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A-B Descender

Instruction for use

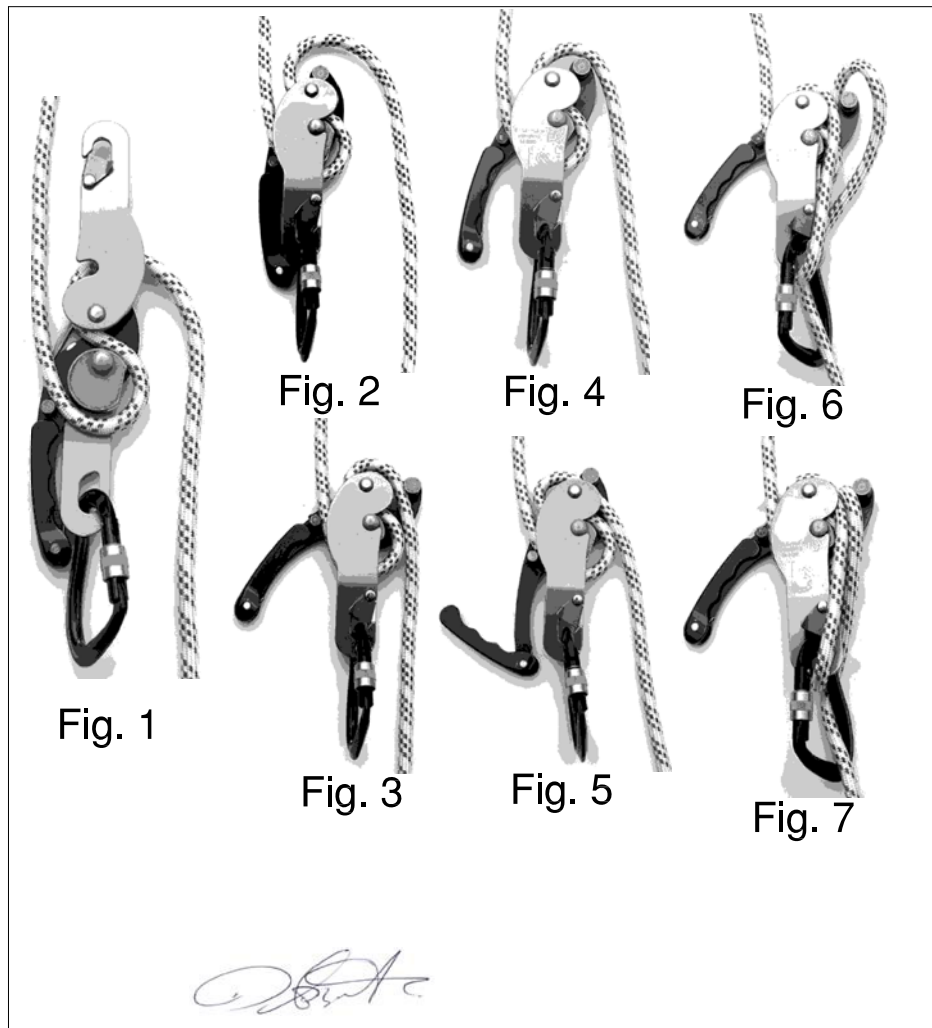
89/686/CEE
Personal Protective Equipment
against falls from a height

- EN 12841-C -
Rope access systems
Rope adjustment devices

- EN 341-B -
Descender devices



Serial No:



Equipment identifying file - Scheda d'identificazione dell'equipaggiamento - Fiche d'identification de l'equipement - Identifikationskarte der Ausruestung - Ficha de identificación del equipo

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CETTE FICHE DOIT ÊTRE ÉTABLIE ET CONSERVÉE POUR CHAQUE PRODUIT ET/OU SYSTÈME

Merci de consulter l'étiquette du produit pour
renseigner les détails qui sont demandés ci-dessous.

Consultez ce guide d'utilisation pour tout conseil
concernant l'inspection, l'entretien, la durée de vie,
etc. de l'équipement

Tout autre composant de dispositifs ou d'équipements
de protection individuelle contre les chutes de hauteur
susceptibles d'être utilisés avec ce produit doivent être
conformes aux normes européennes (EN)
correspondantes ou, à défaut, aux normes
spécifiques.

REMARQUES : Pour être totalement conforme à la
norme EN341-B, le descendeur doit être utilisé avec
une corde tressée de 11 mm SAR ou une corde
tressée 16 Teufelberger à faible coefficient
d'allongement. La EN341-B est une norme relative
aux SYSTÈMES de sauvetage et de fuite, non pas à
un produit individuel tel que les dispositifs prévus par
la norme EN12841-C, c'est-à-dire les dispositifs de
réglage de corde qui sont des dispositifs de descente
pouvant être utilisés sur tous les types de corde et
pour les sauvetages sur n'importe quelle corde gainée
adaptée au dispositif. Tenir compte des résultats des
essais indiqués à l'intérieur de cette notice.

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IMPORTANT:
In order to ensure optimum safety and performance, please study and understand these instructions before using the product.

The A-B DESCENDER is a DESCENDER designed specifically for Technical Rope Access and Intervention purposes by Police and Special Forces, who require a multi-use rope adjustment device that allows taking the load of two people for the purposes of rescue and with a Panic Grab Brake (PGB). In Technical Access it must always be used in conjunction with an EN12841 Type A device or EN353-2 back-up device's this is not always required in Intervention or Rescue.

FUNCTIONS: The A-B DESCENDER can be used in the following ways but SAR recommend that users be trained in its many uses and learn about its practical and physical strengths and weaknesses.

- Controlled descent with PGB engaged.
- Controlled speed descent - PGB disengaged.
- Ascender.
- Hauling system brake.
- Tensioned line brake.
- Work positioning adjustment element.

TESTING: The A-B DESCENDER was tested to EN12841-C Rope Adjustment Devices using 10.5mm x 22 plait Singing Rock route 44, 11mm SAR & 12.5mm 20 plait Cousin ropes. This allows all other sizes between these to be acceptable. Users must be aware that rope conditioning such as wet, snow, ice, dirt, etc., different diameters and rope manufacturers will all produce differing results to any testing or use undertaken.

IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO USE: Check your A-B DESCENDER for any damage or malfunction. Do this prior to and immediately after all use. If there is any doubt about the safe condition of the A-B DESCENDER it should be withdrawn from use and inspected by a competent person recommended by the manufacturer or returned to the manufacturer. A record of inspections should be completed at regular intervals dependent on usage. It is recommended that a minimum yearly examination be carried out by a competent person.

CLEANING: Keep the product clean and dry. Remove any excess moisture with a clean cloth then allow to dry naturally in a warm room away from direct heat. First, rinse in clean cold water. Clean off tar based products with appropriate petroleum solvents following the instructions for use for such products. Afterwards wash, rinse and dry as described above.

CHEMICALS: Avoid all contact with any chemicals which could affect the performance of the product, e.g. these include all acids and strong caustic substances (e.g. vehicle battery acid, bleach, etc.). If used in a marine environment always rinse the product in clean cold water after each use and thoroughly dry.

LUBRICATION: After cleaning and drying and before storing, metal components, particularly those with moving parts should be lubricated sparingly using a light oil, or they may be lightly greased making sure that lubrication does not come into contact with any parts that rely on friction with rope.

STORAGE: After any necessary cleaning dry completely, store packed in a dry place in a chemically neutral environment away from excessively high humidity, corrosives or other possible causes of damage. Do not store wet.

TRANSPORTATION: Care should be taken to protect the equipment against risks such as those detailed under Lifespan. SAR recommend that the A-B Descender is carried on the side gear loops of the harness when not in use.

LIFESPAN: It is difficult to estimate this but as a guide we advise as follows: Maximum life indefinite. However working life will be reduced through age, general wear and tear, damage to component parts, inappropriate ancillary equipment, high impact load, prolonged exposure to corrosive atmosphere or chemical agents or failure to store and maintain as recommended. This statement does not remove the need for users to check these items before and after every use, and retire the device if it is not in a satisfactory condition, or taken out of service by a competent person. This list is not exhaustive.

EXPLANATION OF MARKING:
CE marking: meets the requirements of European Directive 89/686/EEC. Includes four digit number of notified body monitoring the quality system.

Conforms to EN12841 type C Rope Adjustment Devices and EN341 type B Descender for rescue.

ID No: Batch or serial number.

Rope Threading Diagram

NOTIFIED BODY:
SGS United Kingdom Ltd., Weston-super-Mare BS22 6WA, UK.

Notified Body No: 0120

NOTE: All friction brakes create heat which can damage rope if a fall has taken place or on a long fast descent. Any strength quoted is when the product is tested new and is in accordance with the appropriate standards.

The A-B DESCENDER has been tested by the NOTIFIED BODY (SGS) TEST CENTRE in a simulated rescue fall using a 200kg mass as required by EN12841-C on a one metre sling set in a fall factor one scenario with a knot 3M down the rope. It was also tested by SAR in a more realistic rescue scenario using a 100kg mass loaded on the A-B DESCENDER and 100kg mass set at 1M FF1. In both tests the A-B DESCENDER passed. SAR confirms the A-B DESCENDER can be used in RESCUE with two people. Tested to EN341-B for a Descent for Rescue System, 100kg, 20 descents each being 100M

SPECIFICATIONS:

Rope dia: 10.5mm - 12.5mm (dependent on manufacturer and stiffness)

Rope type: Kermantle

Sample Tests:

Min. Static Slip: 4.5kN-10.5mm x 22plait Route 44 singing Rock, 5.5kN-11mm x 24 plait SAR. 8kN-12.5mm x 20 plait Cousin

Max. Dynamic Impact and slip with 100kg FF1-1M 10.5mm = 5.1kN & 51cm, 11mm = 6.2kN & 26cm, 12.5mm = 7kN & 15cm

Weight of product: 450g

Thank you for taking the time to read this user's guide. The instructions are not exhaustive and CANNOT substitute for comprehensive instruction by trained and/or otherwise competent person. Engaging at heights are dangerous, the consequences of incorrect selection, use and maintenance of the product could result in damage, serious injury or death. It is critical at all times to ensure that the user understands the correct and safe use of the product, uses it only for the purpose for which it is designed and practices all proper safety procedures. SAR can provide the training if required. If you have any ideas how the guide or the product can be improved, we would welcome your views.

FITTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Connect A-B DESCENDER to karabiner on harness attachment point. (Preferably waist connection). Open swivel cheek (plate) upwards. To allow loading of rope and load rope around main bobbin as in diagram Fig. 1.
- Close swivel plate and lock onto karabiner. Lift handle and fit rope into gap for PGB. Fig.2 & 3.
- A-B DESCENDER in normal working position and rope engaged in the PGB function. Fig. 3.
- A-B DESCENDER with the rope over the back of the descender PGB bobbin for fast descent and NOT engaged in the PGB function. Fig. 4.
- The A-B DESCENDER has a flip down handle, this gives the user more leverage and control when being used in Intervention or Rescue. Fig 5.
- To lock off the rope so as not to accidentally activate the descent mode, take a loop from the tail rope and pass it through the karabiner. Loop it over the bobbin arm of the PGB and pull down end of rope to secure it in the groove between the panic bobbin and main body as in Fig. 6 & 7.

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IMPORTANTE:

Ai fini di garantirne il massimo della sicurezza e delle prestazioni, siete pregati, prima di procedere all'utilizzo di questo prodotto, di leggere attentamente e di comprendere tutte le istruzioni qui di seguito indicate.

Il A-B DESCENDER trattasi di un DISPOSITIVO DI DISCESA appositamente progettato per l'uso su corda in caso di interventi tecnici ed interventi tecnici di accesso da parte della Polizia e delle Forze Speciali, i quali necessitano di un dispositivo multiuso di regolazione corda in grado di portare il peso di due persone durante gli interventi di soccorso, nonché provvisto di Freno con Sicurezza Antipanico (FSA).

Durante gli interventi tecnici di accesso il dispositivo deve sempre essere utilizzato unitamente ad un dispositivo EN12841 Tipo A oppure ad un dispositivo di supporto EN353-2, i quali non sempre sono richiesti durante le operazioni di intervento o di salvataggio.

FUNZIONI D'UTILIZZO: Il A-B DESCENDER può essere utilizzato nei modi indicati qui di seguito. La SAR consiglia tuttavia che gli utilizzatori vengano addestrati ad utilizzarlo in tutti i modi d'utilizzo possibili e siano a conoscenza di tutti i relativi punti di forza e debolezza, sia da un punto di vista pratico che fisico.

- Discesa controllata con FBA attivato
- Discesa a velocità controllata - FBA disattivato
- Modalità d'ascensione
- Frenatura sistema di traino

