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# SAS Synthetic Lifelines Instruction/Specification Manual 05-2024

## **WARNING TO USER!**

ENGLISH VERSION Specification manual supplied at the time this device was shipped. Improper use and installation can result in serious injury or death. Follow inspection requirements before each use.



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## Fall Arrester (FA) Installation/Removal

- Fig.10a: Open the gate lock clip and position gate key
   into key slot . The gate lock nut won't unthread unless .
   b and are performed first.
- 2) Unthread the gate lock nut ().
- 3) Fig.10b: Place lifeline into rope cavity. Direction arrow must point to lifeline A-end attached to anchor point. Closing the Gate:
- 4) Fig.10a: Position gate key D into key slot O.
- 5) Fig.10c: Close gate lock clip and securely tighten lock nut .
   Perform 11a, 11b function tests before using.
   Warning! Failure to attach the FA in the correct direction will disable the locking function.

## Lock Tests: Perform Prior to Each Use

 $\boxtimes$  = Test Fails remove from service.  $\boxtimes$  = Test passes. Over time a lifeline will grow in diameter due to the accumulation of debris and failure of the mobility test 11b. Clean lifeline with water or compressed air. Failed mobility test  $\boxtimes$ .

## Fig.11a Cam Lock Test 🚯

Hold the A-end of the lifeline. Pull the connector ring in the opposite direction as shown.

FA does not move on lifeline.  $\square$  FA moves on lifeline.  $\square$ 



## Integral Adjuster Inspection/LockTests



## Fig.11b Mobility Test 1

Hold connector ring in open position holding the lifeline A-end as shown. FA moves freely on the lifeline. ☑ FA does not move easily. Check cam lock and rope cavity for debris and retest. If test fails: ☑

Hold Lifeline A-end

Pull Rope Thru Rope Cavity





Gate Hinge





Fig.10d

### **Connector Ring Spring Test**

Fig.10d ring spring must be intact and function properly. Test by holding the connector ring in the open position Fig.11b. The ring should spring back to the locked position Fig.11a  $\heartsuit$ Spring is missing or fails the spring test, remove from service  $\boxtimes$ 

#### Warning! Applies to all Rope Grabs.

In the event of a fall, DO NOT grab the Lifeline A-end above the rope grabs position Or the rope grab itself. Figs. 12a,12b.



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**Direction Arrow points** 

to Lifeline A-end

Rope

Cavity

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## **Daily and Annual Inspections**

Perform lifeline inspection, rope grab and snaphook function tests prior to each use and by a qualified or "competent" person at least once a year. A record of inspections and removal of lifelines from service should be maintained for each lifeline. The following inspection points are common conditions that occur as a result of abuse, poor maintenance or long service life and should be used as an inspection guideline. Employers and safety personnel are responsible for drafting their own fall protection equipment inspection and maintenance program which may include the information contained in this manual.

#### Snaphook Class 1 Connector **O** Fig.16a Fig.16b Fig.16c Gate Locked Gate Closed/Locked **Un-lock** gate Gate Lock Release! Gate closes Push Push Gate gate Push only 3 Rivets Gate open Lifeline Inspection **Fig.18** Fig.17a Fig.17b Eve Thimble ิด Hocked Ø Abraded Strands Strands OB Deformed Due to Cut or Free Fall Burned Swage or non Strands 84 Specified 1B Use. **Lifeline Knots Incompatible Connections** Warning! DO NOT make incompatible Fig.19a Fig.19b connectors as shown in Figs. 20. They Knot Tied may result in failure of the lifeline to Above sustain a free fall. Rope Grab Fig.20a 6 Wrap Around Integral Adjuster Shown Applies to all l ifeline **Rope Grabs** Fed Thru Missing Connector Limiter Knot

Fig.20b DO NOT Connect Snaphooks Together

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#### Table 1. Snaphook Function Tests

Fig.	Test Type	FunctionPass Factor		Fail 🗵
<b>16</b> a	Gate-lock	Push against gate only	Won't open	Opens
16b	Gate-open	Push gate-lock and gate	Opens	Won't open
16c	Gate-close	Release gate and gate-lock at same time	Snaps shut	Won't close and lock

# Remove equipment from service if any of the following conditions are present:

 $\boxtimes$  = Remove From Service.  $\boxtimes$  = Make Changes as Noted.

#### **Primary Inspection Points**

- Lifeline subjected to a free fall or unspecified use. X
   Fails inspection/function
- Fails inspection/function tests.

### Lifeline

- Strands are cut, hocked or have heat damage. × Figs.17a,17b.
- 2 Eye thimble is deformed or missing. ⊠ Fig.18.
- Swage cracked or loose. Figs. 9,18.
- PID/Inspection label missing. Figs. 1,2,3,4.
- Limiter knot missing. Tie limiter knot below rope grab position.
   Fig. 19a.
- 6 Knots tied above rope grab. Remove knot. ✓ Fig. 19b.

#### **Snaphook Table 1**

#### **Super Grab**

Fig.20c

DO NOT Tie Lifelines Together

8 Hand grab is cracked. Missing screws. ⊠ Figs. 5,14.

### **Zinc Plating Corrosion**

Minor surface corrosion does not require to remove from service. Salt air accelerates corrosion and can be reduced by rinsing with fresh water after use. Remove from service if deep pitting or extreme rust is present.

#### Lifeline/Rope Grab Service Life

Table 2. SAS Recommended Service Life

Deterioration of synthetic rope is difficult to determine by visual inspection. Service life is based on UV exposure and frequency of use.

Use	UV Exposure/Service Life Years			
Low		3-5 yrs	High	2-3 yrs
Moderate	Low	2-4 yrs		1-3 yrs
Daily	,	1-3 yrs		1-2 yrs

## Fig.20d

DO NOT Tie a Lifeline to a Anchorage Point Attach Lifeline A-end w/class 1 connector only.



- Has not been inspected annually. ⊠ Perform annual inspection and return to service. ☑
   Expired service life see
- Expired service life se Table 2. ⊠

#### Value Grab

- 9 Eye thimble is deformed or missing. ⊠ Figs. 15,18.
- O Swage cracked or loose. ⊠ Figs. 9,15.
- Swage clear cover missing. Figs. 9,18. OK to use.

#### SuperGrab/ValueGrab

- PID/inspection labels missing. Figs. 14,15.
- **B** Rope grab stands cut or hocked.  $\boxtimes$  Figs. 17a,b.
- Less than 6 rope wraps. ⊠ Figs.14,15. Add additional wraps as needed. ☑

## **(b)** Fails locking test. $\boxtimes$ Figs. 14,15.

## Fall Arrester/Integral Adjuster

- Image: Fails inspection/lock tests. Figs. 10a,b,c. 11a,b. 13a,b.
   Image: Connector ring bent or
- ⑦ Connector ring bent or deformed. ⊠ Figs. 11a, 13a.
   ⑧ Arrow not pointing to lifeline
- Arrow not pointing to lifeline A-end. Figs. 10b, 13a. Remove and orient in correct position.



Minimum 24"

## Length of Fall (LOF) 6ft Free Fall Example

All components of a fall protection system are subject to stretch, elongation and deceleration when subjected to a free fall. To prevent striking a lower level, the ground below, or exceeding PPE performance specifications, the LOF plus ground or obstacle clearance must be calculated as accurately as possible. The examples shown in this manual apply to equipment mfg, by **SAS** and are intended as an example only. Personnel\* responsible for project safety are required to draft their own Length of Fall Plan LOFP. \*Qualified or competent\* person or a safety consultant as defined by OSHA.

### LOF Example

Standing at the LE with no slack or angle in the Lifeline, the RG should be placed on the lifeline no closer than its service length of 21" from the LE to reduce free fall to a minimum. **E/A** in tension see Fig.21.

To prevent free falls greater than 6ft, the E/A should not be allowed to hang vertically when positioned at the LE Fig.24.

Note: The example plan specifies a 39" RG deceleration and E/A deployment of 48".

## **Free Fall Event**

Fall arrest occurs in 2 different phases.

The worker steps over the LE, Fig.22, and immediately free falls. The free fall length is equal to the D-ring height of 52" + any line slack or E/A length that is allowed to hang vertically.

In this example, 20" of line slack + 52" = 72" total free fall before any force is applied to the RG.

Phase 1: After free falling 6ft, the E/A and lifeline are in tension and the force of the fall is applied to the RG. This initiates the RG's locking function. As it decelerates a max, length of 39" down the lifeline, the force of the fall causes the RG to lock fully onto the lifeline.

#### This action will initiate Phase 2.

Note: A limiter knot positioned below the RG on the lifeline at the LE can be used to reduce the RG's deceleration distance to less than 39", Fig.25.

#### Leading Edge Swing Fall Hazard

Horizontal travel along the leading edge exposes the worker to a swing fall hazard. The free fall length will not increase provided the E/A and lifeline remain in tension. LOF will be increased by the angle of the lifeline off-center from the anchor point above.

### Fall Arrest

Phase 2 E/A Deployment: When the RG locks onto the lifeline, the E/A's tear webbing begins to deploy (tear out), reducing the free fall velocity and avg. arrest force to 1,350lb or

less, while limiting the G forces to humanly sustainable levels. As the E/A gradually deploys, it brings the free fall to a complete stop (fall arrest). The E/A's tear webbing has a max. deployment length of 66". Deployment lengths will vary based on the workers weight and the length of the free fall. It is typically less than 66".

Harness Stretch: The force of the free fall combined with the weight of a suspended worker takes up any slack in the harness webbing causing the D-ring's D-Plate to slide upward. Harness stretch is approx.14", provided the harness has been properly adjusted to fit the worker, and reducing webbing slack to a minimum.

#### Ground Clearance Warning!

A 2ft safety margin should be added to the net LOF to avoid striking a lower level or the ground below. A failure to do so can result in serious injury or death.

#### Length of Fall Calculation

"A" = D-ring height above LE	52"
"B"= Rope grab deceleration	39"
"C"= E/A length over the LE	20"
"D"= E/A Max. Deployment	66"
"E"= Harness stretch	14"
Net LOF Total	191
Min. Ground Clearance	24"
Length of Fall Plan (LOFP)	215

39"
20"
66"
14"
191"/ <mark>16</mark> '
24"
215"/18'

## Note:

The LOF example shown here specifies No.4015-Z fall arrester deceleration Length of 39". No.4015-M, SuperGrab and ValueGrab decleration lengths are shorter reducing the LOF. Figs. 5,6.

### Key Code:

- E/A = Energy Absorber **RG** = Rope Grab LE = Leading edge
- LOF = Length of fall

#### **Calculating Free Fall Lengths**

Two factors are required to limit free falls to 6ft:

- D-ring height above the leading 1) edge, fall hazard or work surface Fig.21.
- The amount of slack/angle in the 2) lifeline and the service length of the E/A that is allowed to hang vertically Fig.24.

# **Fig.24**

### **E/A Service Length**

When the E/A is allowed to hang vertically at the LE, the total service length must be added to the free fall length.



Leading Edge

**Example Free Fall Calculation** D-ring Height = 52" E/A + RG Service Length = 30" Total Free Fall Length = 82"

## Limiter Knot/Failsafe

A termination knot is used to adjust the worker's position on the lifeline as a means to gauge the free fall length and will prevent unintentional disengagement of RG from the lifeline.



Termination Knot