

USERS MANUAL

For English speaking countries only



P&P Rescue Nappie

EN1498 Class B

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

Triangular shaped Rescue Nappie to be used in rescue situations to lift or lower a casualty.

Application

A Rescue Nappie classed as a rescue loop is to provide a means of attachment to a casualty in a rescue situation to facilitate safe lowering or raising of the casualty. The Rescue Nappie is constructed in such a way that during the rescue process, the casualty is held in a sitting position. The Rescue Nappie is not intended or designed to protect against falls from height.

The **P&P** Rescue Nappie consists of a rescue loop with "D" rings and central attachment strap with a "D" ring to provide an attachment point so the casualty is held in a sitting position. The Rescue Nappie is manufactured from polyester webbing and nylax PVC with non-corrosive fittings.

Usage

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

- a) Pass the chest strap of the Rescue Nappie behind the casualty, with the crotch strap hanging down, and the webbing on the outer side with PVC against the casualty.
- b) Pass the "D" rings on each end of the chest strap underneath the casualty's armpits (if shoulder straps are fitted, the arms should pass through them), bringing them together on the casualty's chest.
- c) Pass the crotch strap between the casualty's legs bringing the crotch strap "D" ring also up to the casualty's chest.
- d) Using all 3 "D" rings, connect together with a connector.

e) The additional webbing loop on the outer edge of the rescue strop may have a guideline attached in certain situations to facilitate the rescue in difficult situations.

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

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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.

Always ensure 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 Product Label numbers

are not legible or do not match your inspection record document/this manual – Do not use the system.

Detailed Recorded Inspections should only be carried out by a competent person, appointed by the employer. Additional, recorded interim inspections may be required where risks from transient arduous working conditions exist. This should be identified through risk assessment.

These recorded inspections must be carried out at least every 12 months as a requirement of EN365; however in the UK the HSE would like all fall prevention PPE to have a Detailed Recorded Inspection every 6 months.

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.
- If the Rescue Nappie has been subject to significant paint overspray, it must not be used.
- 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 5 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 Limited** with synthetic fibre components (webbing and/or rope) is subject to a maximum working life of 5 years from the recorded date of first use, provided that the item has been correctly stored, maintained and subjected to regular inspections by a trained and competent person. However, if the item fails any inspection it **MUST** be destroyed.

A new item of Fall Protection Equipment manufactured by **P&P Limited** may be stored for a maximum of 3 years and will still give the potential 5 year working life provided it remains in the original manufacturer's packaging. Once the product is taken from this original packaging for the first time, this date becomes the "date of first use", which should be recorded on the Inspection Record and the 5 year working life begins.

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 Limited** 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 Limited**



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