

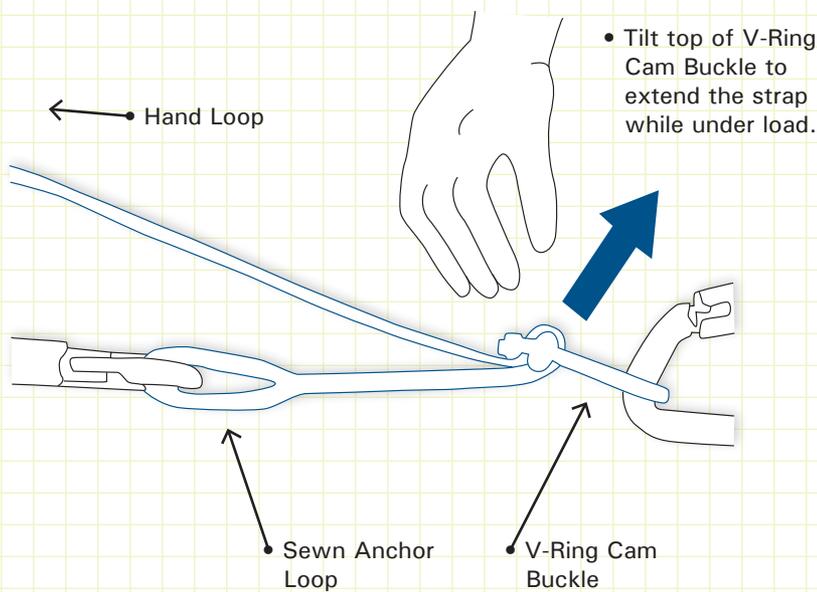
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

USING YOUR PMI® EASY PICK-OFF STRAP

- Before using your PMI® Easy Pick-Off Strap at height, become familiar with its features and proper use. There are many ways to use the pick-off strap safely and effectively. You must obtain appropriate training before attempting to use it.
- The PMI® Easy Pick-Off Strap is fitted with a V-Ring Cam Buckle that uses a camming action to allow any hauling progress to be captured and to lengthen under load when properly threaded. If not threaded properly, the buckle will not hold and can result in serious injury or death. See **Diagram B** to see a properly threaded V-Ring Cam Buckle.

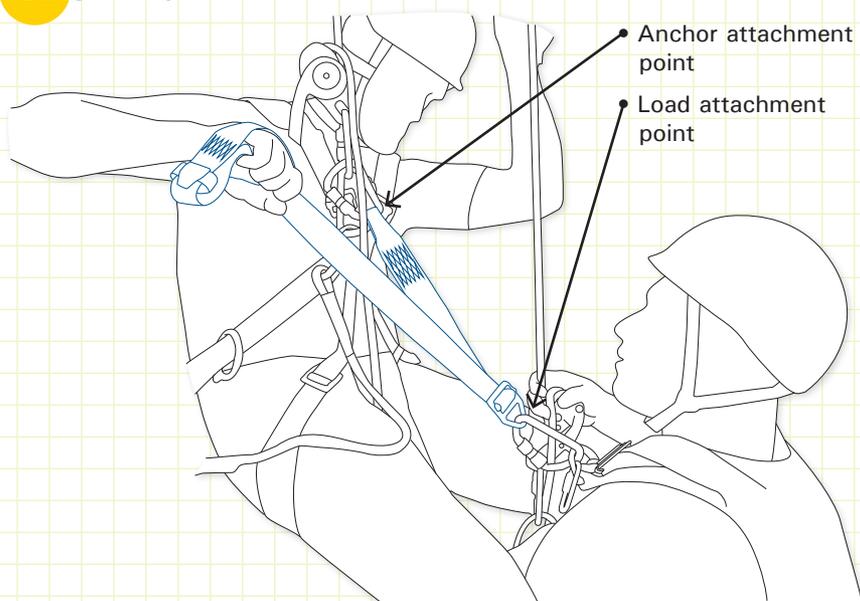
DIAGRAM B

A PROPERLY THREADED V-RING CAM BUCKLE



- Control the load by holding the hand loop and feeding the loose end of the webbing through the buckle while tilting the buckle with the other hand until the webbing slowly adjusts.
- The Easy Pickoff Strap should always be used with appropriate locking carabiners connected to the V-Ring attachment point and/or the Sewn Anchor Loop end of the strap. **DO NOT** clip carabiners into the Hand Loop to hold weight! With the Sewn Anchor Loop end of the strap connected to an anchor point and the metal V-Ring attachment point connected to the load, pulling on the loose end of the strap will result in a 2:1 theoretical mechanical advantage. See **Diagram C**.

DIAGRAM C



- With the V-Ring easy-clip attachment connected to an anchor point and the Sewn Anchor Loop end of the strap connected to a load, pulling on the loose end of the strap will result in a change of direction, no theoretical mechanical advantage. In **Diagram C**, the carabiner attachment points would be switched to illustrate a change in direction.

ADJUSTING THE LENGTH OF THE STRAP:

- Regardless of which end is anchored or which is attached to the load, pulling on the loose end will result in a shortening of the distance between the anchor and the load.
- To extend the length of the strap while under load, hold the Hand Loop on the loose end firmly while using your other hand to press forward on the top of the V-Ring Cam Buckle. (See **Diagram B**). Allow the webbing from the loose end to feed through through the buckle to create length*. Be sure to control the load at all times by keeping a firm grasp on the Hand Loop. Keep fingers, Personal Protective Equipment and clothing away from the moving webbing so they do not get caught in the buckle!

*Note: You can lengthen the strap only up to the point where the Hand Loop contacts the buckle.

INSPECTION, CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Inspect the strap upon receiving it and before and after each use to ensure proper function of the buckles, product integrity, and stitching.
- Inspect by starting at one end and look at and feel every inch of the strap. Watch for signs that might indicate possible damage such as discoloration, chemical odors, abrasion marks, cuts, nicks and any visible differences.
- **IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT-** If you are not sure about the integrity of your strap, **DO NOT USE IT**. Consult PMI if you need help or have questions.
- Maintain an Equipment Log for each individual strap and review it regularly. Include information such as date of manufacture, date placed in service, dates of use, conditions under which equipment is used, results of inspections, and other information specific to your application.
- Keep your strap clean using the guidelines in the section titled "Cleaning your PMI® Easy Pick-Off Strap". Dirt rubbing into and against the fibers will deteriorate it.
- Store your strap in a clean, dark, dry environment, not on a cement floor, and away from exposure to chemicals, noxious fumes or other harmful agents.

CLEANING YOUR PMI® EASY PICK-OFF STRAP

Washing - You can wash a strap that is dirty by hand using clean cool to warm water < 30°C (< 86°F) with a mild soap. PMI recommends using PMI Rope Soap, otherwise non detergent soaps are best. Soap used should not contain any bleaching agents.

DO NOT:

- **DO NOT** use top loading washing machines with agitators because they may tangle the strap and can cause damage to the machine.
- **DO NOT** use a commercial dryer to dry the strap.
- **DO NOT** leave wet straps on a surface from which contaminants might leach (such as concrete) for an extended period of time.
- **DO NOT** expose any straps to exhaust fumes.

Disinfecting - Disinfection of a strap may occasionally become necessary, such as when exposed to bloodborne pathogens. To disinfect a rope from suspected bloodborne pathogens, PMI recommends following the NFPA standard for cleaning rescue gear of bloodborne pathogens. Keeping in mind that undiluted household bleach is known to damage nylon, NFPA calls for using a diluted solution of household bleach to clean rescue gear exposed to bloodborne pathogens. Add 60 ml of household bleach per 4 liters of tap water. That's about one quarter (1/4) cup of household bleach per gallon of water. **Be aware that some commercial bleach solutions are stronger than the recommended 1.5% that is typical for household bleach.** Soak the gear in the diluted solution for ten minutes, then rinse thoroughly with tap water. The rinsing cycle is critical to prevent any damage to the rope from the bleach. It is good to soak the gear in tap water for the same amount of time it soaked in the bleach solution. Allow the gear to thoroughly dry in a cool place before storing it. Never dry your strap(s) in direct sunlight or laying on a concrete slab. Never store gear when it is wet.

⚠ WARNING!

The use of bleach over a long period of time, in repeated uses, can cause damage to fibers such as nylon. Bleach should be used sparingly and then only when needed. If there is noticeable damage **DO NOT** use the strap.

Drying - Allow the strap to dry in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. For best results, it should be hung up to air dry in a low-humidity environment and off of surfaces from which contaminants might leach (such as concrete).

Write It Down - Remember to record the cleaning on the Equipment Log.

Keep It Clean - Store your strap in a clean, dark, dry environment, away from exposure to acids, other harmful chemicals, noxious fumes or other abuse.

RETIREMENT CRITERIA

- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap where the stitching is cut, torn, excessively worn or visibly damaged.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap whose strength may have been compromised during use.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap which is subjected to uncontrolled or excessive loading.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap which is greater than 10 years old, regardless of history and usage.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap whose history and past usage you are uncertain about.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap that has been exposed to heat, direct flame or excessive abrasion.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap that has been exposed to liquids, solids, gases, mists, or vapors of any chemical or other material that can deteriorate the strap.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap that does not pass inspection when inspected by a trained competent person following the inspection procedures in these instructions, both before and after each use.
- **RETIRE IMMEDIATELY** any strap when there is any doubt about its safety or serviceability.

⚠ WARNING!

CUT RETIRED straps to discourage future use and discard it entirely. A retired strap should not be stored, kept or maintained in such a way that it could inadvertently be used for life safety purposes.

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