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# Users Manual

**English Version** 

P&P Work Positioning & Restraint Lanyards EN358 & EN354 Thank you for purchasing this **Lanyard**. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the correct use and operation. It is imperative that this **Lanyard** 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 **Lanyard** or training others to use it, CAREFULLY READ and understand these instructions. If there is anything you do not understand DO NOT use the **Lanyard**, 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.

# **Description**

A lanyard is used to connect a safety harness, work positioning or restraint belt to an anchorage point, to hold the user in a supported work position or to prevent the user reaching a position where a fall is possible (restraint). It is not intended for fall arrest unless fitted with an energy absorber conforming to EN355.

# Work Positioning and Restraint

Lanyards used for 'Restraint' should be of such a length or adjusted to such a length that a fall situation cannot occur. Lanyards used in 'Work Positioning' are designed to support the user when working at height and when needing a hands free environment. A fall arrest backup must be used if the user is not in 'Restraint' and there is a risk of a fall. Only EN354 lanyards may be used in conjunction with an energy absorber pack (fall arrest) and the overall length must not exceed 2m.

# **Before Using**

**P&P** recommend that users are trained in the proper use and practical/physical limitations of this **Lanyard**. Equipment specifiers / users must ensure this device is used with compatible equipment and connectors. Failure to ensure compatibility may result in an unsafe condition or even connector/link failure.

#### Warning

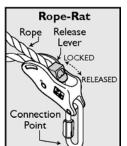
All work at height including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as a control measure is subject to a suitable and sufficient risk assessment.

# P&P Work Positioning Lanyards

**P&P** produce a range of 'Work Positioning' Lanyards to BSEN 358. These lanyards must be used with an approved harness or belt and will provide a work positioning or restraint system when used with a suitable anchorage.

#### P&P Rope-Rat Work Positioning Lanyard

A 2m lanyard constructed of I Imm Kernmantle rope with a 'Rope-Rat' adjuster and protective sleeve. One



end of the Kernmantle rope is fitted with a Kwiklok

Captive Eye Karabiner or other approved EN362 connector). The 'Rope-Rat' attachment point is normally supplied with a screwed oval link but may be fitted with a self closing/self locking EN362 connector. The free end of the

rope is 'sewn back' to prevent the 'Rope-Rat' detaching from the rope end.

Typically this lanyard is used with an EN361 harness fitted with EN358 attachment points. It then serves to provide a hands free environment.

To adjust 'up' the working length of the lanyard, when the lanyard is in the position of work and connected to your harness, take your weight off the lanyard by using one hand to pull yourself in, then use your other hand to pull the free end of the rope. This will adjust 'up' the working length of the lanyard. To lengthen the lanyard, grasp the 'Rope-Rat' with your hand closest to it, partially support your weight with your other hand on the structure and depress the release lever with your finger.

#### P&P Man-U-Just Work Positioning Lanyard

A 2m lanyard constructed of 16mm Nylon rope with a 'Man-U-Just' rope adjuster and protective sleeve. One end of the Nylon rope is fitted with an aluminium double action 'snap hook'. The 'Man-U-Just' attachment point is normally supplied with a screwed oval link but may be

fitted with a self closing/self locking EN362 connector.

The free end of the rope is 'back spliced' to prevent the 'Man-U-Just detaching from the rope end.

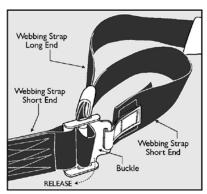
Typically this lanyard is used with

an EN361 harness fitted with EN358 attachment points. It then serves to provide a hands free environment. The rope can be increased (loosened) or decreased

(tightened) as required when in the work position. Note that both hands are needed to perform this adjustment and that the Work Positioning Lanyard must not be supporting your weight at the time. To alter the length, hold the free end of the rope with one hand and grasp the 'Man-U-Just with the other hand, compressing the lever with the palm of your hand. This action will release the 'Man-U-Just's grip on the rope and allow you to move it in either direction to increase or decrease length. Once adjusted, release the lever and check it grips the rope.

#### P&P Webbing Work Positioning Lanyard (Pole Strap)

A 2m lanyard constructed of polyester webbing with an adjustable buckle and wear pad to protect the webbing from abrasion. This standard pole strap is fitted with an aluminium double action 'snap hook' at each end (other



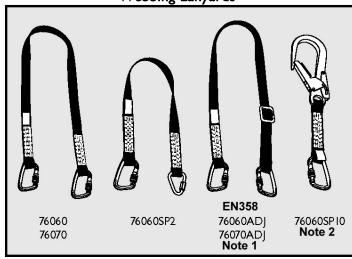
connectors may be fitted conforming to EN362). This lanyard is only for use with the EN358 Work Positioning 'D' rings fitted to a suitable P&P harness. It then serves to provide a hands free environment. The Webbing Strap can be

increased or decreased in length as required when in the work position. Note that only one hand is needed to perform this adjustment and that the Work Positioning Lanyard must not be supporting your weight at the time. To adjust 'up' the working length of the lanyard, when the lanyard is in the position of work and connected to your harness, take your weight off the lanyard by using one hand to pull yourself in, then use your other hand to pull the 'Webbing Strap short end' away from you. This will adjust 'up' the working length of the lanyard. To decrease length, grasp the long end of the webbing loop and pull it back.

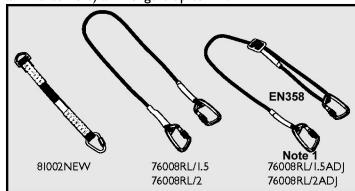
#### Webbing & Rope Lanyards

In addition to the Work Positioning Lanyards already discussed **P&P** produce a range of Webbing and Rope Lanyards that are suitable for work positioning, restraint or part of a fall arrest system. The following are examples of webbing lanyards and are constructed of 32mm 34kN breaking strain webbing. They are available with a choice of EN362 end connectors (hooks and karabiners) and lengths up to 2m.

#### Webbing Lanyards



The following are examples of P&P Rope Lanyards and are constructed of I Imm Kernmantle Rope. They are available with a choice of EN362 end connectors (hooks and karabiners) and lengths up to 2m.



Important Notes

I) Lanyards fitted with an adjuster are tested to EN358 and must ONLY be used for work positioning/restraint. They must NOT be used as part of, or incorporated in a fall arrest system.

The connector at the adjuster end will NOT be made captive unless supplied with a 'captive eye' type connector.

2) A 0.5m lanyard fitted with a double action snap hook to fit over a ladder rung. This lanyard is only available in this length and if used as a ladder hook must not be extended. It must ONLY be used on fixed and secured ladders.

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A 0.5m lanyard to EN354 fitted with a 'D' ring and screwed triangular link designed to extend a harness fall arrest attachment point. It must ONLY be used with a retractable fall arrestor (EN360) type incorporating an automatic tensioning spring. Connect the triangular link directly to your harness fall arrest 'D' ring. Connect the lanyard 'D' ring to the retractable type fall arrestor connector. Always ensure the lanyard is kept under tension and never allowed to become slack. This lanyard makes the connection of a retractable type fall arrestor easier and in the event of a rescue, provides a 'cut' section in the life line.

# Usage

- These items of PPE are for personal use only
- Only use connectors (hooks, karabiners etc) approved and recommended by **P&P**.
- Check the Inspection Record for this lanyard to ensure that regular inspections have been correctly recorded.
- It is strongly recommended that the user is given adequate practical training prior to using this lanyard or any other **P&P** product.
- The Maximum Rated Load (user weight) for P&P work positioning and restraint lanyards is 150Kg. In all cases when determining the suitability of equipment, specifiers should consider both the position and strength of anchorages. Under no circumstances use this lanyard where a fall can occur. If a fall can occur then a backup fall arrest system MUST be used.

## **Important**

#### Do not

- Do not use this lanyard until you have read and fully understood these instructions.
- Do not use this lanyard for 'Work Positioning/ Restraint', unless it is of such a length or can be adjusted to such a length that a fall cannot occur.
- Do not anchor to a structure that itself can fall i.e. freestanding ladder or any loose structure.
- Do not loop standard lanyards around objects with sharp edges. If a lanyard is to be looped around a structure (choked), a protective sleeve should be fitted.
- Do not tie a knot in a lanyard to make it shorter, it can reduce the lanyard strength by 50%
- Do not connect to an energy absorber if the finished length is greater than 2m
- Do not use an EN358 lanyard to make up a fall arrest lanyard using an Energy Absorber Pack.

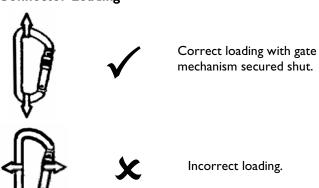
IF IN DOUBT, CONTACT YOUR SUPPLIER OR P&P FOR ADVICE.

#### Do

 Do ensure that the lanyard is connected to an anchorage of sufficient strength. Fall arrest – minimum peak load I2kN. Restraint/Work Positioning – minimum peak load capacity 3kN.

- Do ensure that this lanyard is connected to the correct attachment point of the full body harness or belt. If used as part of a fall arrest system then only the Sternum 'D' ring or Dorsal 'D' ring (Fall arrest points marked with letter 'A')
- Do ensure that the closing mechanism of the connector(s) is locked shut. Kwiklock, Locksafe and double action snap hook types do this automatically but should still be checked. Screw gate types must be screwed manually and checked by applying pressure against the closing mechanism.
- Do ensure if this lanyard is used for 'Work Positioning at Height' where a fall is possible there is a 'Backup' fall arrest system.
- Do ensure the connector, karabiner or snap-hook is loaded along its major axis. Be aware of 'cross gate loading'. A karabiner is engineered to 'direct' force along its major axis – but still check! \*
- Do ensure this lanyard is only used with compatible connectors.

# Connector Loading \*



It is strongly recommended that users are trained in its proper use and practical/physical limitations.

# Modifications and Repairs

No repairs, modifications or alterations are to be carried out on this **Lanyard**.

# Marking of PPE

Textile products including webbing and rope <u>must not</u> 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 <u>must not</u> 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.

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

This manual contains a section for recording Detailed Inspections. On the back page of the manual is a space for the user to record the product name, serial number and date of manufacture.

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, mould, 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 lanyard has been subject to significant paint overspray, it must not be used.
- Check connectors for correct operation ensuring there is no tendency for them to stick or jam.
- Adjusters and connectors must be free from rust, excessive wear, distortion or cracks.

If during the pre-use check the lanyard is found to be or believed to be faulty DO NOT use it. Remove from site to ensure it cannot be used by anyone else.

# Cleaning, Maintenance and Storage

Keep the **Lanyard** clean and dry. Remove excess moisture with a clean cloth then allow drying naturally in a warm room away from direct heat.

You may clean this lanyard using water but avoid getting soap/detergent into buckles. First rinse in clean cold

water – if still soiled; wash in clean warm water (40°C max) using a mild detergent if necessary. Thoroughly rinse in clean cold water and dry as described above.

#### Chemical Attack

Avoid contact with any chemical, which might affect the performance of this lanyard, 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 lanyard against risks such as those detailed under Service Life. A simple effective way is to transport the lanyard in a suitable bag or container, which prevents abrasion.

#### Service Life

The Lanyard has a maximum life span of 10 years from date of manufacture, provided it is correctly stored and maintained. However, if the lanyard 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 item is sold on, this manual must accompany it and be supplied in the language of the destination country.

#### **Product Details**

The Product Code, Serial number and Date of Manufacture of the **Lanyard** should be entered on the back page of this manual for future reference and inspection purposes.

#### Warning

This **Lanyard** 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 **Lanyard**.

#### 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** after 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** 

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#### **EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

The Manufacturer in the Community
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Declares that the PPE described hereafter as the

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is in conformity with the provisions of Council Directive 89/686/EEC and where such is the case, with the national standard transposing harmonizing standard numbers:

#### either BSEN 358:2000 or BSEN 354:2002

is identical to the PPE which is subject to EC certificate of conformity number Rope-Rat BSEN 358/06/002 dated March 2007

Man-U-Just BSEN 358/95/001dated January 1995 amended AD135 December 2010 Webbing WP Lanyard BSEN 358/94/002 dated 20 December 1994 amended AD 136 December 2010 BSEN 354/95/002 dated 17/03/95 amended by Extension Certificate AD138 dated 25/01/2011 issued by TUV NEL Limited, East Kilbride,

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is subject to the procedures set out in Article II point B of Directive 89/686/EEC under the supervision of the approved body:

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W4 4AL, United Kingdom EC Notified Body No 0086

Done at Birmingham, United Kingdom on 14 May 2015

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