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Quality Alert

9225 Friction Buckle

Attention: PenSafe Customers

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Notice to PenSafe customers using part number 9225 Friction Buckle with manufacture codes of 07F and 08A. Recently reports have been received of failures of this buckle in which the friction (knurled) bar has come out of the buckle frame. Investigation of this issue indicates that the failure is caused by a rare combination of sizing issues with the bar as well as buckle frame.

Note: When this buckle is assembled in a harness and under load, this failure will not occur. If a buckle has this fault, it will occur only while webbing is being adjusted outward on the bar (ie: while loosening the harness).

The product that may have this condition was manufactured in 2007 and 2008, and will bear the manufacturing code of 07F or 08A on the buckle. If you have one of these buckles bearing these codes, it is recommended that you conduct an inspection of the buckle assembly to ensure that the bar is securely held within the buckle frame and cannot be removed. To inspect a buckle in configuration (ie: within a harness assembly) loosen off the webbing tension so that the buckle bar can move freely. With access to the buckle, move the bar in all directions and into diagonal positions to ensure it does not dislodge from the buckle frame.

Should you discover a buckle in which the friction bar can be removed from the frame, immediately remove the item from service and contact the product supplier.

Thank you for your patronage in using PenSafe products.



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