CARRYING, MAINTENANCE & STORAGE

During use, carrying and storage keep the equipment away from acids, alkalis, exhaust emissions, rust and strong chemicals. Do not expose the equipment to flame or high temperatures. Carry the equipment where it will be protected as the equipment could melt or burn and fail if exposed to flame or high temperatures.

If the equipment becomes soiled, it can be washed in cold water with a mild detergent that is safe for use with nylon and polyester. Dry out of direct sunlight. Do not dry in an automatic dryer. Store in a cool, dry location. Do not store where the equipment may be exposed to moist air, particularly where dissimilar metals are stored together.

REPAIR

All repair work shall be performed by the manufacturer. All other work or modifications void the warranty and releases CMC from all liability and responsibility as the manufacturer.

SAMPLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE LOG

The sample log suggests records that should be maintained by the purchaser or user of life safety equipment.

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WARNING

• SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH MAY RESULT FROM THE IMPROPER USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT.
• THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED FOR USE BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS ONLY.
• DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT PRIOR TRAINING.
• THOROUGHLY READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL LABELS AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE.
• USE, INSPECT AND REPAIR ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS.
USER INFORMATION

User Information shall be provided to the user of the product. NFPA Standard 1983 recommends separating the User Information from the equipment and retaining the information in a permanent record. The standard also recommends making a copy of the User Information to keep with the equipment and that the information should be referred to before and after each use.

Additional information regarding life safety equipment can be found in NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Programs, and NFPA 1983, Standard on Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services.

INSPECTION

Inspect the equipment according to your department’s policy for inspecting life safety equipment. Inspect the equipment prior to entry into service, after each use, and at least once every 12 months. The equipment should be thoroughly inspected by an inspector that meets your department’s training standard for inspection of life safety equipment. Keep a record of the date, person performing the inspection and results, as well as the date of first use, name of users and any other pertinent information necessary to keep accurate track of the equipment’s usage history in the equipment log or on a tag that attaches to the equipment. Each user should be trained in equipment inspection and should inspect the equipment before each use.

When inspecting the equipment, check the webbing and rope for cuts, worn or frayed areas, broken fibers, soft or hard spots, discoloration, or melted fibers. Check the stitching for pulled threads, abrasion, or breaks. Check the hardware for damage, sharp edges, and improper operation. If any of the above is noted, or if the equipment has been subjected to shock loads, fall loads, or abuse other than normal use, remove the equipment from service and destroy it. If there is any doubt about the serviceability of the equipment, remove the equipment from service and destroy it.

The service life of equipment depends greatly on the type of use and the environment of use. Because these factors vary greatly, a precise service life of the equipment cannot be provided.

PACKAGING THE PATIENT

The Drag-N-Lift Harness is designed for victim extrication only and does not provide for any spinal immobilization. The Drag-N-Lift Harness is compatible with the Oregon Spine Splint II for cases where spinal immobilization is deemed necessary. Prior to packaging the patient it is the user’s responsibility to determine whether spinal immobilization is required and to apply appropriate methods per applicable protocols.

To package the patient:
1. Disconnect all of the quick-connect buckles and lay the harness with drag sheet as flat as possible as near to the patient as possible. Reverse curl the drag sheet if needed to flatten.
2. Slide the patient onto the harness, with the upper gray drag sheet strap positioned just below the armpits.
3. Bring the leg straps up between the patient’s legs, connect the adjustable leg rings into the fixed snaps (red to red, blue to blue) and pull the webbing until the leg straps are snug. Slide the leg pads as needed for best comfort.
4. Bring the shoulder straps over each shoulder and connect the adjustable snaps into the fixed hip rings (red to red, blue to blue) and pull the webbing until snug.
5. Connect the sternum strap and pull snug.
6. Connect both of the quick-connect buckles on the gray drag sheet straps and pull to adjust as needed. Make sure the gray straps run through the black carry handles, not over them. One or both of the patient’s arms may be left outside of the gray straps as conditions warrant.
7. Prior to any vertical lift, cinch the 1” straps that run from the shoulders to the 1” adjuster buckles on the drag sheet. This will help maintain a tight drag sheet profile for exit through narrow openings.

WARNING: Make sure that the harness fits snug and that all the buckles are secure before lifting with the harness.

USING YOUR EXTRICATION DEVICE

For horizontal drags, use the handles at the center top or bottom of the drag sheet. For horizontal carry, use the handles at the sides of the drag sheet.

For vertical lifts, connect into both fixed V-rings at the shoulders with an appropriate lifting bridle. CMC recommends the use of a rigid spreader bar no wider than 18 inches.