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## **OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This Manual contains safety information and instructions for operating the T-Line system.

This Manual should be stored in an area where it is accessible to operators of the T-Line system.

Continued improvement and advancement of product design may have caused changes to your T-Line system, which are not included in this Manual.

Some photographs or illustrations in this Manual may show details or attachments that are different from your T-Line system. Whenever a question arises regarding your T-Line, or this Manual, please consult the Meridian Safety Pty Ltd website at www.meridiansafety.com for the latest available information.

Further information on operating the T-Line system is available in training material and courses. Further enquiry regarding these materials and courses should be directed to: info@meridiansafety.com

The Equipment Record and an Operators Manual must be supplied to the end user when the T-Line is sold, resold or otherwise made available for use. This is to ensure that the end user gets the necessary information for the safe use of the T-Line system.

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Please contact the authorized T-Line distributor in your area for enquiries regarding the operation, Periodic Examination and Recertification and Repair of your T-Line system. The distributor nearest you can be found by consulting **www.meridiansafety.com** 

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

- Do not use the T-Line unless you have read and understand the instructions and warnings in this Manual. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings or improper operation could result in injury or death.
- Do not tamper with or make any alterations to the T-Line.
- The T-Line shall not be used outside its limitations as described in this Manual, or for any purpose other than that for which it is intended.
- The operation and maintenance of the T-Line system must comply with the work safety laws of the jurisdiction in which it is used. Compliance may include the requirement for a Risk Assessment or Fall Hazard Survey Report.
- · Operators of the T-Line system must be properly trained and competent.
- A full body harness suitable for fall-arrest is the only acceptable body holding device that can be used with the T-Line system.
- Operators must carry out a Pre-Use Check of the equipment, as per the instructions in this Manual, to ensure that it is in a serviceable condition and operates correctly before it is used.
- It is essential for safety that equipment is withdrawn from use immediately if the red indicator tab on the connector is exposed or should any doubt arise about its condition for safe use.
- Do not remove the labels from the T-Line. Replace labels that are illegible.
- For protection of one person only.
- Operators should be fit and healthy otherwise consult a physician before using the T-Line. Do not use if pregnant.
- A rescue plan shall be in place to deal with any emergencies that could arise during the work

#### **DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT**

#### THE T-LINE IS A TWIN LIFELINE SYSTEM.

The T-Line is a device containing twin lifelines on separate reels that rotate on a common shaft. The lifelines automatically pay out and retract during normal movement of the operator – and automatically lock at the onset of a fall.



The Pulley Lifeline Connector (5) must be properly secured to the Connector Ring (6) when using the T-Line in twin line mode. When using the T-Line in single line mode, the Pulley Lifeline Connector (5) must either be connected to the Ancillary Anchor Eye (11) or a certified fall arrest anchor point rated to at least 15kN (3400 lbs). Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death. Always ensure that an alternate means of fall protection is utilized whilst changing between modes.

#### INSTALLATION



The T-Line must be attached with a suitable anchor system to a structure with a minimum strength of 22kN / 5,000lb

The Pulley is taken from the Pulley Stowage Pocket and moved to the far end of the elevated work area – extracting the Pulley Lifeline along the way. 2

The pulley must be attached with a suitable anchor system to a structure with a minimum strength of 22kN / 5,000lb

The Pulley Lifeline loops around the Pulley before being attached to the Connector Ring using the Pulley Lifeline Connector.

The T-Line and Pulley must be installed overhead The Pulley must not be mounted below the T-Line Do not allow slack in anchor slings as this will increase arrest distance. Installation of a 24m T-Line unit must be carried out by an Authorised T-Line Installer Anchorage Minimum Strength 22kn / 5,000lb

#### SAFE WORKING AT HEIGHTS DURING INSTALLATION

Ensure that the risk of fall from height is controlled during installation. For example, a mobile elevated work platform may be used during installation.

#### ANCHOR POINT SPECIFCIATION AND CONNECTION

The anchorage and structure to which the T-Line is attached shall be capable of sustaining a static load of 22.2kN / 5,000lb.

Assess the building or structure and verify the adequacy of the anchor point before the system is put in to service.

A suitable connector and anchor system must be used to connect the T-Line to the supporting structure. For example: the T-Line Clevis Anchor Point, the T-Line Beam Clamp or the T-Line Anchor Sling (each sold separately).

Do not allow slack in anchor slings as this will increase arrest distance.

All components and subsystems should also comply with applicable Standards.

Follow manufacturer's instructions. Unless specifically allowed by the manufacturer, slings should not be choked and lanyards should not be back-hooked. Connectors should be compatible in size and shape to prevent rollout.

### **MAKING PROPER CONNECTIONS**



The Pulley Lifeline must be attached to the Connector Ring using the Pulley Lifeline Connector.



The Main Lifeline is terminated with a swivel connector – carabineer or snaphook – with fall indicator.



#### GENERAL

Do not pass the lifeline(s) over sharp or abrasive edges.

Do not allow lifelines to come into contact with live electrical sources Do not allow the lifeline(s) to deflect around plant and equipment or other obstacles. Do not allow chemical reagents to contact the lifelines, casing or internal mechanism Do not cross over with other lifelines.

Do not allow the lifeline(s) to pass under head, arms or legs or wrap around the body. Do not hold or lock off the lifeline(s).

Do not let the lifeline(s) retract uncontrolled.

Do not allow foreign material to enter casing.

Avoid using the T-Line in hazardous environments such as extremes of temperature or highly corrosive atmospheres.

#### SAFE ACCESS AND CONTINUOUS PROTECTION

Ensure that users can approach and connect to the T-Line without being exposed to a risk of fall. For example: the Main Lifeline Connector or a tag to the Main Lifeline Connector should be left in a suitable location so that users may connect to the system before moving to where there is a risk of fall. The same applies to egress and disconnecting.

Ensure continuous connection to the T-Line whenever there is a risk of fall from height; or if not connected and there is a risk of fall from height, then an alternate means of fall protection must be employed.

## RESCUE



Release the Rescue Handle by removing the retaining pin.

Fold the handle down and align the slot in the handle with the shaft in the centre of the winch boss.

Ensure that the handle is pushed fully into the winch boss. Once engaged, the handle will be retained by the sprung loaded steel ball.



Rotate the Rescue Handle in the clockwise direction to transport the suspended user towards the T-Line unit.

Maintain constant visual contact with the user. Do not harm the rescue subject. Stop winching if the rescue subject is caught or snagged.

## **PRE-USE CHECK**

Pre-Use Checks are essential and should be carried out by the operator each time, before the T-Line system is used.

If the Pre Use Check finds any defect or should any doubt arise about its condition for safe use it is essential for safety that equipment is not used and withdrawn from use immediately.

Check the Equipment Record to ensure that that the Periodic Examination and Recertification is up to date.

The Pre-Use Check of the T-Line consists of visual checks and checks of operation.

- Visually inspect the T-Line casing and lifelines for signs of damage or cracking that may reduce the structural integrity of the device in any way.
- Withdraw approximately 1m of each lifeline and check that it remains under tension and then
  rewinds smoothly
- Withdraw the Main Lifeline rapidly to check that it locks
- Inspect the swivel connector with fall indicator. If any portion of the indicator reveals the red marker, the T-Line should be removed from service.

Check the fall-arrest harness, other connectors and anchor slings (if used) as per the manufacturer's instructions.

### TRANSPORT

Ensure that the T-Line is fully retracted with the Pulley stowed in the Pulley Stowage Pocket in preparation for transport. Ensure that the T-Line is protected from excessive vibration or impact during transport.

#### PERIODIC EXAMINATION AND RECERTIFICATION

The continued efficiency and durability of the T-Line system and the safety of the user depends on regular Periodic Examination and Recertification.

Periodic Examination and Recertification is additional to the Pre Use Check and is a more formal, indepth inspection and must be carried out at intervals of 12 months or less.

Under extremely severe corrosive liquid or abrasive dust exposures or for operation under extremes of temperature, more frequent Periodic Examination and Recertification may be necessary.

Periodic Examination and Recertification is only to be conducted by an Authorized Service Agent.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM USE AND REPAIR

It is essential for safety that equipment is withdrawn from use immediately should any doubt arise about its condition for safe use.

Repairs are only to be conducted by an Authorized Repair Agent.

### **EQUIPMENT RECORD**

Documentation is a key element of a well-managed personal protective equipment program.

Equipment Records should be maintained as proof of Periodic Examination and Recertification and Repair.

It is the responsibility of the user organization to enter onto the Equipment Record the details required.

## **CLEANING AND STORAGE**

Use a damp (not wet) cloth to remove dirt or other contaminants from the casing. Do not use abrasives or solvents. Mild detergent may be used but residue must be wiped away.

Use a bristle brush to remove dirt or other contaminants from the lifelines. Do not use a wire brush. Do not use gasoline or solvent. Lubrication may be applied to a clean dry lifeline with a cloth.

Never immerse in water. If water does get into the casing, hang the unit and slowly withdraw each lifeline allowing the water to run out. Use a clean dry cloth to wipe the lifeline dry as it returns. Repeat if required.

Store the T-Line in a clean, dry place.

#### **EQUIPMENT RECORD**

Serial Number:			Owner:		
Date of Manufacture:			Name of Organisation:		
Date of Purchase:			Address:		
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## LABELS



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## **T-LINE SAFETY SYSTEM MODEL TO1**



## SAFE LIMIT OF OPERATION

#### FREE FALL

The operator must remain below the T-Line and the Pulley.

When the operator is within the vertical Safe Limit of Operation, the Lifelines will exhibit retraction tension and the connector ring will be above the operator's head. Never work at a level where the operators head is above the connector ring. (Note: It is normal for the Lifelines to exhibit some catenary or sag, particularly at wider spans.)

#### **PENDULAR SWINGS**

The operator must remain between the T-Line and the Pulley.

Minimize pendular swings by working directly below the Pulley Lifeline which runs between the T-Line and the pulley.

#### FALL CLEARANCE

It is essential that there is adequate clearance under the system so that in the event of a fall the operator will not strike the ground or any obstacle.

## **SPECIFICATION MODEL TO1**

Maximum Span		12m / 40'
MAXIMUM VERTICAL RANGE	@ 12m / 40' span	6m / 20'
	@ 6m / 20' span	12m / 40'
MAXIMUM FALL ARREST DISTANCE		1.8m / 6'
MAXIMUM FALL ARREST FORCE		6kN / 1,350lb
ANCHORAGE RATING REQUIREMENT		22kN / 5,000lb
WIRE ROPE MIN BREAKING FORCE		17kN / 3,820lb
(5mm diameter, 7x19 Strand)		
WEIGHT		22.5kg / 50lb

The 12m / 40' T-Line can be installed at a maximum span of 12m / 40'. At this span, the maximum vertical reach is 6m / 20'.

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The T-Line can be installed at spans and vertical reach between the limits as set out above.



and use your T-Line safely, then contact Meridian Safety at info@meridiansafety.com



SINGLE LINE MODE

## 24M/80'



## **XL T-LINE SAFETY SYSTEM MODEL TO1L**



The 24m / 80' T-Line can be installed at a maximum span of 24m / 80'. At this span, the maximum vertical reach is 20m / 65'.

For spans greater than 20m/65' and up to 24m/80', the 24m/80' T-Line can provide a vertical range of 20m/65'. For spans of 18m/60' or less, this T-Line can provide a vertical range equal to that of the span.

The T-Line can be installed at spans and vertical reach between the limits as set out on this page

If you have any questions about how to configure and use your T-Line safely, then contact Meridian Safety at info@meridiansafety.com

DEGREES

HEIGHT / 2

SINGLE LINE MODE

## SAFE LIMIT OF OPERATION

#### The installation of the 24m T-Line must be carried out by an authorised T-Line Installer.

#### FREE FALL

The operator must remain below the T-Line and the Pulley.

When the operator is within the vertical Safe Limit of Operation, the Lifelines will exhibit retraction tension and the connector ring will be above the operator's head. Never work at a level where the operators head is above the connector ring. (Note: It is normal for the Lifelines to exhibit some catenary or sag, particularly at wider spans.)

#### **PENDULAR SWINGS**

The operator must remain between the T-Line and the Pulley.

Minimize pendular swings by working directly below the Pulley Lifeline which runs between the T-Line and the pulley.

Produce a safe limit of operation description for both the 12m and 24m T-Line when being used in V-Line configuration.

#### FALL CLEARANCE

It is essential that there is adequate clearance under the system so that in the event of a fall the operator will not strike the ground or any obstacle.

Produce a safe limit of operation diagram and description for single line mode.

## **SPECIFICATION MODEL TO1L**

Maximum Span		24m /	80'
MAXIMUM VERTICAL RANGE	@ 24m / 80' span	20m /	65'
	@ 18m / 60' span	18m /	60'
	@ 12m / 40' span	12m /	40'
MAXIMUM FALL ARREST DISTANCE		1.8m /	6'
MAXIMUM FALL ARREST FORCE		6kN /	1,350lb
ANCHORAGE RATING REQUIREMENT		22kN /	5,000lb
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## **CORRECT / INCORRECT USE**



## WARRANTY

Meridian Safety Pty Ltd warrants to the owner-user that Meridian Safety's T-Line product will be free from defects in material and workmanship. This warranty for new products is limited to two years from the date of purchase.

Meridian Safety Pty Ltd's obligations under this warranty are limited to the replacement of the equipment or repair of the equipment. Meridian Safety Pty Ltd shall not be liable to the customer for any incidental, consequential, exemplary, special or punitive damages, nor for any loss of revenue, profit or use arising out of a breach of this warranty or in connection with the sale, maintenance, use, operation or repair of the product. In no event will Meridian Safety Pty Ltd be liable for any amount greater than the purchase price of the defective product.

This warranty, during the original warranty period, extends beyond the original purchaser to subsequent owners of the T-Line.

Repairs carried out under warranty do not extend the warranty period.

The warranty provided herein shall be void and of no effect in the event that a) the product has been operated outside its designed use; b) the product has been subjected to misuse, neglect, accident, improper or inadequate maintenance; c) unauthorized modification(s) have been made to the product; d) the product has not been installed and operated in compliance with Meridian Safety Pty Ltd's instructions, e) the serial number of the product has been altered, defaced or removed.



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