 Pass

× Fail Criteria

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- ✗ Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration∕Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- ★ No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

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- ✗ Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position.

Snap Hook Keeper

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- Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
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- **Tagging System** Every lanyard must have a legible tag identifying the lanyard, model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer
- manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations, and warnings.
- Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service

Cleaning and Storage

Wipe off all surface dirt with a sponge dampened in plain water. Squeeze the sponge dry. Dip the sponge in a mild solution of water and mild detergent. Work up a thick lather, with a vigorous back and forth motion. Then wipe dry with a clean cloth.

Hang freely to dry, but away from excessive heat, steam, or long periods of sunlight. Lanyards must be dry before storage.

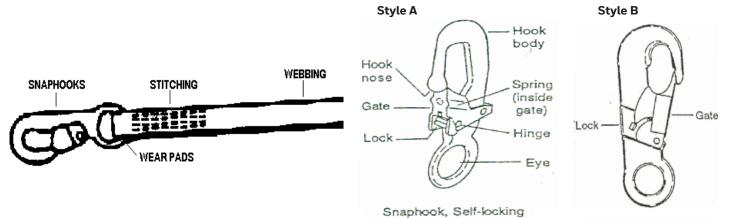
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Note: Do not store lanyards next to batteries, chemical attack on the lanyard can occur if battery leaks.

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× FAIL: □ Initial_____ REMOVE FROM SERVICE ✓ PASS: □ Initial_____

RETURN TO SERVICE



Snaphook, Self-locking

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	LANYARD			
	Webbing			
	Stitching			
	Wear Pads			
	Labeling (tags)			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

WIRE ROPE LANYARDS INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Wire Rope

Grasp the steel lanyard with your hands and rotate the lanyard, checking both sides. Watch for unusual wearing patterns on the wire. Broken strands or wires will separate from the body of the lanyard. **To avoid hand injury always wear protective gloves when inspecting a wire rope lanyard.**

Note: Unlike rigging inspection standards, wire rope used for the purpose of fall protection does not allow any broken wires or strands.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}\;\; \mathsf{Cuts}, \mathsf{frayed}\; \mathsf{areas}\;\;$
- ✗ Worn or broken strands∕wires
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive outside wear
- ✗ Modifications by user
- **✗** Rust/pitting/corrosion
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- ✗ Bulges in rope
- ✗ Gaps between strands
- ✗ Heat damag, torch burns, or electric arc strikes
- ₭ Kinks, bird-caging
- ★ Core protrusion
- ✗ Do not use frozen rope

Fittings

- ✗ Wear or cracks
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Corrosion or pitting
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Deformation/bends
- ✗ Mismatched parts or modification
- **✗** Obvious damage

Splices

- ✗ Worn or broken wires
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- × Corrosion

WIRE ROPE LANYARDS INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

🗸 Pass

- ✗ Snap hooks should be of the selflocking type
- ✗ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration∕Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- 🗶 No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
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Snap Hook Keeper

- ✗ Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
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🗴 Fail Criteria

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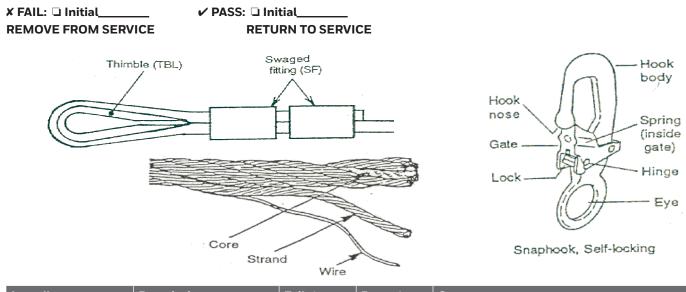
- Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service.

Cleaning and Storage

Wipe off all surface dirt, dust, and extra oils with a dry cloth.

Storage areas should be clean, dry, and free of exposure to contaminants or corrosive elements.

Description:	Model #:		
Serial #:	Date of Manufacture:		
Inspector:	Date Inspected:		
Inspector Signature:			



Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	LANYARD			
	Broken Wires			
	Rust/Corrosion/Pitting			
	Deformations			
	Heat Damage			
	Fittings/Thimbles			
	Splices			
	Labeling (tags)			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

SHOCK ABSORBERS -POUCH STYLE INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Shock Absorbers – Pouch Style

Examine the outer portion of the pack.

Visual and Touch Inspection	✓ Pass ★ Fail Criteria
≭ Burn holes	
¥ Tears∕cuts	
✗ Modifications by user	
🗶 Checmical attack	
X Obvious signs of deterioration	
Stitching	
✗ Pulled stitches	
✗ Stitching that is missing	
¥ Hard or shiny spots	Indicates heat damage
🗶 Cut stitches	
¥✔ Discoloration of stitching	Dependant on cause of discoloration
✗ Obvious signs of deterioration	

End Loops

- ✗ Cuts or frays
- ✗ Obvious signs of deterioration
- (There should be no damage to the end loops)

SHOCK ABSORBERS -POUCH STYLE INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

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Visual and Touch Inspection

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- ✗ Snap hooks should be of the selflocking type
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- ✗ Overall deterioration∕Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- ✗ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- 🗙 No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
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Snap Hook Keeper

- Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- ✗ Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose − there should be no side play (lateral movement)

Tagging System

Every pouch must have a legible tag identifying the pouch, model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations, and warnings.

- Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service.

Cleaning and Storage

Wipe off all surface dirt with a sponge dampened in plain water. Squeeze the sponge dry. Then wipe away any excess moisture with a dry clean cloth.

Dry away from excessive heat, steam, or long periods of sunlight. Pouch must be dry before storage.

Storage areas should be clean, dry, and free of exposure to fumes, heat, direct ultra violet light, sunlight, and corrosive elements.

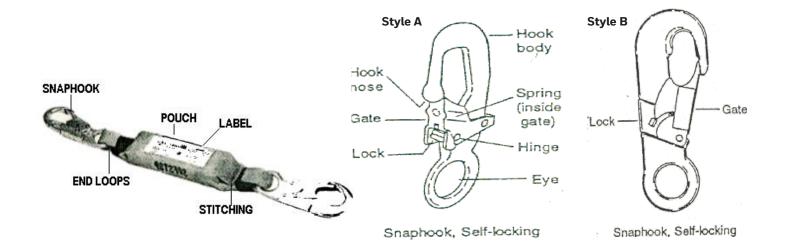
Note: Do not store pouch next to batteries, chemical attack on the lanyard can occur if battery leaks.

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Inspector Signature:		

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Initial_____
REMOVE FROM SERVICE

✓ PASS: □ Initial____





Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	LANYARD			
	Pouch Damage			
	Stitching			
	End Loops			
	Labeling (tags)			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - TWISTED ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Twisted Ropes

Grasp the rope with both hands and rotate the lifeline. Inspect strands from end to end. Remember to check inner strands for signs of damage, deterioration, or chemical attack.

Synthetic fiber ropes will show a reduction in strength when used at elevated temperatures. For exposure to excessive temperatures specific for the rope fiber refer to the rope manufacturer's specifications and instructions.

Damage and deterioration may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) the lanyard is equally important.

Rope Diameter

Weakened areas from extreme loads will appear as a noticeable change in original diameter. The rope diameter should be uniform throughout. If areas appear to be reduced more than 5% from original rope diameter, remove from service (ie: 5/8" rope, 5% reduction would be approx. 1/32" – calipers can be used to measure.)

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

Visual and	Touch Inspection	

X	Fiber, cuts,	or nicks
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- ✗ Broken fibers
- ✗ Fuzzy of worn fibers
- ✗ Overall deterioration
- ✗ Modifications by user
- **✗** Fraying/Abrasions
- ✗ Hard or shiny spots
 Indicates heat damage
 ✗ Fused fibers or strands
 Indicates heat damage
 ✗ Change in original diameter
 Indicates possible fall
 ✗ Burnt, charred, or melted fibers
 Indicates heat damage
 ✗ Material marked w/permanent marker
 Kinks, hockling,* or knots
 ✗ Discoloration of rope and brittle fibers
 Indicates chemical attack or UV degradation

* **HOCKLING** – unraveling of the lanyard due to constant turning in the same direction or shock loading

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - TWISTED ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Thimbles and Eyes

Thimbles (steel or plastic) must be seated firmly in the eye. Thimbles must not show any sign of damage. Check around the eye itself for damage, wear, or deterioration.

Visual ar	nd Tou	ch Insr	nection
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✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Missing thimble(s)
- ★ Loose thimble(s)
- ✗ Damaged thimble white stress marks, thimble collapsing over itself
- Eye damage due to cuts, nicks, abrasions, fraying, fused areas (look for same indicators as you would for the rope body itself)
- ✗ Eyes with metal thimbles − look for rust in or around the eye

Rope Splices

In the construction of the lifeline the rope is spliced around a plastic or metal thimble. Eye splices in twisted rope having three or more strands shall have a minimum of four tucks (ANSI Z359.1-1992.) (CSA-Z259.1-95 requires a minimum of five full tucks.) Both standards require the ends secured to prevent unraveling.

- ✗ Splices not secured properly from unraveling look for tape, shrink wrap tube, stiffening agent (most common methods used by manufacturers)
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Splices starting to unravel
- ✗ Splices showing damage or deterioration (look for same indicators as you would for the rope itself)

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - TWISTED ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

Pass

- X Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type
- ✗ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- ★ Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- ✗ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- X No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- X Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- X Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position

Snap Hook Keeper

- X Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- X Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- X Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose there should be no side play (lateral movement)

X Fail Criteria

Tagging System

Lifelines must have a legible tag identifying the, model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations, and warnings.

- ✗ Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service.

Cleaning and Storage

Rope can be washed to remove dirt or abrasive particles. Use a solution of mild detergent and cold water. (Note that washing can remove any coatings that may have been added to enhance the performance of the product.)

Hang freely to dry, but away from excessive heat, steam, or long periods of sunlight. Lifelines must be dry before storage.

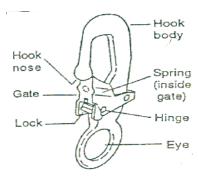
Storage areas should be clean, dry and free of exposure to fumes, heat, direct ultra violet light, sunlight, and corrosive elements. Lifelines should be kept off the floor to provide ventilation underneath. Never store directly on a concrete or dirt floor.

Note: Do not store lifelines next to batteries, chemical attack on the lifeline can occurs if battery leaks.

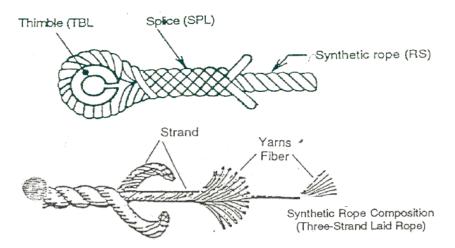
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✓ PASS: □ Initial_____ RETURN TO SERVICE



Snaphook, Self-locking



Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	LANYARD			
	Rope Fibers			
	Rope Slices			
	Thimbles and Eyes			
	Rope Diameter			
	Labeling (tags)			
	Rope Hockling			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - BRAIDED ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Braided Ropes

Grasp the rope with both hands and rotate the lifeline. Run your hands along the entire length of lifeline. Inspect strands from end to end.

Synthetic fiber ropes will show a reduction in strength when used at elevated temperatures. For exposure to excessive temperatures specific for the rope fiber refer to the rope manufacturer's specifications and instructions.

Damage and deterioration may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) the lanyard is equally important.

Rope Diameter

Weakened areas from extreme loads will appear as a noticeable change in original diameter. The rope diameter should be uniform throughout. If areas appear to be reduced more than 5% from original rope diameter, remove from service (ie: 5/8" rope, 5% reduction would be approx. 1/32" – calipers can be used to measure.)

Visual and Touch Inspection	✔ Pass ★ Fail Criteria
✗ Check for pulled cover strands	More than 4 consecutive pulled cover strands (which cannot be reincorporated into cover braid) Remove from service
✗ Cover damage - core visible	
✗ Core damage - pulled, cut, abraded, pow	dered, or melted strands
✗ Cover - cuts or nicks	
🗶 Cover – broken fibers	
✗ Overall deterioration	
✗ Modifications by user	
✗ Fraying/Abrasions	
✗ Hard or shiny spots	Indicates heat damage
✗ Fused fibers or strands	Indicates heat damage
🗶 Change in original diameter	Indicates possible fall
✗ Burnt, charred, or melted fibers	Indicates heat damage
¥✔ Material marked w/permanent marker	Check w/manufacturer
🗶 Knots or kinks	
✓ Discoloration of rope and brittle fibers (such as splinters/slivers)	Dependant on cause of discoloration but may indicate chemical attack or UV degradation

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - BRAIDED ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Thimbles and Eyes

Thimbles (steel or plastic) must be seated firmly in the eye. Thimbles must not show any sign of damage. Check around the eye itself for damage, wear, or deterioration.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Missing thimble(s)
- ★ Loose thimble(s)
- ✗ Damaged thimbles white stress marks, thimble collapsing over itself
- X Damage to female side of eye (side in contact with thimble)
- ✗ Eye damage due to cuts, nicks, abrasions, fraying, fused areas (look for same indicators as you would for the rope body itself)
- ✗ Eyes with metal thimbles − look for rust in or around the eye

Fittings

- ✗ Wear or cracks
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Corrosion or pitting
- **✗** Deformation/bends
- ✗ Mismatched parts or modifications
- ✗ Obvious damage

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - BRAIDED ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual	and	Touch	Inspection
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- ✓ Pass✗ Fail Criteria
- $oldsymbol{X}$ Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration∕Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- 🗙 No cracks

- X No missing parts
- ¥ No excessive wear

No missing parts
 X No rough or sharp edges

✗ Rust/pitting/corrosion

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- $oldsymbol{x}$ Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- ✗ Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position

Snap Hook Keeper

- Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- ✗ Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- ✗ Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose − there should be no side play (lateral movement)

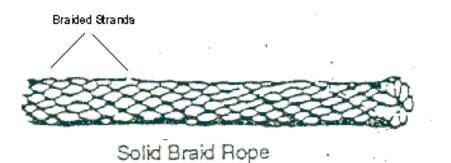
Tagging System

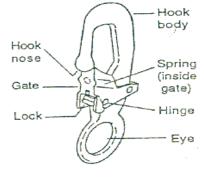
Date of manufacture and length of lifeline can be found on one of the metal ferrules.

- ✗ Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service

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Serial #:	Date of Manufacture:
Inspector:	Date Inspected:
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× FAIL: □ Initial_____ REMOVE FROM SERVICE ✓ PASS: □ Initial_____ RETURN TO SERVICE





Snaphook, Self-locking

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	Rope Fibers			
	Cover Damage			
	Thimbles and Eyes			
	Fittings			
	Labeling (tags)			
	Discoloration			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES -KERNMANTLE ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Kernmantle Ropes

Grasp the rope with both hands and rotate the lifeline. Run your hands along the entire length of lifeline. Inspect strands from end to end.

Synthetic fiber ropes will show a reduction in strength when used at elevated temperatures. For exposure to excessive temperatures specific for the rope fiber refer to the rope manufacturer's specifications and instructions.

Damage and deterioration may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) the lanyard is equally important.

Rope Diameter

Weakened areas from extreme loads will appear as a noticeable change in original diameter. The rope diameter should be uniform throughout. If areas appear to be reduced more than 5% from original rope diameter, remove from service (ie: 5/8" rope, 5% reduction would be approx. 1/32" – calipers can be used to measure.)

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

Indicates heat damage

- ✗ Extremely fuzzy cover
- ✗ Check for bulges∕lumps & flat spots
- ✗ Cover damage core visible
- X Check for indication of inner core damage rope will have an hourglass shape
- 🗶 Core damage pulled, cut, abraded, powdered, or melted strands
- X Cover cuts or nicks
- ★ Cover broken fibers
- ✗ Overall deterioration
- ✗ Modifications by user
- ✗ Fraying/Abrasions
- ✗ Compacted or hard∕shiny spots
- ✗ Fused fibers or strands
- Change in original diameter
 Indicates possible fall
- ★ Burnt, charred, or melted fibers Indicates heat damage
- XV Material marked w/permanent marker Check w/manufacturer
- ★ Knots or kinks
- Discoloration of rope and brittle fibers
 (such as splinters/slivers)
 but may indicate chemical attack or UV degradation

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES -KERNMANTLE ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Thimbles and Eyes

Thimbles (steel or plastic) must be seated firmly in the eye. Thimbles must not show any sign of damage. Check around the eye itself for damage, wear or deterioration.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Missing thimble(s)
- ✗ Loose thimble(s)
- ✗ Damaged thimbles
- X Damage to female side of eye (side in contact with thimble)
- ✗ Eye damage due to cuts, nicks, abrasions, fraying, fused areas (look for same indicators as you would for the rope body itself)
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Eyes with metal thimbles look for rust in or around the eye

Fittings

- ✗ Wear or cracks
- ✗ Corrosion or pitting
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Deformation/bends
- ✗ Mismatched parts or modifications
- ✗ Obvious damage

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES -KERNMANTLE ROPES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w∕o binding
- ✗ Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- ¥ No cracks
- ✗ No excessive wear

- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- ✗ Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- ✗ Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position

Snap Hook Keeper

- Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- ✗ Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose there should be no side play (lateral movement)

Tagging System

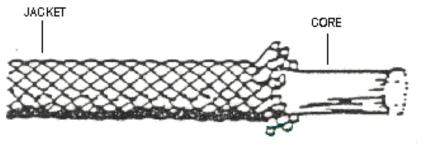
Date of manufacturer can be found on one of the metal ferrules.

- ✗ Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- $oldsymbol{x}$ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service

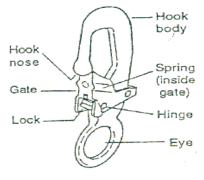
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REMOVE FROM SERVICE

✓ PASS: □ Initial_____ RETURN TO SERVICE



Static Kernmantle Rope



Snaphook, Self-locking

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	Rope Diameter			
	Cover Damage			
	Thimbles and Eyes			
	Fittings			
	Labeling (tags)			
	Discoloration			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - POLYSTEEL INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Polysteel

Grasp the rope with both hands and rotate the lifeline. Run your hands along the entire length of lifeline. Inspect strands from end to end.

Synthetic fiber ropes will show a reduction in strength when used at elevated temperatures. For exposure to excessive temperatures specific for the rope fiber refer to the rope manufacturer's specifications and instructions.

Damage and deterioration may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) the lanyard is equally important.

Rope Diameter

Weakened areas from extreme loads will appear as a noticeable change in original diameter. The rope diameter should be uniform throughout. If areas appear to be reduced more than 5% from original rope diameter, remove from service (ie: 5/8" rope, 5% reduction would be approx. 1/32" – calipers can be used to measure.)

Visual and Touch Inspection

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X	Fail Criteria

Indicates heat damage

Indicates heat damage

Indicates possible fall

Indicates heat damage

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- ✗ Fiber cuts or nicks
- **✗** Broken fibers
- ★ Fuzzy or worn fibers
- ✗ Overall deterioration
- ★ Modifications by user
- ✗ Fraying/Abrasions
- ★ Hard or shiny spots
- ✗ Fused fibers or strands
- X Change in original diameter
- ✗ Burnt, charred, or melted fibers
- XV Material marked w/permanent marker Check w/manufacturer
- ✗ Kinks, hockling,* or knots
- Discoloration of rope and brittle fibers
 (such as splinters/slivers)
 but may indicate chemical attack or UV degradation

* **HOCKLING** – unraveling of the lanyard due to constant turning in the same direction or shock loading

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - POLYSTEEL INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Thimbles and Eyes

Thimbles (steel or plastic) must be seated firmly in the eye. Thimbles must not show any sign of damage. Check around the eye itself for damage, wear or deterioration.

Visual and	Touch	Increation
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✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Missing thimble(s)
- **✗** Loose thimble(s)
- ✗ Damaged thimbles white stress marks, thimble collapsing over itself
- ✗ Damage to female side of eye (side in contact with thimble)
- Eye damage due to cuts, nicks, abrasions, fraying, fused areas (look for same indicators as you would for the rope body itself)
- ✗ Eyes with metal thimbles − look for rust in or around the eye

Rope Splices

In the construction of the lifeline the rope is spliced around a plastic or metal thimble. Eye splices in twisted rope having three or more strands shall have a minimum of four tucks (ANSI Z359.1-1992.) (CSA-Z259.1-95 requires a minimum of five full tucks.) Both standards require the ends secured to prevent unraveling.

- ✗ Splices not secured properly from unraveling − look for tape, shrink wrap tube, stiffening agent (most common methods used by manufacturers)
- $oldsymbol{X}$ Splices starting to unravel
- ✗ Splices showing damage or deterioration (look for same indicators as you would for the rope itself)

SYNTHETIC ROPE -LIFELINES - POLYSTEEL INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and T	ouch Inspection
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✓ Pass X Fail Criteria

- X Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type
- X No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- ✗ Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ★ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- X No cracks
- ✗ No excessive wear

- **✗** Rust/pitting/corrosion
- **✗** No missing parts
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- X Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- X Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position

Snap Hook Keeper

- X Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- X Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- X Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose there should be no side play (lateral movement)

Tagging System

Lifelines must have a legible tag identifying the, model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations, and warnings.

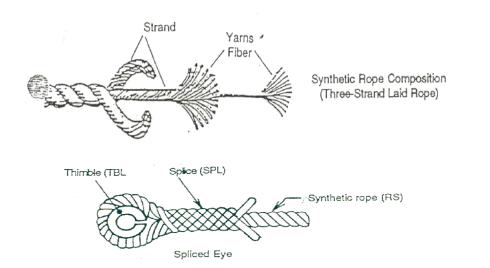
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- X If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service.

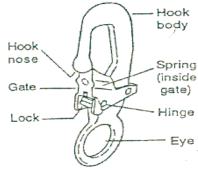
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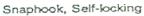
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Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	Rope Fibers			
	Rope Splices			
	Thimbles and Eyes			
	Rope Diameter			
	Labeling (tags)			
	Rope Hockling			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

WIRE ROPE LIFELINES INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Wire Rope

Grasp the lifeline with your hands and rotate the lanyard, checking both sides. Watch for unusual wearing patterns on the wire. Broken strands or wires will separate from the body of the lanyard. **To avoid hand injury always wear protective gloves when inspecting a wire rope lanyard.**

Note: Unlike rigging inspection standards, wire rope used for the purpose of fall protection is not allowed any broken wires or strands.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Cuts, frayed areas
- ✗ Worn or broken strands∕wires
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive outside wear
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Modifications by the user
- **✗** Rust/pitting/corrosion
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- **✗** Bulges in rope
- ✗ Gaps between strands
- ✗ Heat damage, torch burns, or electric arc strikes
- ✗ Kinks, bird-caging
- **✗** Core protrusion
- ✗ Do not use frozen rope

Fittings

- ★ Wear or cracks
- **✗** Corrosion or pitting
- **X** Deformation/bends
- ✗ Mismatched parts or modifications
- ✗ Obvious damage

Splices

- ✗ Worn or broken wires
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- **✗** Corrosion

WIRE ROPE LIFELINES **INSPECTION GUIDELINES**

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

- Pass × Fail Criteria
- X Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type
- X No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w∕o binding
- ✗ Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- X No cracks

✗ Rust/pitting/corrosion

✗ No missing parts

✗ No excessive wear

✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

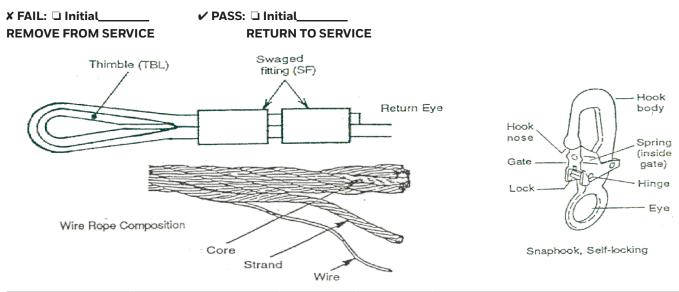
- X Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- X Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position

Snap Hook Keeper

- X Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- X Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- X Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose there should be no side play (lateral movement)

INSPECTION CHECKLIST -FALL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Description:	Model #:
Serial #:	Date of Manufacture:
Inspector:	Date Inspected:
Inspector Signature:	



Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	WIRE ROPE			
	Broken Wires			
	Rust/Corrosion/Pitting			
	Deformations			
	Heat Damage			
	Fittings/Thimbles			
	Splices			
	Labeling (tags)			
	SNAPHOOK			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

Self Retracting Lanyard - Complete w/Webbing Lifeline

This type of SRL is usually 8' to 10' in length and the housing/cover is not permanently affixed to the unit.

When inspecting a self retracting lanyard, be sure to pull out all the lifeline material. Lifeline material must be inspected end to end.

Test methods employed will be:

1) Lanyard Retraction & Tension Test: tests the lifelines tension & ability to retract

2) Braking Test: tests the braking mechanism is working and engaging.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- X Check load impact indicator* for activation (if retractable is equipped with one)
- **✗** Loose fasteners
- X Physical damage or missing parts
- X Cracks or wear
- ✗ Check all connecting areas no deformations allowed
- **X** Corrosion
- ✗ Overall deterioration
- ★ Modifications by user
- ✗ Bent, cracked, distorted, worn, or malfunctioning parts
- ✗ Inspect lifeline for cuts, burns, corrosion, kinks, frays, or worn areas
- ✗ Inspect lifeline sewing for loose, broken, or damaged stitches
- ✗ Inspect lifeline for discoloration, brittleness, melted fibers, shiny/hard spots
- ✗ Inspect housing inside and out for deformations, cracks, physical damage
- ✗✔ Check for paint, dirt, grease or other materials (contaminants) Remove contaminants as per manufacturer's instructions

Note: The load impact indicator* can be a fold sewn into the webbing lifeline above the snap hook A warning flag is included and will be exposed should the lifeline be subjected to fall arresting forces.

Material required to conduct tests

Anchor point (ie: tripod or similar device)
 Self Retracting Lifeline

Lanyard Retraction & Tension Test

The purpose of the lanyard retraction & tension test is to ensure the lifeline is retracting smoothly into and out of the housing.

Steps

- 1) Mount self retracting lanyard on anchorage point
- 2) Pull out 50% of the lifeline length
- 3) Maintain a light tension on the lifeline
- 4) Allow lifeline to retract back into housing
 - (Always maintain light tension when lifeline is retracting)

Note: If lifeline does not pull out smoothly or sticks when retracting, pull all of the lifeline out of the housing and allow it to retract slowly under tension. Then repeat the above test.

Result

The lifeline should pull out freely and retract all the way back into the unit. Remove from service if device does not pass this test.

Braking Test

The purpose of the braking test is to ensure that the retractable's braking mechanism is working and engaging.

Steps

- 1) Mount self retracting lanyard on anchorage point
- 2) Grasp lifeline and apply a sharp steady pull downward until brakes engage
- 3) Keep tension on lifeline until brakes are fully engaged
- 4) Release tension
- 5) Allow lifeline to retract into housing under light tension

Result

Brakes should engage. There should be no slippage of the lifeline while the brakes are engaged. Once tension is released, the brakes should disengage and the unit should return to retractable mode. Remove from service if device does not pass this test.

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

- ✗ Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type
- ✗ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- $oldsymbol{X}$ Modifications by the user
- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- 🗙 No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- ✗ Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position.

Snap Hook Keeper

- Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- ✗ Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- ✗ Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose − there should be no side play (lateral movement)

🗸 Pass

🗶 Fail Criteria

Swivel Connectors

- ✗ Swivel connections must not be loose and be allowed to swivel freely as designed
- ✗ No physical damage, cracks, bends, deformations

Tagging System

Every retractable should have a identification system, with details such as model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations, and warnings.

- Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service.

Cleaning and Storage

Periodically clean the exterior of the device and wipe the lifeline using a damp cloth and mild detergent. Towel dry.

Store in a clean dry location, free of exposure to fumes, heat, direct ultra violet light, sunlight, and corrosive elements.

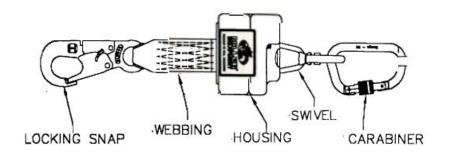
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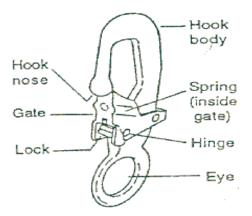
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Inspector Signature:				

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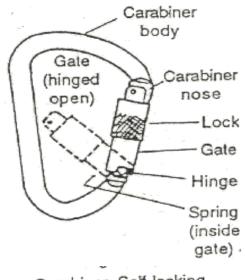




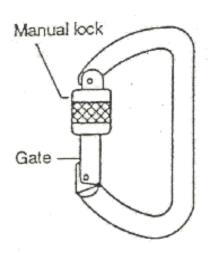
Snaphook, Self-locking

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	Load Impact Indicator			
	Webbing			
	Stitching			
	Labeling (tags)			
	Deformation			
	Housing			

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	SNAPHOOK			If applicable, see carabiners
	Swivel Connectors			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			
	TESTS			
	Retraction and Tension			
	Braking Test			



Carabiner, Self-locking



Carabiner Manual-locking

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	CARABINER			
	Carabiner Body			
	Carabiner Nose			
	Gate (hinged open)			
	Lock			
	Gate			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			
	Manual Lock			

Self Retracting Lanyard - Webbing or Wire Rope Lifeline

This type of SRL is usually 20' in length or greater. The housing/cover will be non field removable and will require special tools to open. Do not open unit unless you have been authorized and trained by the manufacturer.

Note: Manufacturers may require that the unit be sent in for an annual inspection – check owners manual for details.

When inspecting a self retracting lanyard be sure to pull out all the lifeline material. Lifeline material must be inspected end to end.

Test methods employed will be:

Lanyard Retraction & Tension Test: tests the lifelines tension & ability to retract
 Braking Test: tests the braking mechanism is working and engaging.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✔ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

Housing/Cover

- ✗ Ensure casing bolts are tight
- **✗** Loose fasteners
- **✗** Missing parts
- X Cracks or wear
- ✗ Check all connecting areas no deformations allowed
- **✗** Corrosion
- ✗ Overall deterioration
- ✗ Modifications by user
- ✗ Physical damage
- ✗ Bent, cracked, distorted, worn, or malfunctioning parts

Load Impact Indicator

X Check load impact indicator* for activation (if retractable is equipped with one)

Note: The load impact indicator* may be located in the lanyard above the snap hook. A label will be exposed when subjected to fall arresting forces. The load impact indicator may also be located on the snaphook or the unit itself. Check manufacturer's operation and installation instructions for exact location.

Webbing

Grasp the webbing with your hands and bend the webbing, checking both sides. This creates surface tension making damaged fibers or cuts easier to see. Webbing damage may not show up through a sight (visual) inspection only – manual (touch) inspection of the lanyard is equally important.

Visual and Touch Inspection	✔ Pass ★ Fail Criteria
 Cuts, nicks, or tears Broken fibers/cracks Overall deterioration 	
Modifications by userFraying/Abrasions	
 ✗✔ Discoloration of material ✗ Hard or shiny spots ✗ Change in core size 	Dependant on cause of discoloration Indicates heat damage Indicates possible fall
✓ Mildew ★ Undue stitching	Clean lanyard Indicates possible fall
 ✗ Burnt, charred, or melted fibers ✗✓ Material marked w/permanent marker ✗ Excessive hardness or brittleness 	Indicates heat damage Check w/manufacturer Indicates heat or UV damage
🗙 Knots in lanyard	

Wire Rope

Grasp the steel lanyard with your hands and rotate the lanyard, checking both sides. Watch for unusual wearing patterns on the wire. Broken strands or wires will separate from the body of the lanyard. To avoid hand injury always wear protective gloves when inspecting a wire rope lanyard.

Note: Unlike rigging inspection standards, wire rope used for the purpose of fall protection is not allowed any broken wires or strands.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✓ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Cuts, frayed areas
- ✗ Worn or broken strands∕wires
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive outside wear
- ✗ Modifications by user
- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- ✗ Bulges in rope
- ✗ Gaps between strands
- ✗ Heat damage, torch burns, or electric arc strikes
- ✗ Kinks, bird-caging
- ✗ Core protrusion
- 🗶 Do not use frozen rope

Fittings

- ✗ Wear or cracks
- **✗** Corrosion or pitting
- **✗** Deformation/bends
- ✗ Mismatched parts or modifications
- ✗ Obvious damage

Splices

- ✗ Worn or broken wires
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- **★** Corrosion

Material required to conduct tests

Anchor point (ie: tripod or similar device)
 Self Retracting Lifeline

Lanyard Retraction & Tension Test

Do not pull lifeline out of the housing or let it retract while the unit is laying flat. Always inspect and operate the unit in a mounted position.

The purpose of the lanyard retraction & tension test is to ensure the lifeline is retracting smoothly into and out of the housing.

Steps

- 1) Mount self retracting lanyard on anchorage point
- 2) Pull out 50% of the lifeline length
- 3) Maintain a light tension on the lifeline, approx. 0.45 kg (1 lb)
- 4) Allow lifeline to retract back into housing
- (Always maintain light tension when lifeline is retracting)
- 5) Repeat Steps 2 to 4 this time pulling out 100% of lifeline length

Do Not allow lifeline to retract into housing uncontrolled – this could result in injury and damage to the unit.

Note: If lifeline does not pull out smoothly or sticks when retracting, pull the entire lifeline out of the housing and allow it to retract slowly under tension. Then repeat the above test.

Result

The lifeline should pull out freely and retract all the way back into the unit. Remove from service if device does not pass this test.

Braking Test

The purpose of the braking test is to ensure that the retractable's braking mechanism is working and engaging.

Steps

- 1) Mount retractable on anchorage point
- 2) Grasp lifeline and apply a sharp steady pull downward until brakes engage
- 3) Keep tension on lifeline until brakes are fully engaged
- 4) Release tension
- 5) Allow lifeline to retract into housing under light tension

Result

Brakes should engage. There should be no slippage of the lifeline while the brakes are engaged. Once tension is released, the brakes should disengage and the unit should return to retractable mode. Remove from service if device does not pass this test.

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

- Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type
- ✗ No hook or eye distortion (twists, bends, or elongation)
- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- $oldsymbol{x}$ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- $oldsymbol{x}$ Modifications by the user
- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- 🗙 No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
- ✗ No rough or sharp edges

Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
- ✗ Disengage locking mechanism and release (locking mechanism should return to engaged position

Snap Hook Keeper

- Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
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🗸 Pass

🗶 Fail Criteria

Swivel Connectors

- Swivel connections must not be loose and be allowed to swivel freely as designed
- ✗ No physical damage, cracks, bends, deformations

Tagging System

Every retractable should have an identification system, with details such as model, date of manufacture, name of manufacturer, limitations, and warnings.

- Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service

Cleaning and Storage

Periodically clean the exterior of the device and wipe the lifeline using a damp cloth and mild detergent. Towel dry.

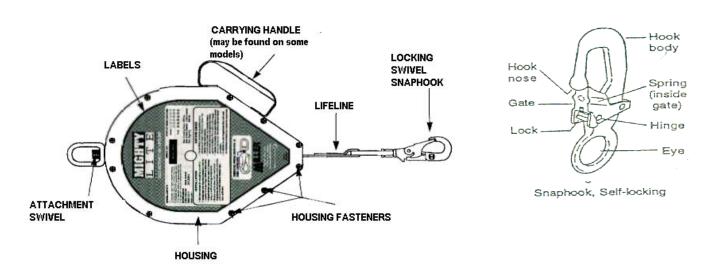
Store in a clean dry location, free of exposure to fumes, heat, direct ultra violet light, sunlight, and corrosive elements.

The lifeline should be fully retracted into the unit when not in use. Failure to do so on some models may cause premature weakening of the mainspring resulting in a loss of lifeline retraction.

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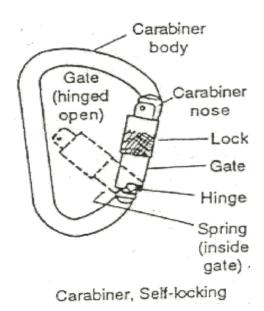
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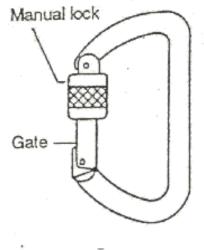
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Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	GENERAL			
	Load Impact Indicator			
	Housing Cover			
	Deformation			
	Labeling (tags)			
	SNAPHOOK			If applicable, see carabiners
	Swivel Connectors			
	Hook Body			
	Hook Nose			
	Gate (keeper)			
	Lock			
	Eye			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	LIFELINE - WEB			
	Webbing			
	Stitching			
	LIFELINE - WIRE ROPE			
	Broken Wires			
	Rust/Corrosion/Pitting			
	Deformations			
	Heat Damage			
	Fittings/Thimbles			
	Splices			
	TESTS			
	Retraction and Tension			
	Braking Test			





Carabiner Manual-locking

Item #	Description	Fail X	Pass 🗸	Comments
	CARABINER			
	Carabiner Body			
	Carabiner Nose			
	Gate (hinged open)			
	Lock			
	Gate			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			
	Manual Lock			

Self Retracting Lifeline Complete w/ Recovery

This type of SRL will have the ability of retrieval via a winching mechanism. The housing/cover will be non-field removable and require special tools to open. Do not open unit unless you have been authorized and trained by the manufacturer.

Note: Manufacturers may require that the unit be sent in for an annual inspection – check owners manual for details.

When inspecting a self retracting lanyard be sure to pull out all the lifeline material. Lifeline material must be inspected end to end.

Test methods employed will be:

- 1) Lanyard Retraction & Tension Test: tests the lifelines tension & ability to retract
- 2) Braking Test: tests the braking mechanism is working and engaging
- 3) Retrieval Mode: tests the units retrieval mechanism

Visual and Touch Inspection

🗴 Fail Criteria

Pass

Housing/Cover

- ✗ Ensure casing bolts are tight
- ✗ Loose fasteners
- ✗ Missing parts
- X Cracks or wear
- ✗ Check all connecting areas no deformations allowed
- ✗ Corrosion
- ✗ Overall deterioration
- ✗ Modifications by user
- ✗ Physical damage
- ✗ Bent, cracked, distorted, worn, or malfunctioning parts

Load Impact Indicator

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Note: Unlike rigging inspection standards, wire rope used for the purpose of fall protection is not allowed any broken wires or strands.

Visual and Touch Inspection

✓ Pass✗ Fail Criteria

- ✗ Cuts, frayed areas
- ✗ Worn or broken strands∕wires
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive outside wear
- ✗ Modifications by user
- ★ Rust/pitting/corrosion
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- ✗ Bulges in rope
- ✗ Gaps between strands
- ✗ Heat damage, torch burns or electric arc strikes
- ✗ Kinks, bird-caging
- ✗ Core protrusion
- 🗶 Do not use frozen rope

Fittings

- ✗ Wear or cracks
- ✗ Corrosion or pitting
- $\pmb{\mathsf{X}}$ Deformation/bends
- ✗ Mismatched parts or modifications
- ✗ Obvious damage

Splices

- ✗ Worn or broken wires
- ✗ Crushed∕jammed or flattened strands
- **✗** Corrosion

Material required to conduct tests

Anchor point (ie: tripod or similar device)
 Self Retracting Lifeline

Lanyard Retraction & Tension Test

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Do Not allow lifeline to retract into housing uncontrolled – this could result in injury and damage to the unit.

Note: If lifeline does not pull out smoothly or sticks when retracting, pull the entire lifeline out of the housing and allow it to retract slowly under tension. Then repeat the above test.

Result

The lifeline should pull out freely and retract all the way back into the unit. Remove from service if device does not pass this test.

Braking Test

The purpose of the braking test is to ensure that the retractable's braking mechanism is working and engaging.

Steps

- 1) Mount retractable on anchorage point
- 2) Grasp lifeline and apply a sharp steady pull downward until brakes engage
- 3) Keep tension on lifeline until brakes are fully engaged
- 4) Release tension
- 5) Allow lifeline to retract into housing under light tension

Result

Brakes should engage. There should be no slippage of the lifeline while the brakes are engaged. Once tension is released, the brakes should disengage and the unit should return to retractable mode. Remove from service if device does not pass this test.

Retrieval Mode Test

The purpose of the retrieval mode test is to ensure that the retractable's retrieval mechanism is working and engaging.

Note: some units when in the lowering position will require a minimum of 75 lbs

Steps

- 1) Mount self retracting lanyard on anchorage point
- 2) Grasp lifeline & pull out several feet of lifeline
- 3) Hold line in position, maintaining light tension on the line
- 4) Without engaging retrieval mode attempt to retrieve line
- Result line should not retrieve unless unit has been activated
- 5) Now engage retrieval mode
- 6) Keeping light tension on the line use the winch handle to retrieve the line into the device

Result

Brakes should engage. There should be no slippage of the lifeline while the brakes are engaged. Once tension is released, the brakes should disengage and the unit should return to retractable mode. Remove from service if device does not pass this test.

Snap Hooks

Snap hooks should be of the self-locking type. Snap hooks are generally proof tested to 3,600 lbs and have minimum tensile strength of 5,000 lbs.

Visual and Touch Inspection

- ✓ Pass
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- ✗ Latch/keeper should seat into the nose w/o binding
- X Latch/keeper should not be distorted or obstructed
- ✗ Overall deterioration/Excessive wear
- ✗ Modifications by the user
- **✗** Rust/pitting/corrosion
- X No cracks
- ✗ No missing parts
- ✗ No excessive wear
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Snap Hook Locking Mechanism

- X Disengage locking mechanism and open keeper (keeper should open freely)
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Snap Hook Keeper

- X Check keeper spring action by opening the keeper and releasing (keeper should return to closed position without hanging up it should not close slowly)
- X Push on keeper without engaging locking mechanism (keeper should not open)
- X Check to see the keeper is seated firmly on the snap hook nose there should be no side play (lateral movement)

X Fail Criteria

Swivel Connectors

- ✗ Swivel connections must not be loose and be allowed to swivel freely as designed
- X No physical damage, cracks, bends, deformations

Tagging System

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- X Check tag for date of manufacture and remove from service if past adopted service life policy
- ✗ If tagging system is missing or not legible remove lanyard from service

Cleaning and Storage

Periodically clean the exterior of the device and wipe the lifeline using a damp cloth and mild detergent. Towel dry.

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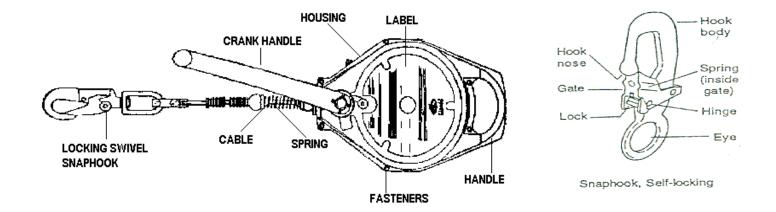
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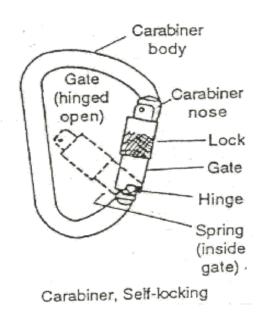
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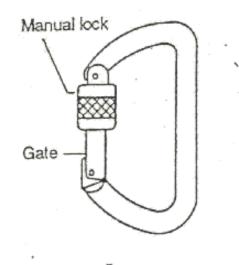
✓ PASS: □ Initial_____ RETURN TO SERVICE



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	Eye			
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	TESTS			
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Carabiner Manual-locking

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	CARABINER			
	Carabiner Body			
	Carabiner Nose			
	Gate (hinged open)			
	Lock			
	Gate			
	Hinge			
	Spring (inside gate)			
	Manual Lock			

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