



USER INSTRUCTIONS

Stretcher Support Harness

Code

LPP0027

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This information to be read and kept for the lifetime of the product in conjunction with the Lyon General User Instructions and stretcher user instructions.

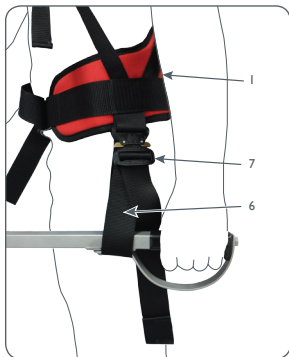
All users must have appropriate training, knowledge and experience of stretcher movement and casualty care, or be working under the direct supervision of such a person.

Quality assurance

Quality management system assessed and certified as meeting the requirements of ISO 9001.

Nomenclature

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| 1. Waist belt | 6. Stretcher attachment strap |
| 2. Waist belt buckle | 7. Stretcher attachment adjustment buckle |
| 3. Shoulder straps | |
| 4. Shoulder strap adjustment buckle | |
| 5. Chest strap | |



Use

The stretcher support harness is not PPE. It is designed primarily to provide assistance in distributing the mass of an assembled and loaded stretcher on a rescuer more comfortably during manual transit. It must not be used as the sole means of support.

All other uses are forbidden without the written approval of Lyon Equipment Ltd.

Not to be used for protection against falls from height.

It is the user's responsibility to assess and confirm that the stretcher support harness is compatible with the stretcher it is to be used in conjunction with, and for the applications intended and forces expected.

Fitting the harness

Ensure that the stretcher support harness is not allowed to drop onto the casualty during the rescue. Do not allow

the stretcher support harness to come into contact with any open wounds.

Don the stretcher support harness as illustrated. Adjust the waist belt buckle to achieve a snug fit that is not too tight.

Adjust the shoulder strap buckles so that the fit is comfortable, and the waist belt is maintained at waist level and will not slip down under load.

Attaching the loaded stretcher

With the stretcher supported separately, move into position between the deployed and secured stretcher carry handles.

Attach the stretcher support harness to the handles on the stretcher by looping each of the stretcher attachment straps around the stretcher handle nearest to it.

Adjust the length of the strap by pulling on the free end, so that when loaded the stretcher handle is within reach.

Ensure the strap is restrained and cannot slide off the handle. Where a hand guard is fitted to the stretcher handle, the attachment strap may be fitted through the hand guard and around the handle by unclipping the stretcher attachment strap adjustment buckle and passing the free end through the guard – do not support the load on the guard only!

Once connected to the stretcher handles, slowly transfer the load to the carry harness. Assess the load applied and if at any point the load on the

rescuer is considered uncomfortable or excessive immediately provide alternative support for the stretcher.

Do not use the stretcher support harness where the loads applied to the wearer may cause personal injury. Consider other methods of transport.

Do not use the stretcher support harness as a sole means of support. The harness is intended as an aid to manual support.

Inspection

The stretcher support harness should be subject to:

- Pre-use checks
- Thorough inspections
- Interim inspections (as appropriate)

All parts of the stretcher support harness should be checked. Loosen all straps and move connectors and buckles to allow all parts to be fully inspected. Do not dis-assemble the stretcher support harness.

Check the webbing by passing it slowly through the hands to detect small cuts in the edges, cuts across the face of the webbing, softening or hardening of the fibres, abrasion, ingress of contaminants, broken, cut or worn threads in the stitching. Pay particular attention to the stretcher attachment straps.

Check that all fastening and adjustment buckles are undamaged and function correctly.

The checks should be undertaken in good light. Any item showing any defect

should be withdrawn from service immediately.

Materials

The 45 mm webbing is polyester.

The 25 mm webbing is polypropylene.

The thread is polyamide.

The metal buckles are aluminium, brass and stainless steel.

The plastic buckles are polyamide.

The comfort padding is polyolefin.

Obsolescence

The stretcher support harness has a potential maximum lifetime of ten years from date of manufacture.



Maintaining your equipment

Refer to the general user instructions.

Ensure that the stretcher support harness is completely dry before storage.

If contaminated by biohazard, dispose of immediately.

Markings

	Manufacturer's logo
	Refer to user instructions
idN	Individual serial number will be in the format YYDDD I 2345. The first two digits give the year of manufacture, the next three digits the day of the year from 001 to 365 and the five digits after is the number in the series
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General user instructions

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Notified body controlling manufacture (where applicable)

Where items of Personal Protective Equipment require an EU type examination in accordance with Personal Protective Equipment (EU) Regulation 2016/425, the body controlling the manufacture is: Notified body No. 0598 SGS Fimko Oy, P.O. Box 30 (Särkiniementie 3), 00211 HELSINKI, Finland.

WARNING

Make sure that you have read and understood these instructions before using this equipment. These user instructions are to be read and kept along with any other user information provided.

Activities at height are hazardous and may lead to injury or death. It is the user's responsibility, at all times, to ensure that they understand the correct use of any equipment supplied by or through Lyon Equipment, use it only for the purposes for which it is designed, and practice proper safety procedures including having a rescue plan in case of emergency.

This product must not be used outside its limitations, or for any purpose other than those described in the user instructions. Misuses forbidden in these instructions are examples only; many other misuses may exist which could lead to injury or death.

Do not use combinations of items of equipment in which the safe function of any one item is affected or interferes with the safe function of another.

Please note, the information in these user instructions is not exhaustive, and is not a substitute for comprehensive instruction and training by a competent person.

Lyon Equipment is not responsible for any consequences, whether direct, indirect or accidental, resulting from the use of its products. If you are unsure about the correct use of this product, please contact us.

Who can use this equipment

This equipment should only be used by trained, competent and responsible persons, or the user should be under the direct supervision of a trained, competent and responsible person.

Activities at height should not be undertaken by persons affected by alcohol or drug dependence, diabetes, epilepsy, fits, blackouts, fear of heights, vertigo / dizziness / difficulty with balance, heart disease / chest pain, high or low blood pressure, impaired limb function, obesity, psychiatric illness, musculoskeletal issues, e.g. a bad back.

General instructions for use

Equipment must be checked before each use, to ensure it is serviceable and operates correctly. Checks should also be carried out during use. In addition, a thorough inspection by a competent inspector should be carried out in strict accordance with these user instructions, and a record kept of these inspections.

This product may be used with any compatible item of equipment, keeping in mind the limitations of each item in the safety chain. It should be noted that a full body harness is the only type of harness which may be used in a fall arrest system.

The anchor device or anchor point is of primary importance and should be unquestionably reliable. It should be strong enough to withstand the foreseeable maximum load that could be applied e.g. in the event of a fall.

When selecting an anchor, the anticipated directions of loading and potential loads should be taken into account.

Anchors should be selected and positioned to allow work to be carried out in such a way as to minimise the potential for a fall and potential fall distance, for example by keeping the anchor point / device above the user.

Anchors should not have sharp or rough edges which could damage equipment (use edge protection if necessary).

On each occasion of use, verify the free space required beneath the user in order to avoid an impact. Always try to place protection so that any fall will be stopped before the user hits the ground or any other obstruction. Remember to allow for rope stretch and slippage in the belay device or rope ascender / descender. In a fall arrest situation, the user must be protected from dynamic forces of greater than 6 kN in the event of a fall, e.g. by use of a fall arrest system incorporating an EN 355 energy absorber.

Maintaining your equipment

Wash in clean water not exceeding 30°C with pure soap and rinse in clean cold water. Do not use chemical products, solvents or detergents – these should be regarded as harmful.

Due to the difficulties in effectively disinfecting equipment, we recommend that any contaminated equipment should be withdrawn from use and disposed of in a suitable manner.

Equipment must be clean and dry before storing. Always allow to dry naturally, away from direct heat. Equipment should be stored in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, away from excessive heat, high humidity, sharp edges, corrosives, sunlight or other sources of ultraviolet light (UV) and other possible causes of damage.

During transport, this product should be protected from abrasion, mechanical damage, chemical contamination, UV and heat.

Textiles

Always keep textile items at temperatures between -30°C and +50°C.

Metal items

Always keep metal items at temperatures between -20°C and +60°C.

No alterations, additions or repairs may be made to this product without the manufacturer's prior written consent; if done, the repair must be carried out by a competent person for repair authorised by Lyon Equipment to make the repair; and in accordance with specified procedures.

These instructions must be strictly adhered to.

Inspection

A thorough inspection should be carried out at least every 6 months by a competent inspector in accordance with these user instructions. A record of these checks should be kept with the product along with these user instructions. In addition, interim inspections should be carried out where products are used intensively, or in particularly harsh environments where damage is more likely to occur, or where legislation or the type of equipment make it necessary.

Pre-use and thorough inspections are essential because the user's level of protection depends on the continuing correct performance of this product.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) inspection training is available from Lyon Equipment.

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.

It is the responsibility of the competent inspector to decide whether the equipment should be put back into use, or permanently withdrawn from use. Equipment permanently withdrawn from use must be destroyed, and should be recycled where facilities exist.

Certain environmental elements will considerably accelerate wear: salt, sand, dust, snow, ice, moisture, chemicals, sunlight (UV radiation) – list not exhaustive.

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.

Guarantee

In the event of any defect in materials or workmanship please return the product to the dealer, distributor or manufacturer within 3 years of purchase for inspection. We will replace or repair as required. This guarantee does not cover normal wear and tear or accidental damage.

Note to resellers

If the product is re-sold outside the UK and Eire, but within the EU, the reseller is responsible for providing instructions for use, maintenance, periodic examination and for repair in the language of the country in which the product is to be used.

If you require the Intrastat commodity code / customs tariff code or NATO stock number (where applicable) for this product, please contact us via lyon.co.uk

Inspection records







A record must be kept for each component, subsystem and system, including name and contact details of the manufacturer or supplier, product description, serial number, year of manufacture, date of purchase, date of first use, any other relevant information, and history of periodic examinations and repairs, the name and signature of

the competent inspector and the next due date for inspection. An example of a suitable equipment record is shown on this user instruction and can also be downloaded at lyon.co.uk

Local jurisdiction may dictate that extra information be recorded in the inspection record – check your country's legal requirements. Some products may have features which need special monitoring during periodic inspections, e.g. wear indicators, in which case this information should also be recorded on the inspection record.

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Explanation of symbols

	Refer to user instructions
	Permitted use
	Caution
	Danger of death
	Telephone number
	Anchor point
	Rope diameter
	Cable
	SWL (Safe Working Load)

