Info Log

GRIGRI 2 Belay device made by Petzl, imported by Lyon Equipment Ltd.

The Issue
Petzl has discovered that exerting excessive force on the fully extended handle of the GRIGRI 2 can cause internal damage, such that the GRIGRI 2 handle may become stuck in the open position.

When the handle is stuck in this position the assisted braking function is disabled. A damaged GRIGRI 2 in this configuration will function similarly to a manual belay device (e.g. tube style device).

When using a damaged GRIGRI 2 with the handle stuck in the open position, failure to control the braking side of the rope will increase the risk of an uncontrolled descent. A GRIGRI 2 with a damaged handle must be immediately retired from service.

*Remember of course that failure to control the braking side of the rope is a misuse of the GRIGRI 2 under any circumstance.*

As of June 20, 2011, seven damaged products have been returned to Petzl through our worldwide distribution network. Petzl has no knowledge of any accidents resulting from a damaged GRIGRI 2 handle.

The Outcome
The Petzl website says: “Because the safety of our users is our primary concern, as a measure of precaution Petzl has decided to take the following actions:

- increase the mechanical strength of the handle on all GRIGRI 2’s since serial number 11137.
- **recall all GRIGRI 2’s with the first five digits of the serial number between 10326 and 11136, and replace with a new revised GRIGRI 2.**

Petzl will pay for all shipping costs to complete this replacement.

*If you have a GRIGRI 2 (D14 2O, D14 2G, D14 2B) with the first five digits of the serial number between 10326 and 11136, stop use immediately and contact Petzl UK to initiate an exchange. Send your GriGri2’s to Lyon Equipment.*

Lyon web page reference is [http://www.lyon-outdoor.co.uk](http://www.lyon-outdoor.co.uk)