



PRODUCT CHANGE NOTICE

Product: PAL2, PAL3, PAL4
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Related Documents: PAL User manual Issue 3/4

Following a change in the Checkmate Pro Absorber Lanyard (PAL) range, this notice details the change in the product and user instructions. The change does not affect the technical performance or use of the product in any way, but uses a different method to determine if the lanyard has been subjected to a fall event. This change also co-incides with a switch from yellow webbing to red webbing for the product, and once again does not affect the performance or use in any way.

The PAL previously used a black webbing cover cut to length between the end terminations, stitched at both ends. In the event of a fall, the yellow inner webbing would extend, and in turn break the holding stitch, and extend from the black webbing. Therefore the fall indicator was an extension of the yellow webbing from the end of the black webbing.

The new PAL deployment indicator consists of a deployment indicator tag and holding stitch on the red webbing. The black cover webbing is no longer required. In the event of a fall, the stitch holding the deployment indicator tag will separate from the lanyard, indicating that the lanyard has been subjected to a fall event and must be removed from service and destroyed. Depending on the severity of the fall (user weight, freefall distance etc) it is possible that the flag will not fully detach, but the holding stitch and red webbing will show signs of damage. Any damage to either the holding stitch (such as broken or fluffy threads) or the red webbing (pull marks when the holding stitch has pulled fibres of the red webbing) indicates that the lanyard has been used to arrest a fall, and must be removed from service and destroyed.

The new style deployment indicator is provided with a new issue of the user manual (issue 4) with the following extract from page 4:

Inspection

Take time and care to inspect the lanyard for signs of wear, inspect each and every part of the webbing, check the hooks for activation.

The PAL lanyard has a unique deployment indicator that will eject in the event of a fall. The deployment indicator is shown below before a fall. In the event of a fall, the deployment indicator will separate from the lanyard, or in the event of a low energy fall, damage will be visible to the red webbing around the holding stitch. If the deployment indicator tag is not present, or there is any damage to the webbing or holding stitch (check for broken stitches or fluffy/loose threads) the lanyard has been subjected to a fall and must be removed from service and destroyed.



DEPLOYMENT INDICATOR TAG

Upon regular inspection complete the inspection record sheet printed on the back page of this manual.



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This is a permanent change to the product, however there will be a transition period while existing stocks are dispatched. The old style (yellow with black cover) will be provided with Issue 3 of the user manual, and the new style (red with deployment indicator tag) will be provided with Issue 4 of the user manual. It is important that the correct issue of the user manual is provided with each product.

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