

PERIODIC CHECKING OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

GENERAL REMARKS

Carrying out regular periodic checks (at intervals predetermined by the manufacturer) is vital for ensuring the equipment's efficiency and durability and the user's safety. The performance of regular periodic inspections is required by the EN 365 standard and it is therefore mandatory only for some devices categories, whose instructions for use will expressly indicate such obligation. Carrying out periodical controls doesn't relieve the user nor from the obligation to perform the controls before and after each use, neither to require an extraordinary periodic check, in case an outstanding event occurs (ex. a fall, even from a low height, a change of user etc.), or in case of doubts about the correct functioning of the device. **Attention!** Before first use, the owner / user of PPE must fill in the "device identification sheet" when present in the user's instructions of the same. **Attention!** The Inspector, after having carried out the periodic inspection, is responsible for the proper functioning of a PPE. The check must be performed with the highest accuracy, without haste and after completing all the necessary steps.

The periodic inspection can be carried out:

- by Aludesign S.p.A.;
- by a competent person authorized by Aludesign S.p.A. following the participation and the passing of the relevant course, organized by the parent company or by any authorized representatives;
- by a person defined as competent on the basis of the current national rules on PPE inspection in compliance with the procedures provided by Aludesign S.p.A.

	User	Manufacturer / Competent Person authorized by the manufacturer / person defined as competent according to the national regulations in force concerning PPE inspection.
Regular periodic checks		•
Check before or after each use	•	

The regular periodic checks must be carried out:

- if the previous use of the device is unknown;
- at least every 12 months, with normal/standard use;
- in the presence of anomalies found during the inspections before and after each use;
- except for exceptions, whenever there is a change of user;
- filling the periodic inspection sheet in, which can be downloaded from the website www.climbingtechnology.com;





Attention! The periodic inspection sheet also exists in the optimized version for kits or systems of PPE.

Attention! Provided that the minimum mandatory frequency for the periodic inspection is 12 months, it can be increased (i.e. 3 months, 6 months etc.) according to the national regulations in force or the frequency, intensity and method of use (i.e. heavy use, use in a marine environment, corrosive atmospheres etc.).

The periodic inspection sheet must be filled out:

- following the specific procedure for each type of device (check the latest update on the website www.climbingtechnology.com);
- consulting the photographic material available, where present;
- consulting the instructions for use of the device, or downloading them from the website: www.climbingtechnology.com;
- examining the device in a suitable, tidy and well-lit environment.

The photographic material at the end of the procedures is accompanied by an explicative caption and by the following symbols:

	The device is in good condition or has only minor damages: it is therefore suitable for use.
	The device has medium/major damages that affect its primary functions and, as a consequence, must be discarded.
	The device has defects that can be solved through lubrication or cleaning. If such defects are not solved, the device must be discarded.
	The device has defects that can be solved by replacing a component using the appropriate spare parts supplied by Aludesign S.p.A.

Notes:

- Each device can be composed both by **primary elements** (having structural / safety functions) and by **secondary elements** (having accessory functions): upon examiner's discretion, the damages existing on secondary elements could have less importance in causing the unsuitability of the device. > The primary and secondary parts of each PPE are listed in the relevant personal protective equipment periodic inspection sheet.
- The data related to the model, code, serial number, month and year of manufacture and standard can generally be obtained from the marking positioned on the device, after having consulted the relevant paragraph in the instructions for use. In the absence of the serial

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number it is possible to identify the device by means that do not compromise its safety: in case of doubt, refer to the manufacturer.

- The maximum lifetime of a device is indicated in the relevant instructions for use.
- Prior to the check the device should be adequately cleaned as described in the instructions for use. A dirty device can be declared unfit for use because it cannot be inspected properly.

At the end of the inspection procedure the device can be declared: FIT FOR USE, where the date of the next inspection will be indicated, or UNFIT FOR USE. In the "Notes" section any defects found, repairs carried out or other relevant information will be indicated.

Attention: Climbing Technology declines any responsibility with regard to direct, indirect or accidental consequences, including any damage resulting from an inspection performed incorrectly or differently from what is indicated in the procedures provided. Climbing Technology reserves the right to modify or change the documentation in question at any time.