



Ice axes Procedure

Condition of the metal elements

Verify there are no cracks. Look for scoring, deformation, and signs of wear and corrosion. Pay special attention to the head and to the pick. Make sure there is no deformation or fatigue cracking in the small teeth at the tip.

Inspect the welded joints on the adze

Look for sharp edges on the striking surface.

File if necessary.

Check the leash hole. Make sure there is no play or sharp edges.

On the heads of modular ice axes, make sure the screws are in good condition and securely tightened.

Condition of the assemblies

Verify that the rivets are present, and in good condition. Make sure there is no play.

Check for play in the following assemblies:

- head/shaft,
- spike/shaft,
- grip/shaft,
- pick/head.

Condition of the plastic pieces

Look for any signs of wear, cracks, or play.

Make sure that the screws are tight and that the plastic elements are properly attached (TRIGGER, GRIPREST, etc.).

Checking for sharpness

Check the pick, adze, and spike for sharpness.

If necessary, use a file on any blunt or worn areas, in accordance with the technical notice.