PPE MANUFACTURERS’ SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED MAX. LIFE FOR OBsolescence FOR PPE CONTAINING TEXTILE MATERIALS.

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

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.

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.

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

Textile PPE or PPE containing integral textile components: -

2yrs from manufacture: -
- Tractel (Webbing straps; AS 19, AS19 GA & Webbing Strap Ring only).

5yrs from manufacture: -
- Heightec (For only helmets).
- Simoni srl (For EN397 helmets).
- Skylotec GmbH (For only helmets).
- Tractel (rope lifelines, lanyards & absorbers only).

5yrs from first use or 6yrs from manufacture, whichever comes first: -
- IKAR (For only ropes, slings, fall arrest lanyards & work positioning lanyards).

5yrs from first use or 8yrs from manufacture, whichever comes first: -
- Delta Plus (Panoply, previously Froment EURL).
- IKAR (harnesses only).
- Pammenter & Petrie.
5 yrs from first use or 10 yrs from manufacture, whichever comes first:

- Centurion (For only helmets).
- Checkmate Lifting & Safety
- English Braids
- JSP
- Kong S.p.A.
- Marlow Ropes
- RidgeGear. (PPE manufactured on or before 31st Dec. 2009)
- Spanset.
- Tackle Store (incorporating G-Force).
- Zenith (Fall arrest lanyards only).

6 yrs from first use or 10 yrs from manufacture, whichever comes first:

- Edelrid GmbH & Co. KG. (PPE manufactured on or before 31st Dec. 2003).

7 yrs from first use or 10 yrs from manufacture, whichever comes first:

- Mammut Sports Group AG.

8 yrs from first use or 10 yrs from manufacture, whichever comes first:

- Skylotec GmbH (harnesses & lanyards).

10 yrs from manufacture:

- C.A.M.P. S.p.A
- Capital Safety Group Northern Europe (Protecta & Sala).
- Cresto AB
- Heightec (excluding helmets).
- International Safety Components
- Lanex a.s. (Tendon rope)
- Petzl.
- RidgeGear. (PPE manufactured on or after 1st Jan. 2010)
- Singing Rock s.r.o. (formerly a division of Lanex a.s. for PPE manufactured on or before 31st Dec. 2008).
- Teufelberger Ges.m.b.H.
- Tractel (harnesses & belts only).

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

- Singing Rock s.r.o. (formerly a division of Lanex a.s. for PPE manufactured on or after 1st Jan. 2009).
- Edelrid GmbH & Co. KG. (PPE manufactured since 1st Jan. 2004).

10yrs from first use or 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.
As with Height Safety PPE containing textile materials, recommendations /guidance from hardware manufacturers does also vary, depending on the Manufacturer. See some examples below.

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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.

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.

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

**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 manufacture:** -

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

- Honeywell Safety Products Europe SA / Sperian Protection (UK) Ltd. (previously Bacou Dalloz incorporating Komet, Miller, Metal Chainex).

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

- Edelrid GmbH & Co. KG.
  (PPE manufactured since 1st Jan. 2004).
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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.

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