

Lyon guidance note - Changes to the maximum lifetime of Lyon wire anchor strops

In April 2014 Lyon Equipment Limited commenced manufacture of its galvanised wire and stainless steel wire anchor strops to the latest version of the EN795 Type B temporary transportable anchor standard. As part of this recertification process the information provided with each product was revised, including the potential lifetime of the product.

From April 2014 Lyon manufactured wire anchor strop instructions state:

'Obsolescence - The lifetime of this strop is potentially indefinite if stored correctly.'

The General product instruction additionally supplied with each wire anchor strop further states:

'Lifetime and when to withdraw your equipment from use - Withdraw your equipment from use if any one of the following applies:

- ***It shows sign of wear and tear / damage that may affect performance***
- ***Markings on the product are no longer legible***
- ***You suspect it may have been exposed to chemical contamination or extreme temperatures***
- ***It fails a periodic examination***
- ***It has been used to arrest a fall or has been excessively loaded***
- ***It is more than 10 years after the date of manufacture (textile items or items with textile components). Metal items have a potentially indefinite lifespan if stored correctly.***
- ***If you have any reason to doubt that it is safe to use.***

Warning: the safe working life of this product may be as short as its first use in extreme circumstances. If in doubt, do not hesitate to scrap this product.'

The specific revision from the previous products potential maximum lifetime of 10 years applies only to products produced after April 2014; it is not retrospective.

Products manufactured prior to April 2014 will require withdrawal from service at a maximum of 10 years following date of manufacture, regardless of condition. Therefore, no pre-April 2014 Lyon manufactured wire anchor strops should remain in service past April 2024.

Users are reminded to always refer to the Lyon web site www.lyon.co.uk for the latest version of product instructions, updates and additional information.

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