

**WILD COUNTRY
Rock Lite Helmet
for Mountaineers**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Under European Union regulations (Directive 89/686/EEC) Climbing and Mountaineering Equipment are classed as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and as such we are required to supply the following instructions. 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 purposes for which it is designed and practices all proper safety procedures.

The manufacturer or supplier will not accept any responsibility for damage, injury or death resulting from misuse.

Activities at height carry a significant risk of serious head injury. Wearing a helmet can substantially reduce this risk, but does not entirely eliminate it.

This product is guaranteed for 3 years against any faults in materials or manufacture. Exclusions from the guarantee: normal wear and tear, oxidation, modifications or alterations, incorrect storage, poor maintenance, damage due to accidents, to negligence, or to improper or incorrect usage.

USE

This product complies with EN 12492:2000 (UIAA number 106) and is designed as a helmet for mountaineers.

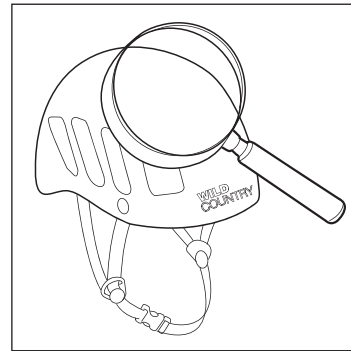
The safety that this product provides depends upon its strength.

The following will cause a further reduction in strength:

- a) high impact load/fall arrest
- b) corrosion
- c) internal/external abrasion of textile components caused by grit penetration and rock abrasion
- d) cuts in textile components
- e) prolonged exposure of textile components to ultra violet radiation

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.

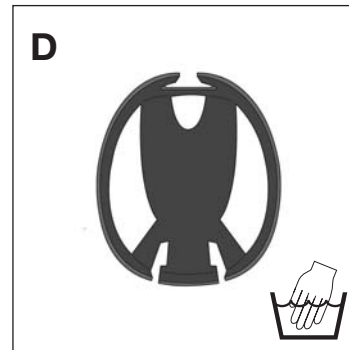
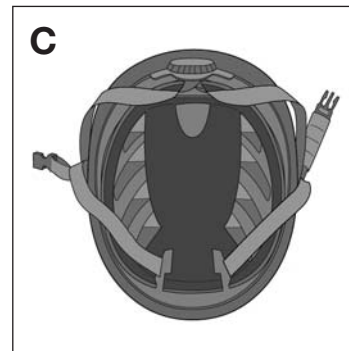
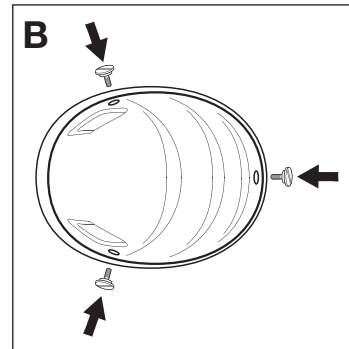
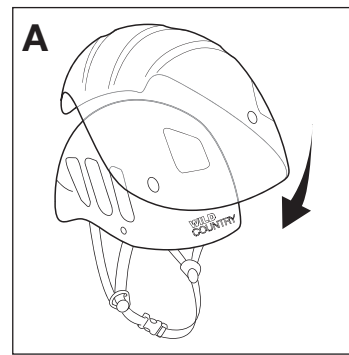
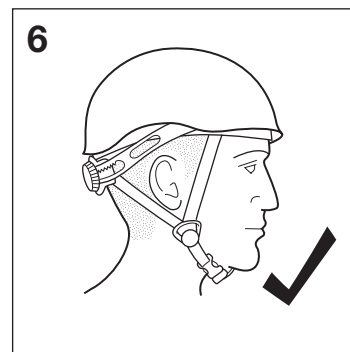
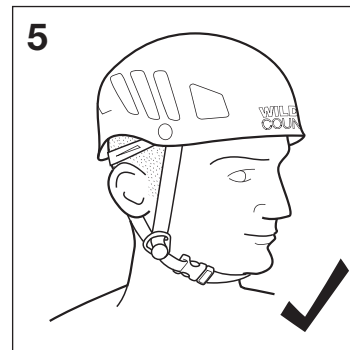
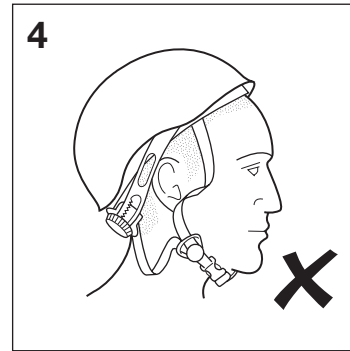
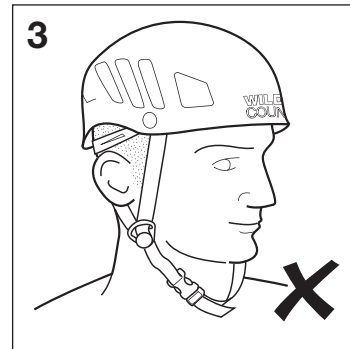
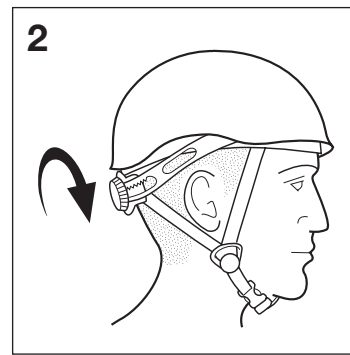
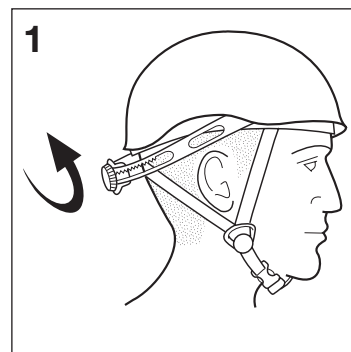


If this equipment exhibits signs of wear or defect or if there is any doubt about its serviceability, replace it. It is recommended that any equipment involved in a serious fall should be replaced.

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

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

FITTING - SEE DIAGRAMS 1-6



IMMEDIATELY BEFORE USE

Verify before each use that the interior and exterior of the shell is not cracked or deformed, that the headband attachment system is undamaged, and that the chinstrap buckles are working properly. Warning a major impact can cause invisible internal damage to your helmet and significantly reduce its protective properties. Retire your helmet after a major impact.

IN USE

The I.D. Zone provides a place on the inside of the shell where personal information may be recorded: Name, Telephone number, Allergies, Blood type, Contact person.

Modifications are forbidden because they may result in a reduction or loss of the helmets protective properties (lose CE certification)

No repair should be made. Warning: stickers, markers, paints etc. may contain ingredients that can damage the helmet and reduce its protective properties. Before applying any of these products to the helmet, verify their compatibility with expanded polystyrene and polycarbonate.

TEMPERATURE

Always keep products made wholly or partially from textile elements below 50°C as the performance of the nylon from which they are made may be affected at temperatures above this. Tests down to -40°C show no permanent change in the performance of this material although nylon may stiffen while at temperatures below 0°C. Do not expose your helmet to high temperatures, for example by leaving it inside a vehicle in direct sunlight.

SEA WATER

It is essential that this equipment is cleaned as soon as 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 suspected to have occurred (the product may be permanently weakened without showing any signs).

MAINTENANCE

This product is not user maintainable with the exception of cleaning (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.

This helmet is fitted with Coolmax™ lining which is removable and washable (see label inside) and diagrams C and D.

STORAGE

After any necessary cleaning store unpacked in a cool, dark, dry, ventilated place away from sharp edges, pressure, corrosives or any possible causes 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 by directive 89/686/EEC 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 3 years from date of first use, however, please note that the following factors will further reduce the safe working life: Normal use, exposure to chemical reagents, heat contamination, high impact load or failure to maintain (clean) as recommended. See Cleaning.

A major blow or impact can destroy a helmet: in this case, the helmet plays its role by absorbing the maximum amount of energy possible, deforming to breaking point.

Textile Components: most textile materials used in safety equipment are known to degrade gradually with time, even when stored in ideal conditions.

Additionally normal use, rope burn, exposure to chemical reagents, exposure to elevated temperatures, high impact load, prolonged exposure to UV light including sunlight, abrasion, cuts, or failure to maintain (clean) as recommended will cause further reductions in strength. See In Use.

On textile elements (where fitted) check stitching for broken, cut, pulled or worn threads and inspect buckles (where fitted) for cracks, distortion, burrs or corrosion.

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.

Attention: Due to its lightweight design, this helmet is vulnerable to damage from improper care. Do not sit on the helmet, force it into a pack, drop it, or allow it to come into contact with pointed objects etc.

ACCESSORIES

Shield Accessory kit, refer to specific instructions for fitting, see diagrams A and B.

MARKINGS

The CE mark must be affixed to all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used for climbing and mountaineering in accordance with European Union Directive 89/686/EEC.

The CE mark has been affixed to this product following type examination

and testing by an accredited notified body to the relevant European Standard. The notified body for Wild Country products is:

S.G.S. (UK) Ltd, (Notified body number 0120), 202 Worle Parkway, Weston Super Mare, Somerset, BS22 6WA, UK.

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

0120CE:
notified body number, CE mark

Wild Country:
name of manufacturer/supplier.

Three digit code:
batch/date code 'ABC' (see label inside helmet).

'A' First letter indicates year of manufacture e.g. A=Year 2000, B= Year 2001 etc.

'B' Second letter indicates manufacturer Wild Country internal reference.

'C' Third letter indicates month of manufacture e.g. A= January, B= February etc.

Specification:

Weight: 260g / 9.17oz
Size: 53 - 61cm / 21-24 inches
Country of origin: China

WARNING

- a) This Helmet is designated as "Helmet for mountaineers".
- b) For adequate protection this helmet has to fit or to be adjusted to the size of the user's head.
- c) The helmet is made to absorb the energy of a blow by partial destruction or damage, and even though such damage may not be readily apparent, any helmet subjected to a severe impact should be replaced.
- d) The attention of the users is also drawn to the damage of modifying or removing any of the original component parts of the helmet, other than as recommended by the manufacturer. Helmets should not be adapted for the purpose of fitting attachments in any way not recommended by the helmet manufacturer.
- e) Do not apply paint, solvents, adhesives or self-adhesive labels, except in accordance with instructions from the helmet manufacturer.
- f) For cleaning, maintenance or disinfection, use only substances that have no adverse effect on the helmet and are not known to be likely to have any adverse effect upon the wearer, when applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and information.

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

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