

WILD COUNTRY LITE 8 DESCENDER

GENERAL INFORMATION

These instructions must be read and understood before this equipment is used, please retain this information for future reference.

Adhere strictly to the following advice and recommendations, if in doubt please contact Wild Country Ltd.

The information in these instructions is not exhaustive and cannot be substituted for comprehensive instruction by trained and competent persons.

This product should only be used by trained and competent persons or the user should be under the supervision of a trained and competent person.

Climbing and mountaineering are hazardous. Even correct selection, maintenance and use of correct equipment cannot eliminate the potential for danger, serious injury or death.

It is the users responsibility at all times to ensure that he or she understands the correct and safe use of any equipment supplied by Wild Country Ltd., uses it only for the purpose for which it was designed and practices all proper safety procedures. The manufacturer or supplier will not accept any responsibility for damage, injury or death resulting from misuse.

USE

This product is designed for climbing and mountaineering purposes, for use in normal climatic conditions and in temperatures not exceeding 50°C.

This product should be used as instructed. It may be used in conjunction with any appropriate item of CE approved PPE (where relevant) of suitable specification (conforming to the requirements of European Directive 89/686/EEC) with due consideration to the limitations of each individual piece of equipment and of the belay system as a whole. No alterations or markings should be made to it. The safety that this product provides depends upon its strength, the quality of the rock anchorage used and the integrity of the belay point. The strength will be reduced through age and general wear and tear dependant upon the amount of use to which it is put.

The following will cause a further reduction in strength;

- high impact load/fall arrest.
- corrosion.
- internal/external abrasion by textile components caused by grit penetration & rock abrasion.
- placement and/or loading over tight radii.
- sharp edges of rock or equipment.

See maintenance and obsolescence for more details.

Be aware that this equipment can be damaged in a fall and consequently should always be examined for defects before reuse.

If this equipment exhibits signs of wear or defect or if there is any doubt about its serviceability, replace it. It is recommended that any equipment involved in a serious fall should be replaced.

Where practical a history of use and inspection record should be kept.

Wearing a climbing helmet will help to protect your head from injury if you fall.

When using belay or abseil techniques we recommend the use of appropriate gloves.

Foresee and take appropriate action in situations where rescue may be required.

HOW TO USE

IMPORTANT: the safe use of this device depends on the following;

The skill, knowledge and experience of the user. If you are in any doubt about the correct and safe use of this device we strongly recommend that you seek advice from a trained and competent person (these instructions are not a substitute for experience or proper training by a competent person).

This device may be used in two ways:

(1) Descending: (known as abseiling or rappelling). Used for a controlled descent down a rock face as in diagram (A).

(2) Belaying: we recommend the use of this device for belaying only if the rope or ropes are threaded as in diagram (B).

The most common causes of abseiling accidents are (i) failure of the anchor point (ii) rock fall resulting in cutting of the rope and/or incapacity of the descending climber (iii) rope failure due to cutting whilst loaded over an edge (iv) loss of control whilst abseiling and (v) abseiling off the end of the rope.

Anchor points are unpredictable: you must ensure that anchor points are secure and are backed up by a secondary anchor.

Ensure that the rope is of the correct specification, is in good condition and is not running over an edge (or is protected from the edge if this is unavoidable). We recommend that a helmet is worn to protect the head and that appropriate gloves are worn to protect your hands from rope burn.

Wherever possible you should ensure an independently anchored and belayed safety rope is used to protect the descending climber in the event of them losing control see diagram (C).

Otherwise the user must endeavour to provide back up protection for themselves by means of a CE approved mechanical fail-safe device attached to the rope above the figure of eight or the use of an improvised prussic knot brake (commonly known as a "dead mans hand") located below the Figure of Eight (see diagram D & E). Additionally we would recommend that you tie a knot in the end of the abseil rope to prevent you from abseiling off the end of the rope.

SEAWATER

It is essential that this equipment is cleaned as soon as it is practical after exposure to sea water or any saline environment (e.g. when used on sea cliffs).

CHEMICALS AND CORROSIVE REAGENTS

Avoid all contact with chemical reagents as they will affect the performance of this product (e.g. vehicle battery acid, bleach, etc.). Discard this product immediately if contact has or is suspect to have occurred (the product may have permanently weakened without any signs).

MAINTENANCE

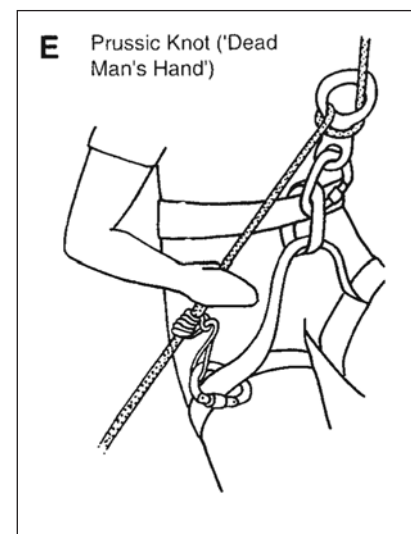
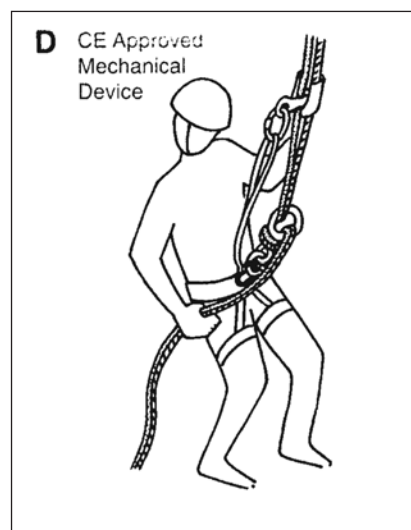
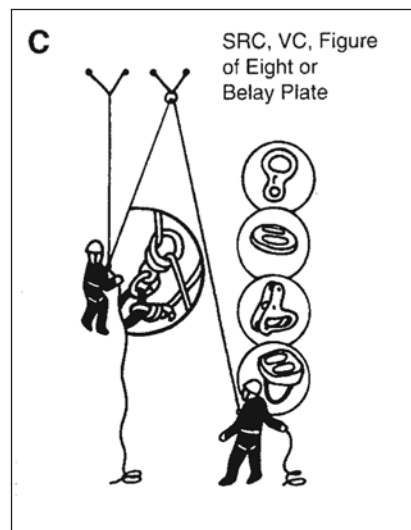
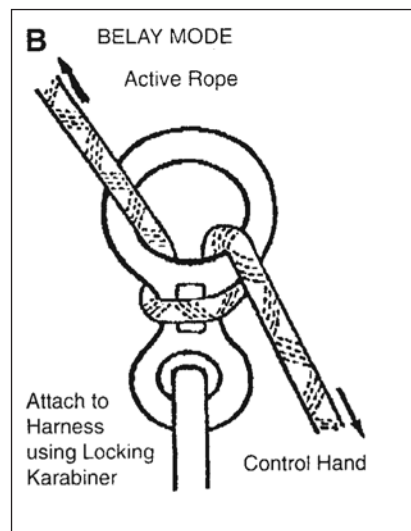
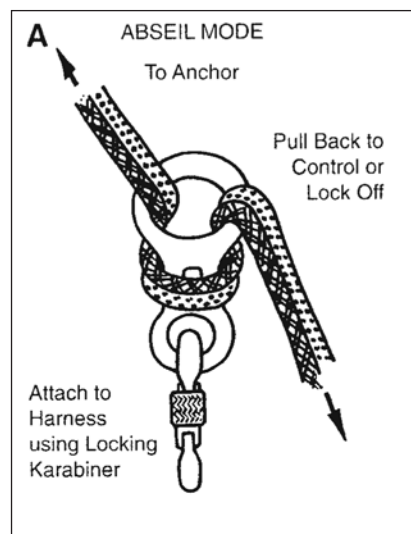
This product is not user maintainable with the exception of cleaning and lubrication (where relevant).

CLEANING

First rinse the product in clean cold water of domestic supply quality. If still soiled rinse in warm water (maximum temperature 40°C) with pure soap. Thoroughly rinse and dry naturally in a warm ventilated room away from direct heat.

DISINFECTION

A suitable disinfectant is one which contains quaternary ammonium compounds reinforced with chlorohexidine in sufficient quantities to be effective. Soak the product for one hour at dilutions recommended for general use using water of domestic supply quality not exceeding 20°C, then rinse thoroughly with cold water. Dry naturally in a warm ventilated room away from direct heat.



STORAGE

After any necessary cleaning store unpacked in a cool, dark, dry, ventilated place away from sharp edges, pressure, corrosives or any possible cause of damage. Wet equipment should first be allowed to dry as detailed above.

OBSOLESCENCE

This product will deteriorate over time in the course of normal use and because of this we are required to give an obsolescence date. It is difficult to be precise but a conservative estimate for this product is that it has a lifespan of 10 years from the date of first use for metal components, however, please note that the following factors will further reduce the safe working life:

Metal components; normal use, exposure to chemical reagents, heat contamination, high impact load or failure to maintain (clean/lubricate) as recommended. See above (use).

WARNING:

The safe working life of this product may be as little as one use in extreme circumstances.

In addition to the normal inspection required before use this product should be thoroughly examined at least once every three months by a competent person. If any defects are found as detailed above or are suspected this product should be withdrawn from use immediately.

TRANSPORTATION

Care should be taken to protect this product against risks such as those detailed under obsolescence. It is recommended that a rucksack or other suitable bag or container is used during transport.

MARKINGS

In addition to the general information accompanying this product the following information is marked on it:

Wild Country:
name of manufacturer/supplier.

Made in Taiwan:
Country of origin.

Three digit code:
batch/date code.

SPECIFICATIONS

Nominal Weight = 129g
Strength = 30kN
Working Range
8.5mm to 9.0mm (double rope),
10.0mm to 11.0mm (single rope).

Wild Country Ltd. reserves the right to modify without notice the designs & specifications of products described in these instructions. All weights, dimensions & sizing specifications where quoted are nominal.

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