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For English speaking countries only

P&P Rescue Nappie

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Thank you for purchasing this **P&P** Rescue Nappie. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the correct attachment, positioning and adjustment procedure. It is imperative that this **P&P** Rescue Nappie is only used for its intended purpose and that it is subject to a periodic recorded detailed inspection by a competent person.

To avoid personal injury, prior to using this **P&P** Rescue Nappie or training others to use it, CAREFULLY READ and understand these instructions. If there is anything you do not understand, DO NOT use this Rescue Nappie, contact the supplier or **P&P** for further details.

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Note; training should only be delivered by a suitably qualified and competent person, i.e. a **P&P** products trainer.

P&P Part No: #90008

Description

The **P&P** Rescue Nappie is classified as a rescue harness. In a rescue situation it provides a versatile means of attachment to a casualty, in order to facilitate safe lowering or raising. The **P&P** Rescue Nappie incorporates three "D" ring straps. A 'loop strap' with a "D" ring at each end and a central attachment strap with a "D" ring, which when connected together provide an attachment point so the casualty is held in a sitting position. The Rescue Nappie is manufactured from polyester webbing with non-corrosive fittings.

The Rescue Nappie is constructed in such a way that during the rescue process, the casualty raised or lowered in a sitting position. The Rescue Nappie is not intended or designed to be a component of personal protective equipment system, protecting from falls from height.

P&P advise that users must be competent in the proper use and practical/physical limitations of this Nappie, before undertaking any tasks requiring its use. Equipment specifiers / users must ensure this Nappie is used with compatible lanyards and devices. Failure to ensure compatibility may result in an unsafe condition or even system failure.

Warning

All work at height including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as a control measure is subject to a suitable and sufficient risk assessment.

Usage

It is vital for the safety of the casualty that the Rescue Nappie is correctly connected in accordance with the following instructions:

1) Slip one side attachment 'D' ring around the casualty and bring to the front.

2) Slip the centre 'D' ring attachment point through the legs of the casualty from behind to the front.

3) Link the three attachment points together with a suitable karabiner.

4) Attach the karabiner to a rigging plate attached to the rescuer or a rescue line.

Rescue Plan
If the casualty is unconscious an attendant rescuer should be raised or lowered with the casualty.

Important

Do

- Prior to use, a full visual inspection of the Rescue Nappie must be carried out by the user as instructed in this **P&P** User Manual.
- The Rescue Nappie is for personal use only.
- Only use connectors (hooks and karabiners etc.) approved and recommended by **P&P**.
- The Rescue Nappie should only be used with P&P compatible equipment.
- Check the inspection record for this Rescue Nappie to ensure regular inspections have been correctly recorded.
- It is strongly recommended that the user be given adequate practical training prior to using this Rescue Nappie or any other P&P product.

DO NOT

- Use this Rescue Nappie until you have read and fully understand both these instructions and the user instructions for any P&P compatible item used in the system.

Modifications and Repairs

No repairs, modifications or alterations are to be carried out on this Rescue Nappie.

Rescue Plan

Rescue Plan
As part of your risk assessment you MUST have in place a rescue plan to deal with any emergency, which may occur during use. Access to the user, directly or indirectly and their safe retrieval is of paramount importance, including preparations for dealing with potential Post Fall Suspension Syncope

Inspection

Check your **Rescue Nappie** for any damage or malfunction prior to each and every use. If there is any doubt about the safe condition of the system, it should be immediately withdrawn from use and inspected by a competent person or returned to the supplier/manufacturer.

The product name, unique serial number and date of manufacture will be found on the product label sew onto the Nappie.

Always make sure the product label is present, shows both the serial number and date of manufacture and that it matches your Inspection Record Document / this manual. If the numbers are not legible on the Product Label or do not match your Inspection Record Document / this manual – Do Not Use the Nappie!

The Nappie along with all your other Fall Protection PPE must be subjected to a pre-use check, each time, before use. Failure to inspect the Nappie correctly could cost you your life. You should be trained to carry out a pre-use check. Detailed recorded inspections at a frequency of 6 months should only be carried out by a trained competent person, appointed by the employer. Additional recorded interim inspections may be required where risks from transient arduous working environments exist. This should be identified through Risk Assessment.

The pre-use check must include (but is not limited to):

- Check all webbing / rope for signs of cuts, abrasions, fraying, tears, burns, mold, discolouration or chemical attack.
- Check all stitching for signs of loosening, pulling or cut thread. There must be no evidence of damaged stitching on either side of the stitch pattern.
- Adjusters and connectors MUST be free from rust, excessive wear, distortions or cracks.

If during the pre-use check any part is found to be, or believed to be faulty, DO NOT use it. Remove ALL components from site to ensure that they cannot be used by anyone.

Marking of PPE

Textile products including webbing and rope **must not** be marked using ink or paint. Marker pens and paint will contaminate textile fibres leading to potential damage from material stiffening or even chemical attack.

Plastic or Metal casings of components **must not** be marked by stamping, etching or engraving. These processes may weaken the material or damage protective coatings.

P&P advise that if additional identification is required, a tagging system (label or electronic) should be used, that does not interfere in any way with the operation of equipment or devices. Contact **P&P** or your supplier for advice on additional labelling.

Cleaning, Maintenance and Storage

You may clean the **P&P** Rescue Nappie of light soiling, using warm water (40°C max) with pure soap or mild detergent. Heavy deposits of creosote or grease may be removed with a diluted solution of heavy detergent and water.

Avoid getting soap / detergent into buckles. After cleaning, rinse thoroughly with fresh clean water then remove excess water with a dry cloth. Finally, allow the Rescue Nappie to dry naturally then give it a full inspection before storing.

Store in a cool dry place, which will protect the Rescue

Nappie from extreme humidity, direct heat and sunlight. Allocate a storage area specifically for your Rescue Nappie. If the Rescue Nappie is wet, allow to dry naturally BEFORE storing.

Chemical Attack

Avoid contact with any chemical, which might affect the performance of this Rescue Nappie, e.g these include all acids and strong caustic substances (vehicle battery acid, bleach etc)

If subject to chemical attack, you must remove it from service and check with the supplier or **P&P** for advice on the possible consequence of chemical degradation.

Storage

After any necessary cleaning, dry completely then store in a cool dry place, which will protect it from extreme humidity and direct heat.

Transportation

Care should be taken to protect the Rescue Nappie from risks such as those detailed under Service Life. A simple effective way is to transport the system in a suitable bag or container, which prevents abrasion.

Service Life

The **P&P Rescue Nappie** has a maximum working life of 10 years from date of first use, provided it is correctly stored and maintained. However, if the system fails any inspection it MUST be destroyed. See the Statement of Obsolescence within this manual.

About This Manual

This User Manual is for English speaking countries only. If you require this manual in a different language, please Contact **P&P**. When this Rescue Nappie is sold on, this manual must accompany it.

Warning

This **P&P Rescue Nappie** must be used by persons who are medically fit to do so. If you have any medical condition, are recovering from any medical condition or suffer from any physical or mental disability you must seek professional medical advice before using this **P&P Rescue Nappie.**

Statement of Obsolescence

Due to the ingress of dirt and grit, chemical contamination, edge and surface damage, ultraviolet light degradation, and wear and tear, Fall Protection Equipment manufactured from synthetic fibres (webbing and/or rope) is subject to a manufacturer's statement of obsolescence, which is a requirement of BS EN 365:2004 a European Product Standard.

Any item of Fall Protection Equipment manufactured by **P&P** with synthetic fibre components (webbing and/or rope) is subject to maximum life span of 10 years from date of manufacture, provided that the item has been correctly stored, maintained and subjected to regular recorded inspections by a trained and competent person. However, if the item fails any inspection, it MUST immediately be withdrawn from service and destroyed.

An item of Fall Protection Equipment incorporating synthetic fibre components (webbing and/or rope), manufactured by **P&P** from January 2015, which has been subject to a lifetime recorded inspection plan, may give a maximum life span of 10 years. The lifetime recorded inspection plan must be continuous from date of first use and be undertaken by a competent person appointed by the employer. Competent persons must be trained in the use and inspection of the equipment. The lifetime inspection plan must include as a minimum requirement, a pre use check and 6 monthly recorded inspections. The frequency of inspections should be determined by risk assessment, use and environmental conditions.

Reference should also be made to the British Standard BS 8437:2005 – 'The code of practice selection, use and maintenance of personal fall protection systems and equipment for use in the workplace' - clause 13.2 Lifespan, which states:

'Some equipment is given a life span or obsolescence date by the manufacturer. Equipment that has reached such a limit, which has not already been rejected for other reasons, should be withdrawn from service and not used again, unless or until confirmed by a competent person, in writing, that it is acceptable to do so.'

It should be noted that inspections carried out by a trained and competent person are only visual and tactile observations of the condition of the product; they are not testing the residual strength of the equipment. All synthetic fibres deteriorate slowly with age regardless of use and as a result, **P&P** strongly advises all users of Fall Protection Equipment to follow the manufacturer's statement of obsolescence.

For further advice on this statement, as well as training in the use and inspection of Fall Protection Equipment, please contact **P&P Safety Limited.**

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