



MAXSAFE[®]

USER INSTRUCTION MANUAL

ANCHORAGE STRAPS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING MODELS:

MCAS-WS-1.5m, MAS-WS-1.5m

USER MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO USE

INTRODUCTION

MAXSAFE® are the producers and suppliers of Products, Training and Services for the height safety industry and working at heights. This instruction manual has been designed to assist all users in the prevention of accidents and to make good, informed choices.

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WARNING

DO NOT SKIP THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL. READ THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THE EQUIPMENT. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

This manual must be read and understood in its entirety and used as part of the User's fall protection training program as required by AS/NZS. These instructions are intended to meet the manufacturer's instructions as required by AS/NZS 1891. The user must fully understand the proper equipment use and limitations.

This product is part of a Personal Fall Arrest System, work positioning, suspension, or rescue system. The user must read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for each component or part of a complete system. These instructions must be provided to the user of this equipment. The user must read and understand these instructions or have them explained to them before using this equipment. Manufacturer's instructions must be followed for proper use and maintenance of this product. Alterations or misuse of this product or failure to follow instructions may result in serious injury or death.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, WARNINGS AND LIMITATIONS:

- This equipment is designed for use as a part of a personal fall protection system. Components must not be used for any other operation other than that for which it has been designed and approved. Fall Arrest Systems are designed to comply with AS/NZS standards. Fall Restraint Systems must be designed by a Qualified Competent Person, and must be installed and used under the supervision of a Competent Person.
- All authorized persons/users must refer to the regulations governing occupational safety, as well as applicable AS/NZS standards. Please refer to product labeling for information on specific regulations, and AS/NZS standards met by the product.
- Proper precautions should always be taken to remove any obstructions, debris, material, or other recognized hazards from the work area that could cause injuries or interfere with the operation of the system. All equipment must be inspected before each use according to the manufacturer's instructions. All equipment should be inspected by a Qualified Competent Person on a regular basis as required by legislative controls.
- To minimize the potential for accidental disengagement, a competent person must ensure system compatibility.
- Equipment must not be altered in any way. Repairs must be performed only by the Manufacturer, or persons or entities authorized in writing by the Manufacturer.
- Any product exhibiting deformities, unusual wear, or deterioration must be immediately discarded. Any equipment subject to a fall must be removed from service.
- The authorized person/user shall have a rescue plan and the means at hand to implement it when using this equipment.
- Never use fall protection equipment for purposes other than those for which it was designed. Fall protection equipment should never be used for towing or hoisting.
- All synthetic material must be protected from slag, hot sparks, open flames, or other heat sources. The use of heat resistant materials is recommended in these applications.
- Never use natural materials (manila, cotton, etc.) as part of a fall protection system.
- Do not expose this equipment to chemicals which may have a harmful effect on the materials used to construct it. Be especially aware of caustic environments, or those that contain high levels of organic acids or bases. If you are uncertain about the safe operation of this equipment in any environment, contact MAXSAFE® for further instructions.
- Do not use this equipment near sharp edges and abrasive surfaces.
- Do not use this equipment around moving machinery or electrical hazards.

MAXSAFE® ANCHORAGE STRAPS should be used only with the combinations of components, sub-systems or both which will not affect or interfere with the safe function of one another. Be certain that connecting devices and other elements of the PFAS are safe to use and compatible before use. Contact MAXSAFE® for further instructions.

SYSTEM LIMITATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

Consider the following limitations/requirements prior to installing or using this equipment.

CAPACITY:

MAXSAFE® Anchorage Straps are designed for use by persons with a combined weight (clothing, tools, etc.) of no more than 140kg. Make sure all of the components in your system are rated to a capacity appropriate to your application. All MAXSAFE® Anchor Straps are rated up to 2,268kg.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:

Use of this equipment in areas with environmental hazards may require additional precautions to prevent injury to the user or damage to the equipment. Hazards may include, but are not limited to; heat, chemicals, corrosive environments, high voltage power lines, gases, moving machinery, and sharp edges.

COMPATIBILITY OF CONNECTORS:

Connectors are considered to be compatible with connecting elements when they have been designed to work together in such a way that their sizes and shapes do not cause their gate mechanisms to inadvertently open regardless of how they become oriented. If the connecting element that a snap hook or Karabiner attaches to is undersized or irregular in shape, a situation could occur where the connecting element applies a force to the gate of the snap hook or Karabiner. This force may cause the gate (of either a self-locking or a non-locking snap hook) to open, allowing the snap hook or Karabiner to disengage from the connecting point. Connectors must be compatible in size, shape, and strength.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

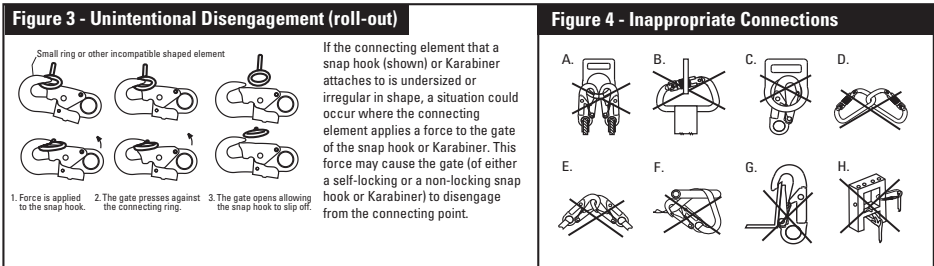
Always use snap hooks and Karabiners which needs double manual action to open with this equipment. Only use connectors that are suitable to each application. Ensure all connections are compatible in size, shape and strength. Do not use equipment that is not compatible. Ensure all connectors are fully closed and locked.

The connection should not be made:

- A. To a D-ring to which another connector is attached.
- B. In a manner that would result in a load on the gate.
- C. In a false engagement, where features that protrude from the snap hook or Karabiner catch on the anchor and without visual confirmation seems to be fully engaged to the anchor point.
- D. To each other.
- E. Directly to webbing or rope lanyard or tie-back (unless the manufacturer's instructions for both the lanyard and connector specifically allow such a connection)
- F. To any object which is shaped or dimensioned such that the snap hook or Karabiner will not close and lock, or that roll-out could occur.

RESTRICTIONS REGARDING MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Do not make connections where the hook locking mechanism can come into contact with a structural member or other equipment and potentially release the hook.
- Do not connect a snap hook into a loop or thimble of a wire rope or attach in any way to a slack wire rope.
- The snap hook must be free to align with the applied load as intended (regardless of the size or shape of the mating connector).
- A Karabiner may be used to connect to a single or pair of soft loops on a body support such as a body belt or full body harness, provided the Karabiner can fully close and lock. This type of connection is not allowed for snap hooks.
- A Karabiner may be connected to a loop or ring connector that is already occupied by an automatic closing connector.



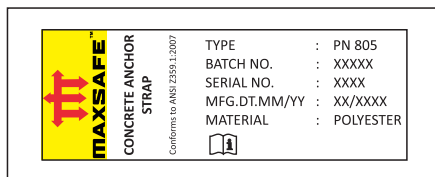
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

MAXSAFE® Anchors are designed to provide complete attachment system to user in the event of a fall. These attachment systems must be connected to the proper body support and connecting facility. These Anchors are meant to hold the victim of a fall event until the rescue operation is performed, so this is important that the whole system must have all the essential components before being used. The whole fall arrest system must be used by a trained, competent person. The user must check all of the essential and applicable components that are required prior to use.

USE OF FALL ARREST SYSTEM:

The fall arrest system MUST ONLY be connected to the dorsal D-ring on the harness provided for the purpose or to the front sternum D-ring anchorage point. It is imperative that the chest anchorage points be used together. The D-rings on the belt and the ventral anchorage point must only be used for the attachment of a work positioning or retaining system and never with a fall arrest system. During use, check regularly the adjustment and/or attachment points.

PRODUCT LABELING:



OTHERS:

INSPECTION

Visually inspect the system before each use to ensure that it is in a serviceable condition and is operating correctly. If during inspection, doubts are raised about the safety of the system or a component, these should be replaced either by the manufacturer or a competent person.

CLEANING

Cleaning after use is important for maintaining the safety and longevity of the product. Remove all dirt, corrosives, and contaminants from the product before and after each use. If the product cannot be cleaned with plain water, use mild soap and water, then rinse and wipe dry. NEVER clean the product with corrosive substances.

COMPATIBILITY

To optimize protection, in some instance it may be necessary to use the product with suitable boots/gloves/helmet or earmuffs. In this case, before carrying out the risk-related activity, consult your supplier to ensure that all your protective products are compatible and suitable for your application.

STORAGE

When not in use, store the product away where it will not be affected by heat, light, excessive moisture, or other degrading elements and away from heavily acidic or chemically hazardous environments. Never place heavy items on top of it.

DAMAGED PRODUCT & WITHDRAWAL FROM USE

- If the product becomes damaged it will not provide the optimum protection and therefore should be immediately replaced. Withdraw it from use. Never use damaged products.
- If the system has been used to arrest a fall, it should be removed from service immediately and destroyed.

PERIODIC EXAMINATION

- It is important to conduct regular periodic examination of the product because the safety of the user depends upon the continued efficiency and durability of the product.
- The frequency of examination should be at least once in a year. However, it can be more than once if legislation requires, or frequency of use is high or environmental conditions have an adverse affect on it (eg. excessive rain, sea side environment, excessive heat etc).
- It is emphasized that the examination be conducted only by a competent person and strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's periodic examination procedures.
- It is also advised the competent person be correctly trained and authorized by the manufacturer.
- Ensure that all markings on the product are legible and can be clearly read.
- It is the responsibility of the User to keep the Inspection & Maintenance Log up-to-date (refer to Back Cover).

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE LOG

SERIAL NUMBER:	
MODEL NUMBER:	
DATE PURCHASED:	DATE OF FIRST USE:

INSPECTION DATE	INSPECTIONS ITEMS NOTED	CORRECTIVE ACTION	MAINTENANCE PERFORMED
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