

HEIGHT SAFETY etc. PPE MANUFACTURERS' SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED MAX. LIFE FOR OBSOLESCENCE FOR PPE CONTAINING TEXTILE MATERIALS.

Manufacturer's recommendations & guidance for Users, Owners & PPE Examiners of height safety type PPE Equipment with integral textile componentary.

Maximum life for obsolescence is the latest possible date, subject to detailed conditions, that the Manufacturer recommends that the product should remain in service.

In order to reach this maximum life for obsolescence date the product must, from a visual and tactile perspective, be fit to remain in service and therefore also be free from any damage, deformation, adverse contamination, excessive wear, obvious signs of UV degradation e.g. bleaching or discolouration, with all details / markings of identification (e.g. CE marking, batch reference, individual serialisation -where present etc) being clear and readable.

It should be noted that many things can shorten the lifespan of a product, & the lifespan could be as short as first use, or even earlier if damaged (e.g. in transit) prior to first use.

The Maximum life for obsolescence of such equipment from some of the Manufacturers is detailed below for easy reference.

Therefore the Manufacturer recommends that all and any PPE equipment reaching maximum life for obsolescence should be removed from service & undergo a recorded controlled disposal in an environmentally responsible manner.

Textile PPE or PPE containing integral textile components: -

5yrs from manufacture: -

- Simoni srl (For EN397 helmets).

5yrs from first use, 6yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Ikar (For only ropes, slings, fall arrest lanyards & work positioning lanyards).

5yrs from first use, 7yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Checkmate Safety

5yrs from first use, 8yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Delta Plus (Panoply, previously Froment EURL).
- Ikar (harnesses only).
- Pammenter & Petrie.

5yrs from first use, 10yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Centurion (For only helmets).
- English Braids
- JSP (For only helmets).
- Marlow
- RidgeGear.
- Spanset.

6yrs from manufacture: -

- Tractel.



6yrs from first use, 10yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Edelrid.

7yrs from first use, 10yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Mammut.

8yrs from first use, 10yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Capital Safety Group Northern Europe (Protecta & Sala).
- Skylotec.

10yrs from manufacture:

- C.A.M.P. S.p.A
- Cresto AB
- heightec
- Petzl.
- Sperian Protection (UK) (previously Bacou Dalloz incorporating Antec, Komet, Miller, Troll, Meckel, Soll, Swelock).
- Teufelberger

10yrs from first use, 12yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Singing Rock (Division of Lanex a.s.).

10yrs from first use, 15yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first:** -

- Beal (rope).

Some specialist equipment from the detailed manufacturers has a Maximum life for obsolescence much less than the one detailed, therefore please check with the manufacturer's recommendation for the specific product, an example of such an exception is PPE designed for use near welding applications.

Some equipment / systems / kits are recommended to be serviced at specified intervals, & therefore these are not covered by the above, & the user and or owner must refer to the individual applicable Manufacturers recommendations.

Manufacturers do amend their recommendations, and therefore it is very strongly advised that such information should be checked for the latest revisions.

Items that are hardware only are not covered by the above (see over).

Please note that all manufacturers reserve the right to amend / change their guidance without prior notice for all PPE both with & without textile materials.

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As with Height Safety PPE containing textile materials, recommendations / guidance from hardware manufacturers does also vary, depending on the Manufacturer. See some examples below.

Manufacturer's recommendations & guidance for Users, Owners & PPE Examiners of hardware items only (no textile componentary) for example EN362 Connectors.

Maximum life for obsolescence is the latest possible date, subject to detailed conditions, that the Manufacturer recommends that the product should remain in service.

In order to reach this maximum life for obsolescence date the product must, from a visual and tactile perspective, be fit to remain in service and therefore also be free from any damage, deformation, adverse contamination, excessive wear, with all details / markings of identification (e.g. CE marking, batch reference, individual serialisation -where present etc) being clear and readable.

It should be noted that many things can shorten the lifespan of a product, & the lifespan could be as short as first use, or even earlier if damaged (e.g. in transit) prior to first use.

Where such products are permanently attached to other products, then please refer to the Manufacturer recommendations of the complete product.

The Maximum life for obsolescence of such equipment from some of the Manufacturers is detailed below for easy reference.

Therefore the Manufacturer recommends that all and any PPE equipment reaching maximum life for obsolescence should be removed from service & undergo a recorded controlled disposal in an environmentally responsible manner.

Manufactured by DMM Engineering.

EN362 Connectors with **no permanent** individual serialisation present: -

- 10yrs from date of manufacture.

EN362 Connectors complete with individual serialisation by the manufacturer: -

- 10yrs from first use, 15yrs from manufacture, **whichever comes first.**

Other examples are detailed below: -

10yrs from date of manufacture.

- Sperian Protection (UK) (previously Bacou Dalloz incorporating Komet, Miller, Foin, Metal Chainex).
- International Safety Components
- Capital Safety Group Northern Europe (Protecta & Sala).

Examples of companies whom have hardware products with no known maximum life for obsolescence, and only the condition of the product is applicable: -

- Petzl.
- Peguet (Maillon Rapides).
- Stubai.
- Fixe Climbing (incorporating Faders).
- Anthron.
- C.A.M.P. S.p.A



Some equipment / systems / kits are recommended to be serviced at specified intervals, & therefore these are not covered by the above, & the user and or owner must refer to the individual applicable Manufacturers recommendations.

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Some height safety equipment / systems / kits are recommended to be serviced at specified intervals, & therefore these are not covered by the above.

Examples of some safety equipment types requiring servicing include: -

- Retractable wire (also some web) fall arrest blocks.
- Auto descent controlled devices.
- Personally issued travellers for specific use on either vertical and /or horizontal permanent fall arrest / restraint safety systems (rope & rail types).
- Safety Eyebolts.
- Rescue systems.
- Evacuation (self-rescue) systems.
- Winches.

Owners, users & examiners must refer to the individual manufacturers' recommendations in order to obtain the correct information required.

Please note that all manufacturers reserve the right to amend / change their guidance without prior notice for all safety equipment.

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