Info log entry

Petzl Via Ferrata Lanyards – May 2011

Issue

The following is taken from the Petzl web site:

“On Thursday, May 5th, a young man fell to the ground while climbing the Bastille Via Ferrata in Grenoble, France. According to the latest information, the accident appears to have been the result of a manufacturing defect of the Petzl Scorpio lanyard (a version that stopped being produced in March 2005). The defect consisted of a missing safety stitch (bar tack) on the attachment loop.

Following the accident on Thursday the 5th of May 2011 Petzl launched – by reason of precaution – a voluntary product safety alert to inspect the SCORPIO via ferrata lanyards (L60 and L60CK) manufactured prior to March 2005. Internal investigation and analysis of manufacturing procedures by Petzl concerning the production of tear webbing energy absorbers has identified a potential manufacturing defect. This alert was launched on 13th May.”

Outcome

Effected Scorpio lanyards should be returned to Petzl.

Effected Absorbica lanyards should be self-inspected. See link below.

RoSPA have issued a Safety Alert for the following shock absorbing lanyards:

Absorbica energy absorbers L57, L58, L58 MGO, L59 69, L70120 YG, L70150 IM, L70150 YM, L170 I and L70150 Y.

Lyon Energy absorbing lanyard kits LEATxxx, LEASxxx, and LARQLEAT150MGO

Petzl has issued a request for immediate self-inspection of all ABSORBICA energy absorbers. Instructions are available to download by going to: http://www.petzl.com/en/pro/security-alert/aborbica/addition-ppe-examination-procedure

Further details can be found on Petzl’s website. If you require further information related to this notice please contact Lyon Equipment on; 015396 25944, or 015396 25493 or email absorbica@lyon.co.uk