

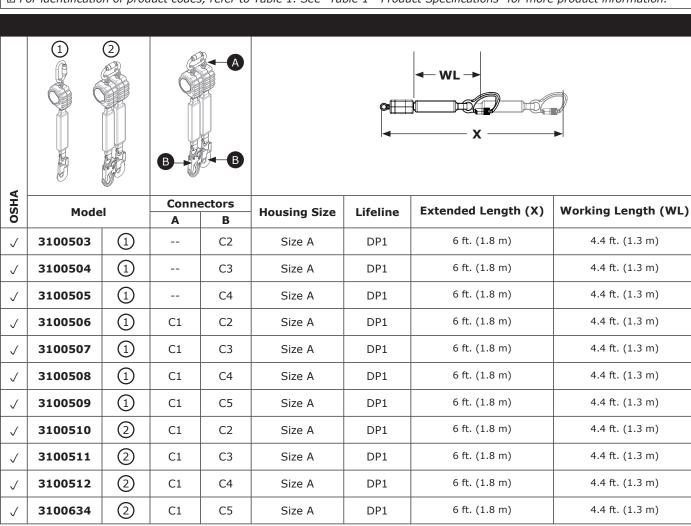
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# 3M™ PROTECTA® SELF-RETRACTING DEVICES

### USER INSTRUCTIONS 5908127 Rev. A

### **Fall Protection**

 $\ \square$  For identification of product codes, refer to Table 1. See "Table 1 - Product Specifications" for more product information.



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### SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read, understand, and follow all safety information contained in these instructions, prior to the use of this product. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

These instructions must be provided to the user of the equipment. Retain these instructions for future reference.

### **Intended Use:**

This product is used as part of a complete Fall Protection system.

Use in any other application including, but not limited to, material handling, recreational or sports-related activities, or other activities not described in these instructions, is not approved by 3M and could result in serious injury or death.

This product is only to be used by trained users in workplace applications.



### **WARNING**

This product is used as part of a complete Fall Protection system. All users must be fully trained in the safe installation and operation of their complete Fall Protection system. **Misuse of this product could result in serious injury or death.** For proper selection, operation, installation, maintenance, and service, refer to all instruction manuals and manufacturer recommendations. For more information, see your supervisor or contact 3M Technical Services.

### • To reduce the risks associated with using a Self-Retracting Device which, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death:

- Inspect the product before each use and after any fall event, in accordance with the procedures specified in these instructions.
- If inspection reveals an unsafe or defective condition, remove the product from service immediately and clearly tag it "DO NOT USE". Destroy or repair the product as required by these instructions.
- Any product that has been subject to fall arrest or impact force must be immediately removed from service. Destroy or repair the product as required by these instructions.
- Ensure that Fall Protection systems assembled from components made by different manufacturers are compatible and meet all applicable Fall Protection regulations, standards, or requirements. Always consult a Competent or Qualified Person before using these systems.
- Ensure the product is kept free from all hazards including, but not limited to: entanglement with users, other workers, moving machinery, other surrounding objects, or impact from overhead objects that could fall onto the product or users.
- Do not twist, tie, knot, or allow slack in the lifeline.
- Avoid trip hazards with legs of the lifeline. Attach any unused lifeline legs to the lanyard parking elements on your full body harness, if present.
- Do not exceed the number of allowable users specified in these instructions.
- Do not use in applications that have an obstructed fall path. A clear path is required to lock the SRD. Working on slowly shifting materials (e.g. sand or grain), or within confined spaces or limited spaces, may not allow the worker to reach sufficient speed to lock the SRD.
- Avoid sudden or quick movements during work operation because this may cause the SRD to unintentionally lock.
- Use caution when installing, using, or moving the product as moving parts may create pinch points.
- Use appropriate edge protection when the product may contact sharp edges or abrasive surfaces.
- Ensure the product is configured and installed properly for safe operation as described in these instructions.
- Immediately remove the product from service if it has been used in a descent.
- Before use, ensure the descent path and landing area are clear of any obstructions or hazards.

### · To reduce the risks associated with working at height which, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death:

- Your health and physical condition must allow you to safely work at height and to withstand all forces associated with a fall arrest event. Consult your doctor if you have questions regarding your ability to use this equipment.
- Never exceed allowable capacity of your Fall Protection equipment.
- Never exceed the maximum free fall distance specified for your Fall Protection equipment.
- Do not use any Fall Protection equipment that fails inspection, or if you have concerns about the use or suitability of the equipment. Contact 3M Technical Services with any questions.
- Some subsystem and component combinations may interfere with the operation of this equipment. Only use compatible connections. Contact 3M Technical Services before using this equipment in combination with components or subsystems other than those described in these instructions.
- Use extra precautions when working around moving machinery, electrical hazards, extreme temperatures, chemical hazards, explosive or toxic gases, sharp edges, abrasive surfaces, or below overhead materials that could fall onto you or your Fall Protection equipment.
- Ensure use of your product is rated for the hazards present in your work environment.
- Ensure there is sufficient fall clearance when working at height.
- Never modify or alter your Fall Protection equipment. Only 3M, or persons authorized in writing by 3M, may make repairs to 3M equipment.
- Before using Fall Protection equipment, ensure a written rescue plan is in place to provide prompt rescue if a fall incident occurs.
- If a fall incident occurs, immediately seek medical attention for the fallen worker.
- Only use a full body harness for Fall Arrest applications. Do not use a body belt.
- Minimize swing falls by working as directly below the anchorage point as possible.
- A secondary Fall Protection system must be used when training with this product. Trainees must not be exposed to an unintended fall hazard.
- Always wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment when installing, using, or inspecting the product.
- Never work below a suspended load or worker.
- Always maintain 100% tie-off.

Always ensure you are using the latest revision of your 3M instruction manual. Visit <a href="https://www.3m.com/userinstructions">www.3m.com/userinstructions</a> or contact 3M Technical Services for updated instruction manuals.

### **PRODUCT OVERVIEW:**

Figure 1 illustrates the 3M<sup>™</sup> Protecta® Self-Retracting Device (SRD). Protecta SRDs are drum-wound lifelines with an inline energy absorber that retract into thermoplastic housings. Protecta SRDs are available in single- and twin-SRD models. Twin-SRD models may be used to maintain 100-percent tie-off when transferring between anchorage points.

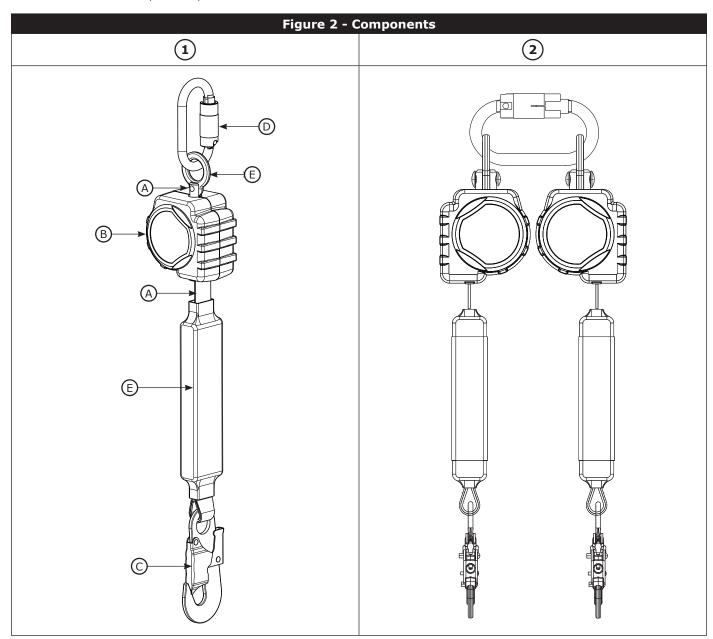
The following SRD types are covered by this instruction:

Self-Retracting Device (Figures 1.1, 1.2; 2.1, 2.2): Self-Retracting Devices (SRDs) are suitable for applications
where the lifeline remains generally vertical during use. This type may be used for Fall Arrest or Restraint
applications.

Figure 2 identifies key components of the available SRD models. In a standard SRD, the Lifeline (A) extends and retracts from within the Housing (B). The Top Connector (D) secures the SRD to its mounting point and is connected to the SRD by means of the Swivel Eye (E). The Bottom Connector (C) is secured at the end of the Lifeline. Depending on system configuration, the Bottom Connector will attach to either the designated attachment element of the user's full body harness or to the system's anchorage point. Energy Absorbers (F) dissipate kinetic energy and limit deceleration forces during fall arrest.

Twin-SRD models include a single Top Connector (D) to be shared between the two SRDs. These connectors are designed to interface with harnesses so that the Twin-SRD model may be worn on the user's back.

Each product model has its own particular size and its own combination of components as listed in Figure 1. See Table 1 for more information on Component Speci



☑ Before using this equipment, record the product identification information from the ID label in the 'Inspection and Maintenance Log' at the back of this manual.

## Table 1 - Product Specifications

System Specifications:			
Anchorage: The anchorage structure for the SRD must be capable of supporting loads up to 3,372 lbf (15kN).			
Service Temperature: -40°F to 130°F (-40°C to 54.4°C)			
	Each product model is certified to, or conforms with, the applicable standards and regulations listed within Figure 1. If none are specified, then all standards and regulations listed on the cover apply.		

Component Specifications:			
Figure 2 Reference	Component	Materials	
A	Lifeline	(see Lifeline Specifications)	
B	Housing	Nylon	
©	Bottom Connector	(see Connector Specifications)	
D	Top Connector	(see Connector Specifications)	
E	Swivel Eye	Steel	
F	Energy Absorber	Vinyl cover with polyester lifeline	
	Drum	Nylon	
✓ Internal Components: Internal SRD components are made from a combination of Stainless Steel, Steel, and Aluminum.			

### **Connector Specifications:**

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Figure 1 Reference	Model Number	Description	Material	Gate Opening	Gate Strength	
C1	2000192	Carabiner	Steel	11/16-in. (17 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)	
C2	2000161	Self-Locking Snap Hook	Steel	3/4 in. (19 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)	
C3	2000178	Swivel Self-Locking Snap Hook	Steel	3/4 in. (19 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)	
C4	2000118	Rebar Hook	Steel	2 1/4 in. (57 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)	
C5	2000216	Rebar Hook	Aluminum	2 3/8 in. (60 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)	

✓ Tensile Strength: The tensile strength of each of the connectors listed above is 22.2 kN (5,000 lbf).

C1	C2	С3	C4	C5

Lifeline Specifications:		
Figure 1 Reference	Description	
DP1	1 in. Polyester Diamond Weave (0.056 in. Thick)	

## **Table 1 – Product Specifications**

Performance - SRDs	OSHA Models
Capacity Range:	130 - 310 lbs. (59-141 kg)
Maximum Arresting Force:	1,800 lbf (8 kN)
Average Arresting Force:	
Maximum Arrest Distance: *Assumes the SRD is mounted directly above the user.	48 in (1.2m)
Maximum Deceleration Distance: *Assumes the SRD is mounted directly above the user.	42 in. (1.1 m)
Minimum Fall Clearance Required: *Assumes the SRD is mounted directly above the user.	6 ft (1.8 m)
Maximum Free Fall: *SRD must be mounted above user's D-ring.	2 ft (0.6 m)

Dimension	ıs:			
Figure 1 Reference	D	w	R	D W
Size A	2.4 in. (6.1 cm)	3.5 in. (8.9 cm)	24 in. (61 cm)	R

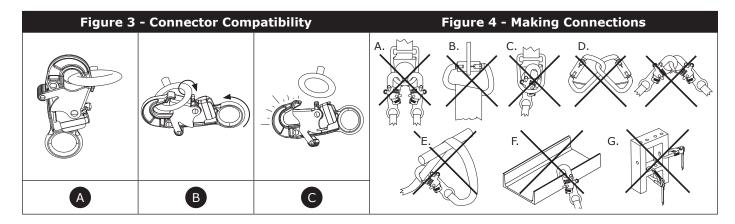
### 1.0 PRODUCT APPLICATION

- **PURPOSE:** 3M Self-Retracting Devices (SRDs) are designed for use as a connecting subsystem in a Fall Protection system. Once anchored, the lifeline extends and retracts automatically as the worker moves. If a fall occurs, a sensing mechanism activates the device and arrests the fall. For more information on system applications, refer to the "Product Overview" and Table 1.
- **1.2 SUPERVISION:** Use of this equipment must be supervised by a Competent Person.
- **1.3 STANDARDS:** Your product conforms to the national or regional standards identified on the front cover of these instructions. If this product is resold outside the original country of destination, the re-seller must provide these instructions in the language of the country in which the product will be used.
  - ☑ For more information on certification or conformance requirements, refer to the applicable standards and regulations listed for your product (e.g. the ANSI/ASSP Z359 Fall Protection codes).
- **1.4 TRAINING:** This equipment must be installed and used by persons trained in its correct application. These instructions are to be used as part of an employee training program as required by national, regional, or local standards. It is the responsibility of the users and installers of this equipment to ensure they are familiar with these instructions, trained in the correct care and use of this equipment, and are aware of the operating characteristics, application limitations, and consequences of improper use of this equipment.
- 1.5 **RESCUE PLAN:** When using this equipment and connecting subsystems, the employer must have a written rescue plan and the means to implement and communicate that plan to users, authorized persons, and rescuers. A trained, on-site rescue team is recommended. Team members should be provided with the equipment and techniques necessary to perform a successful rescue. Training should be provided on a periodic basis to ensure rescuer proficiency. Rescuers should be provided with these instructions. There should be visual contact or means of communication with the person being rescued at all times during the rescue process.

### 2.0 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- **2.1 ANCHORAGE:** Anchorage requirements vary with the Fall Protection application. The mounting structure on which the equipment is placed must meet the Anchorage specifications defined in Table 1.
- **2.2 CAPACITY:** The user capacity of a complete Fall Protection system is limited by its lowest rated maximum capacity component. For example, if your connecting subsystem has a capacity that is less than your harness, you must comply with the capacity requirements of your connecting subsystem. See the manufacturer instructions for each component of your system for capacity requirements.
- **2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** Use of this equipment in areas with environmental hazards may require additional precautions to prevent injury to the user or damage to the equipment. Hazards may include, but are not limited to: high heat, chemicals, corrosive environments, high voltage power lines, explosive or toxic gases, moving machinery, sharp edges, or overhead materials that may fall and contact the user or equipment. Contact 3M Technical Services for further clarification.
- **2.4 LIFELINE HAZARDS:** Ensure the lifeline is kept free from all hazards including, but not limited to: entanglement with users, other workers, moving machinery, other surrounding objects, or impact from overhead objects that could fall onto the lifeline or users.
- **2.5 FALL PATH AND SRD LOCKING SPEED:** Do not use in applications that have an obstructed fall path. A clear path is required to lock the SRD. Working on slowly shifting materials (e.g. sand or grain), or within limited spaces, may not allow the worker to reach sufficient speed to lock the SRD.
- **2.6 COMPONENT COMPATIBILITY:** 3M equipment is designed for use with 3M equipment. Use with non-3M equipment must be approved by a Competent Person. Substitutions made with non-approved equipment may jeopardize equipment compatibility and may affect the safety and reliability of your Fall Protection system. Read and follow all instructions and warnings for all equipment prior to use.
- **2.7 CONNECTOR COMPATIBILITY:** Connectors are compatible with connecting elements when the size and shape of either component does not cause the connector to inadvertently open, regardless of orientation. Connectors must comply with applicable standards. Connectors must be fully closed and locked during use.
  - 3M Connectors (snap hooks and carabiners) are designed to be used only as specified in each instruction manual. Ensure connectors are compatible with the system components to which they are connected. Do not use equipment that is non-compatible. Use of non-compatible components may cause the connector to unintentionally disengage (see Figure 3). If the connecting element to which a connector attaches is undersized or irregular in shape, a situation could occur where the connecting element applies a force to the gate of the connector (A). This force could then cause the gate to open (B), disengaging the connector from the connecting element (C).

- **2.8 MAKING CONNECTIONS:** All connections must be compatible in size, shape, and strength. See Figure 4 for examples of inappropriate connections. Do not attach connectors:
  - A. To a D-Ring to which another connector is attached.
  - B. In a manner that would result in a load on the gate. Large-throat snap hooks should not be connected to D-Rings or other connecting elements, unless the snap hook has a gate strength of 16 kN (3,600 lbf) or greater.
  - C. In a false engagement, where size or shape of the connector or connecting element is not compatible and, without visual confirmation, would seem to be fully engaged.
  - D. To each other.
  - E. Directly to harness webbing, lanyard leg material, or tie-back material unless such a connection is explicitly allowed for by the manufacturer instructions.
  - F. To any object whose size or shape does not allow the connector to fully close and lock, or that could cause connector roll-out.
  - G. In a manner that does not allow the connector to align properly while under load.



### 3.0 INSTALLATION

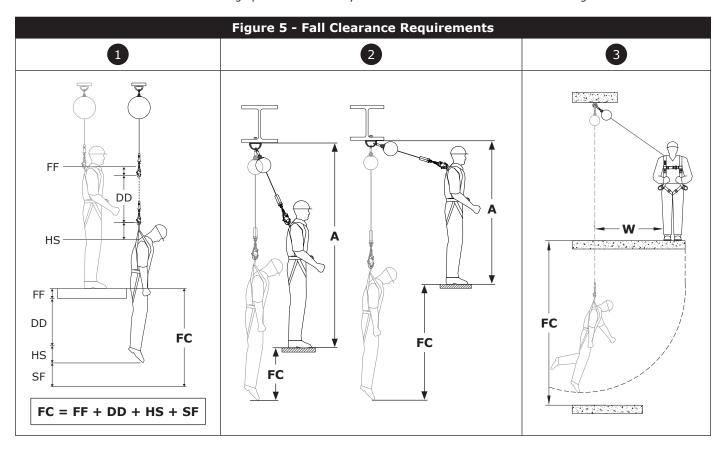
- **3.1 OVERVIEW:** Installing this product requires effective planning and knowledge of fall clearance requirements. In the event of a fall, there must be enough fall clearance present to safely arrest the user.
- **3.2 PLANNING:** Plan your Fall Protection system before starting your work. Account for all factors that may affect your safety before, during, and after a fall. Consider all requirements and limitations specified in these instructions.
  - **A. SHARP EDGES:** Avoid working where system components may be in contact with, or scrape against, unprotected sharp edges and abrasive surfaces. All sharp edges and abrasive surfaces should be covered with protective material.
    - ✓ Only SRD-LEs may be used for applications with unprotected sharp edges or abrasive surfaces.
- **3.3 FALL CLEARANCE:** It is critical that the user is aware of fall clearance and its requirements before using this product.
  - **A. DEFINITION:** Fall clearance is the measure of distance between a user and the next obstruction below them. Before use of this product, the user should determine how much fall clearance is required to prevent them from striking an obstruction should they fall.

A user's Required Fall Clearance (FC) is the sum of Free Fall (FF), Deceleration Distance (DD), Harness Stretch (HS), and a Safety Factor (SF). See Figure 5.1 for reference.

- Free Fall (FF) is the distance the user travels before activation of the deceleration device.
- **Deceleration Distance (DD)** is the distance the user falls measured from activation of the deceleration device until stopping.
- Harness Stretch (HS) is the amount of slack extending from the user's harness when the user is suspended by their harness attachment element.
- Safety Factor (SF) is a set amount of distance added to fall clearance to ensure user safety.

There may be additional factors affecting Required Fall Clearance within your Fall Arrest system, such as D-ring extension length and anchorage deflection. For coverage of these factors, and others not outlined above, refer to the manufacturer instructions for each component of your Fall Arrest system. Additional factors, when provided, should be added to the fall clearance values in this instruction.

- **B. MINIMIZING REQUIREMENTS:** The user should always position their Fall Arrest system to minimize fall potential and potential fall distance. To keep fall clearance requirements to a minimum, it is recommended that the user work as directly below their anchorage point as possible.
  - **ANCHORAGE HEIGHT:** The Required Fall Clearance (FC) for a user increases as Anchorage Height (A) decreases. The user experiences a greater amount of free fall when connected to an anchorage point below them, since the user will have to travel that much farther should they fall. See Figure 5.2 for reference.
  - **SWING FALLS:** The Required Fall Clearance (FC) for a user increases as User Work Radius (W) increases. Swing falls occur when the anchorage point is not directly above the user when a fall occurs. See Figure 5.3 for reference.

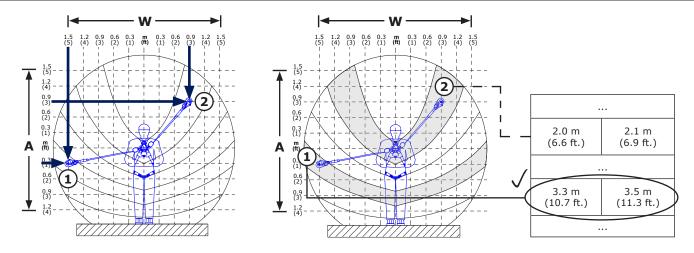


### **FALL CLEARANCE CHARTS**

Required Fall Clearance has been provided within the charts below. To determine Required Fall Clearance:

- 1. Locate your first connector (1). Measure the Anchorage Height (A) and Maximum Work Radius (W) of your connector, relative to the height of your D-ring. Place your first connector in the chart where these intersect.
- 2. Locate your second connector (2). Use the same method from Step 1 to place your second connector in the chart.
- **3. Find your Required Fall Clearance (FC).** Locate the chart "wing" each connector falls into, then locate the corresponding fall clearance in the table to the right. The fall clearance table is divided into columns, depending on capacity. Select the value within the column matching your total user capacity (including clothing, tools, etc.).

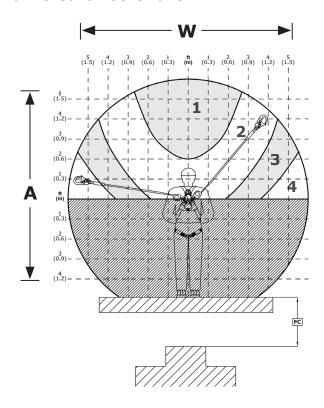
☑ If your connectors are in different wings, you must use the greater fall clearance requirement between them.



 $\checkmark$  A Safety Factor of 1.0 m (3.28 ft.) and a user height of 1.8 m (6 ft. 0 in.) were used for all values listed. Kneeling or crouching will reduce the position of the user above the platform and will require an additional 1.0 m (3 ft. 3 in.) of fall clearance.

☑ Required Fall Clearance is calculated with the assumption that each leg of the SRD is extended a minimal distance behind the user, from wherever they may be positioned in the chart. The assumption of minimum setback distance ensures the user has enough fall clearance regardless of their actual setback distance.

## Fall Clearance Chart #1



Woight		Chart	Area	
Weight	1	2	3	4
130 lb 310 lb. (59 kg - 140 kg)	5.0 ft. (1.5 m)	7.0 ft. (2.1 m)	9.0 ft. (2.7 m)	11 ft. (3.4 m)
	Fall Clearance (FC)			

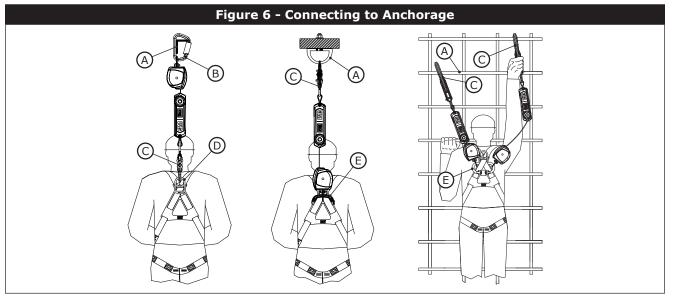
### Key

A = Anchorage Height W = Maximum Work Radius FC = Required Fall Clearance **3.5 CONNECTING TO ANCHORAGE:** Figure 6 illustrates typical SRD anchorage connections. The Anchorage (A) should be directly overhead to minimize free fall and swing fall hazards (see Section 3.3.B). Select an anchorage capable of sustaining the static loads defined in Table 1. Depending on system and product configuration, the SRD may be mounted on the anchorage point or on the user's full body harness.

 $\checkmark$  Large-throat snap hooks must never be secured to D-rings or other connecting elements unless they have a gate strength of 16 kN (3,600 lbf) or greater.

- **A. ANCHORAGE MOUNTING:** Single-SRD models may be mounted on anchorage points as long as they are installed properly and have the right connectors for securing on an anchorage point. The top connector must be a carabiner, snap hook, or rebar hook. To secure an SRD overhead, first secure the Top Connector (B) to the anchorage point. Then, secure the Bottom Connector (C) directly to the dorsal D-ring (D) of your harness.
- **B. HARNESS MOUNTING:** Harness-mounted SRDs are secured to the full body harness directly by their Harness Interface (E). The user then secures to anchorage connection points using their Bottom Connectors (C). Twin-SRD models enable the user to maintain 100-percent tie-off when transferring between anchorage points.

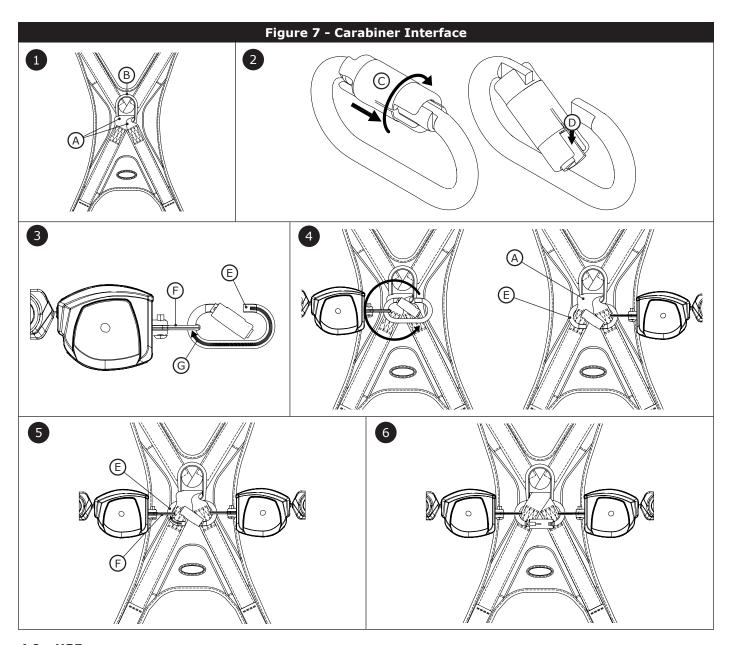
☑ Always ensure that you are appropriately securing and anchoring your SRD. Some SRD models may have anchorage height restrictions. See the fall clearance charts for more information on these restrictions, if present.



**3.6 INSTALLING A HARNESS-MOUNTED SELF-RETRACTING DEVICE:** Single- and Twin-SRD models with harness web interfaces as their top connector may be installed directly onto the user's full body harness. This format enables easier transportation of the SRD and ensures that the SRD is within reach when moving between anchorage points. The methods for mounting an SRD on a harness vary with SRD model and the interface provided.

☑ Harness interfaces may also be used in coordination with specific features of full body harnesses to secure the Single- or Twin-SRD to the harness. Examples include the pSRD Link and the molded X100 SRD Interface Loop present on some 3M harness models. The following instructions provide a general method for how each harness interface should be used. See the manufacturer instructions of your full body harness for more information on specific features for interfacing with SRDs.

- **A. CARABINER INTERFACE:** See Figure 7 for reference. These instructions apply to Carabiner 2000192 when used with specific ExoFit Full Body Harness models.
  - 1. Loosen the harness webbing. Pull out on the Web Straps (A) where they pass through the bottom of the Dorsal D-ring (B) until there is enough space to slide the carabiner through.
  - 2. Open the carabiner. With the carabiner oriented as illustrated, push the Locking Sleeve (C) to the right, then turn clockwise to unlock the Gate (D). Push the Gate (D) down to open.
  - 3. Thread the first SRD onto the carabiner. Insert the Nose (E) of the carabiner through the Swivel Eye (F) of the SRD, then loop the SRD through to the Gate End (G) of the carabiner.
  - 4. Position the carabiner around the web straps. Insert the Nose (E) of the carabiner behind the loosened Web Straps (A), between the straps and the back pad of the harness. Rotate the carabiner until it surrounds the loosened straps.
  - 5. Thread the second SRD onto the carabiner. Slide the Swivel Eye (F) of the SRD over the Nose (E) of the carabiner. Position the SRD along the nose end of the carabiner.
  - 6. Close the carabiner. Release the gate and allow the carabiner to rotate back to its locked position. Once closed, pull the the Web Straps back through the harness to secure the carabiner.



### 4.0 USE

- **4.1 BEFORE EACH USE:** Verify that your work area and Fall Protection system meet all criteria defined in these instructions. Verify that a formal Rescue Plan is in place. Inspect the product per the 'User' inspection points defined in the "Inspection and Maintenance Log". If inspection reveals an unsafe or defective condition, or if there is any doubt about its condition for safe use, remove the product from service immediately. Clearly tag the product "DO NOT USE". See Section 5 for more information.
- **4.2 AFTER A FALL:** If this equipment is subjected to fall arrest or impact force, remove it from service immediately. Clearly tag it "DO NOT USE". See Section 5 for more information.
- **4.3 OPERATION:** Before using an SRD, the worker will need to secure the SRD to an anchorage connection point and an attachment element on their full body harness. Once secured, the worker may move within the established safe working area at normal speeds. During use, always allow the SRD lifeline to recoil back into the device under control.
- **4.4 TAGLINES:** Depending on the worksite and system configuration, the user may not always be able to reach the SRD at its anchor point. In these situations, a tagline may be necessary. A tagline is a long piece of cord that loops through the bottom connector of the SRD before looping back in on itself. When connected in this way, the user can raise or lower the bottom connector of the SRD to their location by pulling on the tagline.

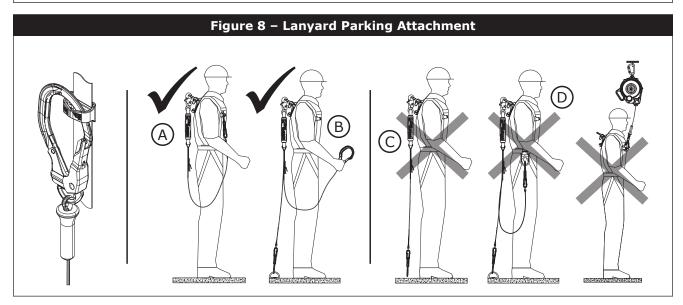
☑ Ensure the free end of the tagline does not become entangled with other workers, equipment, or machinery. If necessary, restrain the free end of the tagline.

**4.5 LANYARD PARKING ATTACHMENT:** When not in use, the free end of a lanyard or harness-mounted Self-Retracting Device (SRD) must be secured to the lanyard parking attachment on the user's harness (A) or be held securely within the user's hand (B). See Figure 8 for reference.

The free end of a connecting subsystem must always be properly secured. Never allow free ends to hang freely (C) and

never secure free ends to an unused attachment element on the user's harness (D). Both of these situations could create a trip hazard or cause the user to become entangled.

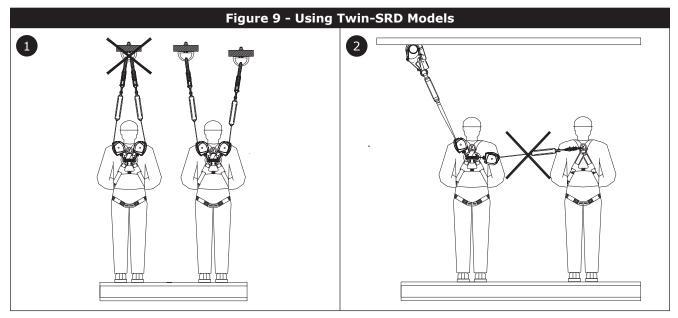
☑ Never use lanyard parking attachments as attachment elements for Fall Protection applications.



**4.6 USING TWIN-SRD MODELS:** Twin-SRD models, when mounted on a harness, may be used for Fall Arrest or Restraint applications. Additionally, Twin-SRDs may be used for climbing applications, such as ascending or descending a rebar structure. Twin-SRDs enable the user to maintain 100-percent tie-off when moving between anchorage points. As long as one SRD is secured to an anchorage point, the user may disconnect the other SRD and move it to a different anchorage point. By disconnecting and reconnecting each SRD in turn, the user may travel along a surface and still maintain tie-off during movement.

The user must always consider the following before using a Twin-SRD:

- When in the vicinity of a fall hazard, the user must always have at least one SRD connected to an anchorage point. Never connect both SRDs to the same anchorage point. See Figure 9.1 for reference.
- Never permanently secure both SRDs to anchorage points simultaneously. Twin connections should only be made for the purpose of maintaining 100-percent tie-off.
- Each individual anchorage point must be strong enough to meet the anchorage requirements listed in Table 1.
- The individual SRDs must only be used to secure to anchorage points. Never secure two workers via the same system. See Figure 9.2 for reference.
- The lifeline of each SRD must always be kept free from obstructions and entanglement. Do not pass either SRD under arms or between legs during use.



**4.7 USE WITH HORIZONTAL SYSTEMS:** The SRDs covered in this instruction are compatible for use with horizontal systems, such as Horizontal Lifeline (HLL) systems and horizontal rail systems. See the manufacturer instructions of your horizontal system for more information on its compatibility with SRDs. SRDs may be used with a horizontal system only if

both products allow for such use.

☑ Required Fall Clearance values presented in these instructions are based on use with a rigid, stationary anchorage point. These values do not apply when the product is used with a Horizontal Lifeline (HLL) system. See the manufacturer instructions of your HLL system for fall clearance charts specific to that system, or for additional factors that must be accounted for before using the charts in these instructions.

### 5.0 INSPECTION

☑ After equipment has been removed from service, it may not be returned to service until a Competent Person confirms in writing that it is acceptable to do so.

- **5.1 INSPECTION FREQUENCY:** The product shall be inspected before each use by a user and, additionally, by a Competent Person other than the user at intervals of no longer than one year. A higher frequency of equipment use and harsher conditions may require increasing the frequency of Competent Person inspections. The frequency of these inspections should be determined by the Competent Person per the specific conditions of the worksite.
- **5.2 INSPECTION PROCEDURES:** Inspect this product per the procedures listed in the "Inspection and Maintenance Log". Documentation of each inspection should be maintained by the owner of this equipment. An inspection and maintenance log should be placed near the product or be otherwise easily accessible to users. It is recommended that the product is marked with the date of next or last inspection.
- **5.3 DEFECTS:** If the product cannot be returned to service because of an existing defect or unsafe condition, or because the product has been exposed to fall arrest or impact force, then the product must be destroyed.
- **5.4 PRODUCT LIFE:** The functional life of the product is determined by work conditions and maintenance. As long as the product passes inspection criteria, it may remain in service, up to a maximum of 10 years.

### 6.0 MAINTENANCE, STORAGE, AND REPAIR

☑ Equipment that is in need of maintenance or scheduled for maintenance should be tagged "DO NOT USE". These equipment tags should not be removed until maintenance is performed.

- **6.1 CLEANING:** Periodically clean the lifeline and the exterior of the product with water and a mild soap solution. Rinse the product thoroughly and air dry. Clean labels as necessary. For more information, please refer to the technical bulletin on our website: <a href="https://www.3M.com/FallProtection/Mechanical-Device-Cleaning">https://www.3M.com/FallProtection/Mechanical-Device-Cleaning</a>
- **6.2 DISPOSAL:** Cut or otherwise disable the lifeline, then dispose of the product appropriately.
- **6.3 REPAIR:** This product is not repairable. Do not attempt to repair this product.
- **6.4 STORAGE AND TRANSPORT:** Store and transport the product in a cool, dry, clean environment out of direct sunlight. Avoid areas where chemical vapors may exist. Thoroughly inspect components after extended storage.

### 7.0 LABELS and MARKINGS

**7.1 SUMMARY:** The "Product Labels" figure illustrates labels and markings present on the product. See below for a summary of information provided with each label and marking.

$   \sqrt{} $	Label images are intended to be representative. Please refer to your product labels for specific information.
$\checkmark$	Missing or damaged labels must be replaced. All labels must be fully legible.
A	1) Logo Label
В	1) ID Label

### 8.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1) Warning Label

**8.1 DEFINITIONS:** The following terms and definitions are used in these instructions.

▼ For a comprehensive list of terms and definitions, please visit our website: www.3m.com/FallProtection/ifu-glossary

- AUTHORIZED PERSON: A person assigned by the employer to perform duties at a location where the person will be exposed to a fall hazard.
- **COMPETENT PERSON:** One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
- FALL ARREST SYSTEM: A collection of Fall Protection equipment configured to protect the user in the event of a fall.
- **QUALIFIED PERSON:** A person with a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience has successfully demonstrated their ability to solve or resolve problems relating to Fall Protection and Rescue systems to the extent required by applicable national, regional, and local regulations.
- RESCUER: A person using the Rescue system to perform an assisted rescue.
- **RESTRAINT SYSTEM:** A collection of Fall Protection equipment configured to prevent the user from reaching a fall hazard. No free fall is permitted.
- USER: A person who performs activities while protected by a Fall Protection system.

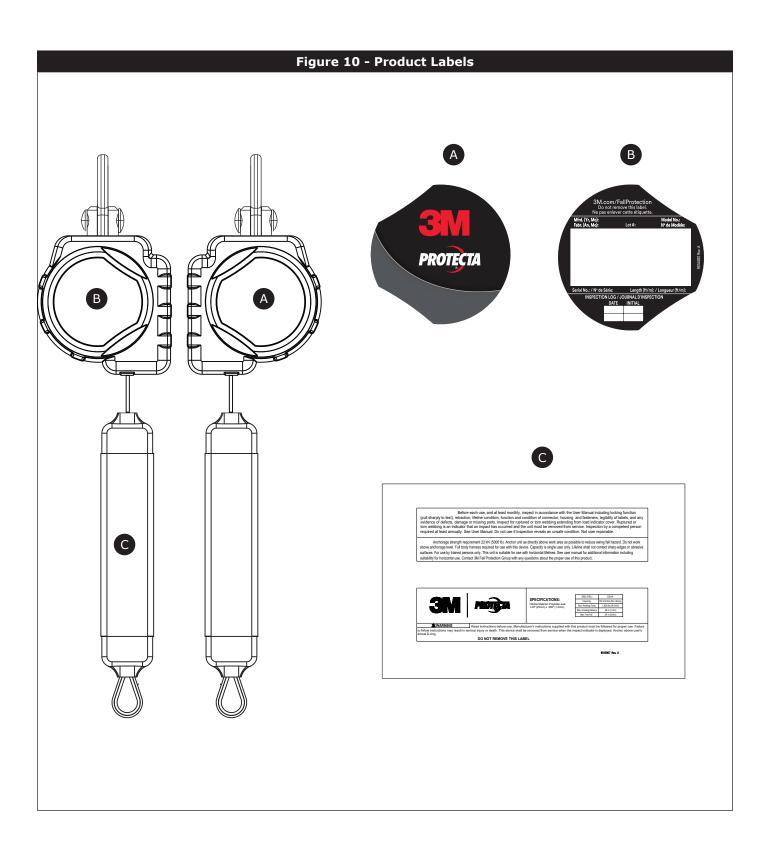
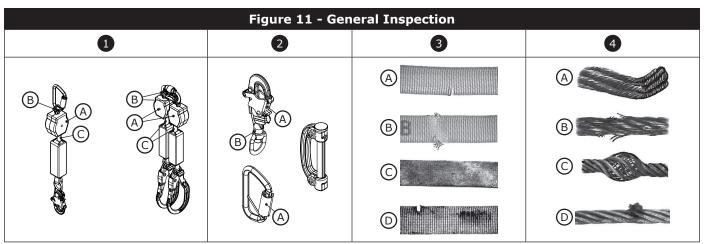
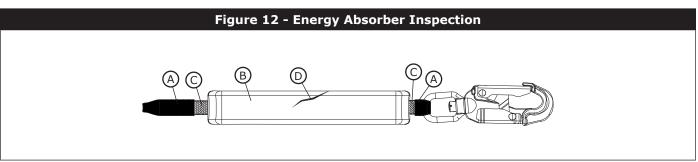


		Table 2 - Inspection	and Maintenance Log	i .	
Model Number (Se	rial Number	):			
Date Purchased:			Date of First Use:		
			<del>.</del>		
☑ This product mus inspect this equipmen			. Additionally, a Competent Person (	other than the	user must
Component	Tr	Inspection Procedure		Inspection	n Result
				Pass	Fail
	In	spect for loose bolts and bent or o	damaged parts.		
	In	spect Housing (A) for distortion, c	racks, or other damage.		
SRD - General			rtion, cracks, or other damage. The rely to the SRD, but should pivot freely.		
(Figure 11.1)		ne Lifeline (C) should pull out and eating a slack line condition.	retract fully without hesitation or		
		nsure device locks up when lifeline ositive with no slipping.	is jerked sharply. Lockup should be		
	Lo	ook for signs of corrosion on the er	ntire unit.		
Connectors (Figure 11.2)	all clo	connectors are working properly.	s of damage and corrosion. Verify that Where present: Gates (A) should open, vivel Eyes (B) should rotate without and pins should function correctly.	_	
Web Lifeline (Figure 11.3)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			_	_
Wire Rope Lifeline (Figure 11.4)		Inspect wire rope for cuts, Kinks (A), Broken Wires (B), Bird-Caging (C), welding splatter, corrosion, chemical contact areas, or Severely-Abraded Areas (D). Slide the Lifeline Bumper (E) up and inspect the Ferrules (F) for damage. Replace the wire rope assembly if there are six or more broken wires in one revolution, or three or more broken wires in one strand in one revolution. Replace the assembly if there are any broken wires within 25 mm (1 in.) of the ferrules.			
Energy Absorber (Figure 12)		e Lifeline Cover (A) has not pulled b) on either end. None of the Energ	rber has not been activated. Verify that I out from the Energy Absorber Cover gy Absorber Webbing (C) should be er should also be secure and free of	0	_
Labels (Figure 10)	All	l labels are present and fully legib	le.		
Fall Protection Equipr	nant i	dditional Fall Protection equipment stalled and inspected per the man	•		
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✓ If the product fail it from service immed	's an inspectio diately. Clearl	on procedure, then the productly tag the product "DO NOT U	ct fails overall inspection. If the prod SE". See Section 5 for more informa	uct fails inspec ition.	ction, remove
		•			
Inspection Type: ☐ User		☐ Competent Person	Overall Inspection Result:	□ Pass	□ Fail
Inspected By:			Date of Inspection:		
Signature:			Next Inspection Due:		
Additional Notes:					





## GLOBAL PRODUCT WARRANTY, LIMITED REMEDY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

**WARRANTY:** THE FOLLOWING IS MADE IN LIEU OF ALL WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Unless otherwise provided by local laws, 3M fall protection products are warranted against factory defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the date of installation or first use by the original owner.

**LIMITED REMEDY:** Upon written notice to 3M, 3M will repair or replace any product determined by 3M to have a factory defect in workmanship or materials. 3M reserves the right to require product be returned to its facility for evaluation of warranty claims. This warranty does not cover product damage due to wear, abuse, misuse, damage in transit, failure to maintain the product or other damage beyond 3M's control. 3M will be the sole judge of product condition and warranty options.

This warranty applies only to the original purchaser and is the only warranty applicable to 3M's fall protection products. Please contact 3M's customer service department in your region for assistance.

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAWS, 3M IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF PROFITS, IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE PRODUCTS REGARDLESS OF THE LEGAL THEORY ASSERTED.





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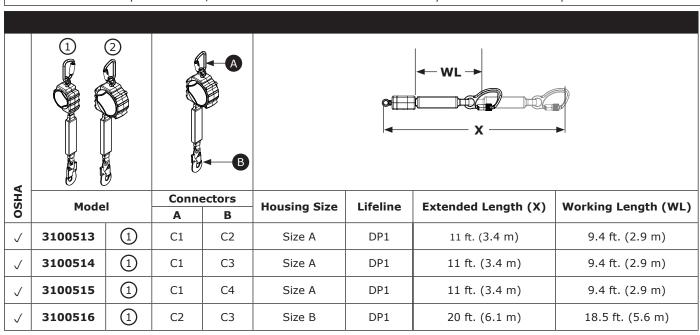
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## 3M™ PROTECTA® SELF-RETRACTING DEVICES

# USER INSTRUCTIONS 5908128 Rev. A

### **Fall Protection**

 $\ \square$  For identification of product codes, refer to Table 1. See "Table 1 - Product Specifications" for more product information.



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### SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read, understand, and follow all safety information contained in these instructions, prior to the use of this product. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

These instructions must be provided to the user of the equipment. Retain these instructions for future reference.

### **Intended Use:**

This product is used as part of a complete Fall Protection system.

Use in any other application including, but not limited to, material handling, recreational or sports-related activities, or other activities not described in these instructions, is not approved by 3M and could result in serious injury or death.

This product is only to be used by trained users in workplace applications.



### **WARNING**

This product is used as part of a complete Fall Protection system. All users must be fully trained in the safe installation and operation of their complete Fall Protection system. **Misuse of this product could result in serious injury or death.** For proper selection, operation, installation, maintenance, and service, refer to all instruction manuals and manufacturer recommendations. For more information, see your supervisor or contact 3M Technical Services.

### • To reduce the risks associated with using a Self-Retracting Device which, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death:

- Inspect the product before each use and after any fall event, in accordance with the procedures specified in these instructions.
- If inspection reveals an unsafe or defective condition, remove the product from service immediately and clearly tag it "DO NOT USE". Destroy or repair the product as required by these instructions.
- Any product that has been subject to fall arrest or impact force must be immediately removed from service. Destroy or repair the product as required by these instructions.
- Ensure that Fall Protection systems assembled from components made by different manufacturers are compatible and meet all applicable Fall Protection regulations, standards, or requirements. Always consult a Competent or Qualified Person before using these systems.
- Ensure the product is kept free from all hazards including, but not limited to: entanglement with users, other workers, moving machinery, other surrounding objects, or impact from overhead objects that could fall onto the product or users.
- Do not twist, tie, knot, or allow slack in the lifeline.
- Avoid trip hazards with legs of the lifeline. Attach any unused lifeline legs to the lanyard parking elements on your full body harness, if present.
- Do not exceed the number of allowable users specified in these instructions.
- Do not use in applications that have an obstructed fall path. A clear path is required to lock the SRD. Working on slowly shifting materials (e.g. sand or grain), or within confined spaces or limited spaces, may not allow the worker to reach sufficient speed to lock the SRD.
- Avoid sudden or quick movements during work operation because this may cause the SRD to unintentionally lock.
- Use caution when installing, using, or moving the product as moving parts may create pinch points.
- Use appropriate edge protection when the product may contact sharp edges or abrasive surfaces.
- Ensure the product is configured and installed properly for safe operation as described in these instructions.
- Immediately remove the product from service if it has been used in a descent.
- Before use, ensure the descent path and landing area are clear of any obstructions or hazards.

### · To reduce the risks associated with working at height which, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death:

- Your health and physical condition must allow you to safely work at height and to withstand all forces associated with a fall arrest event. Consult your doctor if you have questions regarding your ability to use this equipment.
- Never exceed allowable capacity of your Fall Protection equipment.
- Never exceed the maximum free fall distance specified for your Fall Protection equipment.
- Do not use any Fall Protection equipment that fails inspection, or if you have concerns about the use or suitability of the equipment. Contact 3M Technical Services with any questions.
- Some subsystem and component combinations may interfere with the operation of this equipment. Only use compatible connections. Contact 3M Technical Services before using this equipment in combination with components or subsystems other than those described in these instructions.
- Use extra precautions when working around moving machinery, electrical hazards, extreme temperatures, chemical hazards, explosive or toxic gases, sharp edges, abrasive surfaces, or below overhead materials that could fall onto you or your Fall Protection equipment.
- Ensure use of your product is rated for the hazards present in your work environment.
- Ensure there is sufficient fall clearance when working at height.
- Never modify or alter your Fall Protection equipment. Only 3M, or persons authorized in writing by 3M, may make repairs to 3M equipment.
- Before using Fall Protection equipment, ensure a written rescue plan is in place to provide prompt rescue if a fall incident occurs.
- If a fall incident occurs, immediately seek medical attention for the fallen worker.
- Only use a full body harness for Fall Arrest applications. Do not use a body belt.
- Minimize swing falls by working as directly below the anchorage point as possible.
- A secondary Fall Protection system must be used when training with this product. Trainees must not be exposed to an unintended fall hazard.
- Always wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment when installing, using, or inspecting the product.
- Never work below a suspended load or worker.
- Always maintain 100% tie-off.

Always ensure you are using the latest revision of your 3M instruction manual. Visit <a href="https://www.3m.com/userinstructions">www.3m.com/userinstructions</a> or contact 3M Technical Services for updated instruction manuals.

### **PRODUCT OVERVIEW:**

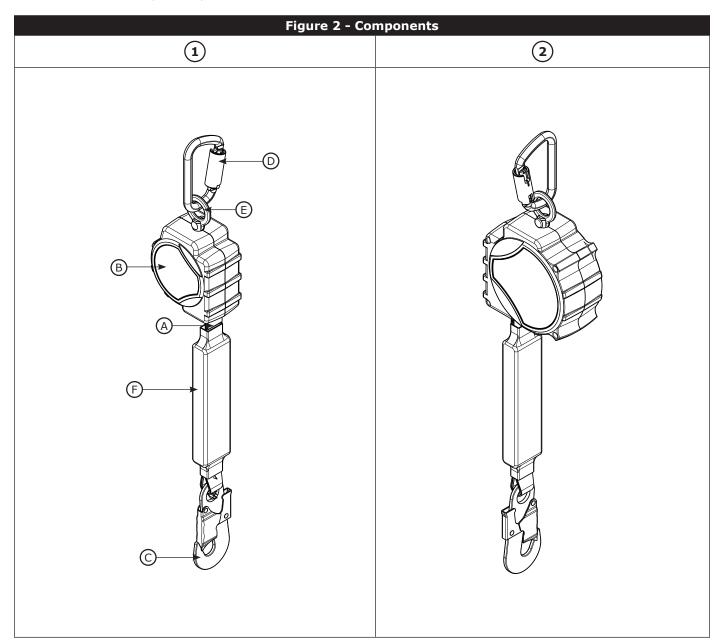
Figure 1 illustrates the 3M™ Protecta® Self-Retracting Device (SRD). Protecta SRDs are drum-wound wire rope or synthetic rope lifelines that retract into thermoplastic or aluminum housings. Protecta SRDs are designed for overhead applications where the SRD is mounted above the user and the lifeline remains vertical during use.

The following SRD types are covered by this instruction:

• **Self-Retracting Device (Figures 1.1, 1.2; 2.1, 2.2):** Self-Retracting Devices (SRDs) are suitable for applications where the lifeline remains generally vertical during use. This type may be used for Fall Arrest or Restraint applications.

Figure 2 identifies key components of the available SRD models. In a standard SRD, the Lifeline (A) extends and retracts from within the Housing (B). The Top Connector (D) secures the SRD to its mounting point and is connected to the SRD by means of the Swivel Eye (E). The Bottom Connector (C) is secured at the end of the Lifeline. Depending on system configuration, the Bottom Connector will attach to either the designated attachment element of the user's full body harness or to the system's anchorage point. Energy Absorbers (F) dissipate kinetic energy and limit deceleration forces during fall arrest.

Each product model has its own particular size and its own combination of components as listed in Figure 1. See Table 1 for more information on Component Specifications.



☑ Before using this equipment, record the product identification information from the ID label in the `Inspection and Maintenance Log' at the back of this manual.

## Table 1 - Product Specifications

System Specifications:			
Anchorage: The anchorage structure for the SRD must be capable of supporting loads up to 3,372 lbf (15kN).			
Service Temperature: -40°F to 130°F (-40°C to 54.4°C)			
Standards: Each product model is certified to, or conforms with, the applicable standards and regulations listed within Figure 1.			

Component Specifications:					
Figure 2 Reference	Component	Materials			
A	Lifeline	(see Lifeline Specifications)			
B	Housing	Nylon			
©	Bottom Connector	(see Connector Specifications)			
D	Top Connector	(see Connector Specifications)			
E	Swivel Eye	Steel			
F	Energy Absorber	Vinyl cover with polyester lifeline			
Drum Nylon					
✓ Internal Components: Internal SRD components are made from a combination of Stainless Steel, Steel, and Aluminum.					

### **Connector Specifications:**

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Figure 1 Reference	Model Number	Description	Material	Gate Opening	Gate Strength			
C1	2000193 Carabiner		Steel	11/16-in. (19 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)			
C2	2000161	Self-Locking Snap Hook	Steel	3/4-in. (19 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)			
C3	2000178	Swivel Self-Locking Snap Hook	Steel	3/4-in. (19 mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)			
C4 2000118		Rebar Hook	Steel	2 1/4 in (57mm)	3,600 lbf (16 kN)			

**▼ Tensile Strength:** The tensile strength of each of the connectors listed above is 22.2 kN (5,000 lbf).

C1	C2	С3	C4

Lifeline Specifications:				
Figure 1 Reference Description				
DP1	1 in. Polyester Diamond Weave (0.056 in. Thick)			

### **Table 1 – Product Specifications**

Performance - SRDs	OSHA Models		
Capacity Range:	130 - 310 lbs. (59-141 kg)		
Maximum Arresting Force:	1,800 lbf (8 kN)		
Average Arresting Force:	N/A		
Maximum Arrest Distance: *Assumes the SRD is mounted directly above the user.	48 in. (1.2m)		
Maximum Deceleration Distance: *Assumes the SRD is mounted directly above the user.	42 in. (1.1 m)		
Minimum Fall Clearance Required: *Assumes the SRD is mounted directly above the user.	6 ft (1.8 m)		
Maximum Free Fall: *SRD must be mounted above user's D-ring.	2 ft (0.6 m)		

Dimension	is:				
Figure 1 Reference	D	w	R		D
Size A	2.6 in. (6.6 cm)	4.2 in. (10.7 cm)	25 in. (63.5 cm)	W	
Size B	2.8 in. (7.1 cm)	5.7 in. (14.5 cm)	22.5 in. (57.1 cm)	R	

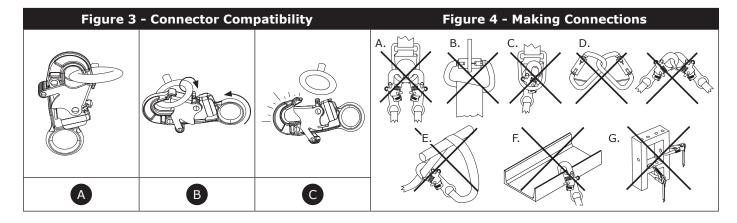
### 1.0 PRODUCT APPLICATION

- **PURPOSE:** 3M Self-Retracting Devices (SRDs) are designed for use as a connecting subsystem in a Fall Protection system. Once anchored, the lifeline extends and retracts automatically as the worker moves. If a fall occurs, a sensing mechanism activates the device and arrests the fall. For more information on system applications, refer to the "Product Overview" and Table 1.
- **1.2 SUPERVISION:** Use of this equipment must be supervised by a Competent Person.
- **1.3 STANDARDS:** Your product conforms to the national or regional standards identified on the front cover of these instructions. If this product is resold outside the original country of destination, the re-seller must provide these instructions in the language of the country in which the product will be used.
  - ☑ For more information on certification or conformance requirements, refer to the applicable standards and regulations listed for your product (e.g. the ANSI/ASSP Z359 Fall Protection codes).
- **1.4 TRAINING:** This equipment must be installed and used by persons trained in its correct application. These instructions are to be used as part of an employee training program as required by national, regional, or local standards. It is the responsibility of the users and installers of this equipment to ensure they are familiar with these instructions, trained in the correct care and use of this equipment, and are aware of the operating characteristics, application limitations, and consequences of improper use of this equipment.
- 1.5 **RESCUE PLAN:** When using this equipment and connecting subsystems, the employer must have a written rescue plan and the means to implement and communicate that plan to users, authorized persons, and rescuers. A trained, on-site rescue team is recommended. Team members should be provided with the equipment and techniques necessary to perform a successful rescue. Training should be provided on a periodic basis to ensure rescuer proficiency. Rescuers should be provided with these instructions. There should be visual contact or means of communication with the person being rescued at all times during the rescue process.

### 2.0 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- **2.1 ANCHORAGE:** Anchorage requirements vary with the Fall Protection application. The mounting structure on which the equipment is placed must meet the Anchorage specifications defined in Table 1.
- **2.2 CAPACITY:** The user capacity of a complete Fall Protection system is limited by its lowest rated maximum capacity component. For example, if your connecting subsystem has a capacity that is less than your harness, you must comply with the capacity requirements of your connecting subsystem. See the manufacturer instructions for each component of your system for capacity requirements.
- **2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** Use of this equipment in areas with environmental hazards may require additional precautions to prevent injury to the user or damage to the equipment. Hazards may include, but are not limited to: high heat, chemicals, corrosive environments, high voltage power lines, explosive or toxic gases, moving machinery, sharp edges, or overhead materials that may fall and contact the user or equipment. Contact 3M Technical Services for further clarification.
- **2.4 LIFELINE HAZARDS:** Ensure the lifeline is kept free from all hazards including, but not limited to: entanglement with users, other workers, moving machinery, other surrounding objects, or impact from overhead objects that could fall onto the lifeline or users.
- **2.5 FALL PATH AND SRD LOCKING SPEED:** Do not use in applications that have an obstructed fall path. A clear path is required to lock the SRD. Working on slowly shifting materials (e.g. sand or grain), or within limited spaces, may not allow the worker to reach sufficient speed to lock the SRD.
- **2.6 COMPONENT COMPATIBILITY:** 3M equipment is designed for use with 3M equipment. Use with non-3M equipment must be approved by a Competent Person. Substitutions made with non-approved equipment may jeopardize equipment compatibility and may affect the safety and reliability of your Fall Protection system. Read and follow all instructions and warnings for all equipment prior to use.
- **2.7 CONNECTOR COMPATIBILITY:** Connectors are compatible with connecting elements when the size and shape of either component does not cause the connector to inadvertently open, regardless of orientation. Connectors must comply with applicable standards. Connectors must be fully closed and locked during use.
  - 3M Connectors (snap hooks and carabiners) are designed to be used only as specified in each instruction manual. Ensure connectors are compatible with the system components to which they are connected. Do not use equipment that is non-compatible. Use of non-compatible components may cause the connector to unintentionally disengage (see Figure 3). If the connecting element to which a connector attaches is undersized or irregular in shape, a situation could occur where the connecting element applies a force to the gate of the connector (A). This force could then cause the gate to open (B), disengaging the connector from the connecting element (C).

- **2.8 MAKING CONNECTIONS:** All connections must be compatible in size, shape, and strength. See Figure 4 for examples of inappropriate connections. Do not attach snap hooks and carabiners:
  - A. To a D-Ring to which another connector is attached.
  - B. In a manner that would result in a load on the gate. Large-throat snap hooks should not be connected to standard-size D-Rings or other connecting elements, unless the snap hook has a gate strength of 16 kN (3,600 lbf) or greater.
  - C. In a false engagement, where size or shape of the connector or connecting element is not compatible and, without visual confirmation, would seem to be fully engaged.
  - D. To each other.
  - E. Directly to webbing or rope lanyard or tie-back material, unless the instruction manuals for both the lanyard and connector specifically allow such a connection.
  - F. To any object whose size or shape does not allow the connector to fully close and lock, or that could cause connector roll-out.
  - G. In a manner that does not allow the connector to align properly while under load.



### 3.0 INSTALLATION

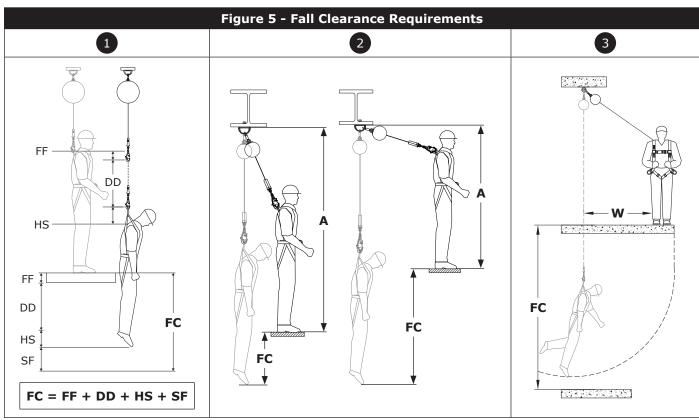
- **3.1 OVERVIEW:** Installing this product requires effective planning and knowledge of fall clearance requirements. In the event of a fall, there must be enough fall clearance present to safely arrest the user.
- **3.2 PLANNING:** Plan your Fall Protection system before starting your work. Account for all factors that may affect your safety before, during, and after a fall. Consider all requirements and limitations specified in these instructions.
  - **A. SHARP EDGES:** Avoid working where system components may be in contact with, or scrape against, unprotected sharp edges and abrasive surfaces. All sharp edges and abrasive surfaces should be covered with protective material.
    - ✓ Only SRD-LEs may be used for applications with unprotected sharp edges or abrasive surfaces.
- **3.3 FALL CLEARANCE:** It is critical that the user is aware of fall clearance and its requirements before using this product.
  - **A. DEFINITION:** Fall clearance is the measure of distance between a user and the next obstruction below them. Before use of this product, the user should determine how much fall clearance is required to prevent them from striking an obstruction should they fall.

A user's Required Fall Clearance (FC) is the sum of Free Fall (FF), Deceleration Distance (DD), Harness Stretch (HS), and a Safety Factor (SF). See Figure 5.1 for reference.

- Free Fall (FF) is the distance the user travels before activation of the deceleration device.
- **Deceleration Distance (DD)** is the distance the user falls measured from activation of the deceleration device until stopping.
- Harness Stretch (HS) is the amount of slack extending from the user's harness when the user is suspended by their harness attachment element.
- Safety Factor (SF) is a set amount of distance added to fall clearance to ensure user safety.

There may be additional factors affecting Required Fall Clearance within your Fall Arrest system, such as D-ring extension length and anchorage deflection. For coverage of these factors, and others not outlined above, refer to the manufacturer instructions for each component of your Fall Arrest system. Additional factors, when provided, should be added to the fall clearance values in this instruction.

- **B. MINIMIZING REQUIREMENTS:** The user should always position their Fall Arrest system to minimize fall potential and potential fall distance. To keep fall clearance requirements to a minimum, it is recommended that the user work as directly below their anchorage point as possible.
  - ANCHORAGE HEIGHT: The Required Fall Clearance (FC) for a user increases as Anchorage Height (A) decreases. The user experiences a greater amount of free fall when connected to an anchorage point below them, since the user will have to travel that much farther should they fall. See Figure 5.2 for reference.
  - **SWING FALLS:** The Required Fall Clearance (FC) for a user increases as User Work Radius (W) increases. Swing falls occur when the anchorage point is not directly above the user when a fall occurs. See Figure 5.3 for reference. The force of striking an object during a swing fall could cause serious injury or death. Do not permit a swing fall if injury could occur.



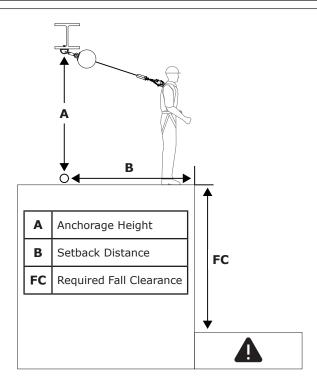
### **FALL CLEARANCE CHARTS**

### Required Fall Clearance has been provided within the charts below. To determine Required Fall Clearance:

- 1. Select the clearance chart that matches your product type and includes a capacity fitting your combined weight.
- 2. Determine the Anchorage Height (A) of your subsystem. Anchorage Height is measured from the top of the working platform to the bottom of your anchorage connection point.
- 3. Determine the Setback Distance (B) of your system. Setback Distance is measured from directly below your anchorage connection point to the edge of the working platform.
- 4. After obtaining your Anchorage Height (A) and Setback Distance (B), use (A) and (B) within the Fall Clearance Chart to determine your Required Fall Clearance (FC).

☑ When values for (A) and (B) measured by the user do not match those listed in the table, the user should round up to the next highest listed value. If there is no higher listed value, then the user should reduce their intended Anchorage Height or Setback Distance to a lower value.

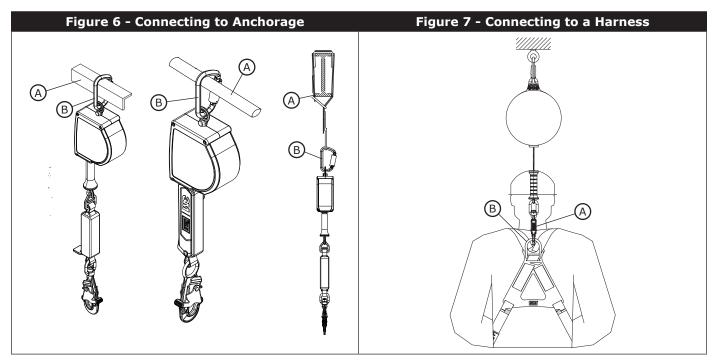
 $\checkmark$  A Safety Factor of 0.45 m (1.5 ft.) and a user height of 1.8 m (6.0 ft.) were used for all values listed. Kneeling or crouching will reduce effective user height and will require an additional 1.0 m (3.28 ft.) of Fall Clearance.



SRD:		В					
	lb 420 lb. kg - 191 kg)	0 ft. (0.0 m)	3 ft. (0.9 m)	6 ft. (1.8 m)	9 ft. (2.7 m)	12 ft. (3.7 m)	
	<8 ft. (2.4 m)	4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	6.3 ft. (1.9 m)	><	><	><	
	8 ft. (2.4 m)	4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	5.3 ft. (1.6 m)	><	><	><	
	10 ft. (3.0 m)	4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	4.9 ft. (1.5 m)	7.0 ft. (2.1 m)	> <	> <	
A	15 ft. (4.6 m)	4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	4.5 ft. (1.4 m)	5.7 ft. (1.7 m)	7.6 ft. (2.3 m)	><	
	20 ft. (6.1 m)	4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	4.3 ft. (1.3 m)	5.2 ft. (1.6 m)	6.5 ft. (2.0 m)	8.3 ft. (2.5 m)	
	25 ft. (7.6 m)	4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	4.2 ft. (1.3 m)	4.9 ft. (1.5 m)	6.0 ft. (1.8 m)	7.4 ft. (2.2 m)	
	30 ft. (9.1 m)	4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	4.2 ft. (1.3 m)	4.7 ft. (1.4 m)	5.6 ft. (1.7 m)	6.8 ft. (2.1 m)	
				FC			

- **3.5 CONNECTING TO ANCHORAGE:** Figure 6 illustrates typical SRD anchorage connections. The Anchorage (A) should be directly overhead to minimize free fall and swing fall hazards (see Section 3.3.B). Select an anchorage capable of sustaining the static loads defined in Table 1. Depending on system and product configuration, the user may secure the Top Connector (B) of the SRD directly to the anchorage structure or to an anchorage connector or anchorage connection point between.
- **3.6 CONNECTING TO A HARNESS:** Connection of the SRD to a harness will vary per the harness and which attachment element is used. See Figure 7 for reference. To secure, connect the Bottom Connector (A) of the SRD to the Attachment Element (B) of the full body harness. For more information as to which attachment elements may be used, see the manufacturer instructions of your harness.

☑ The "Product Overview" specifies for which Fall Protection applications your SRD model may be used. Ensure use of your harness complies with these requirements. A full body harness is required for Fall Arrest applications.



### 4.0 USE

- **4.1 BEFORE EACH USE:** Verify that your work area and Fall Protection system meet all criteria defined in these instructions. Verify that a formal Rescue Plan is in place. Inspect the product per the 'User' inspection points defined in the "Inspection and Maintenance Log". If inspection reveals an unsafe or defective condition, or if there is any doubt about its condition for safe use, remove the product from service immediately. Clearly tag the product "DO NOT USE". See Section 5 for more information.
- **4.2 AFTER A FALL:** If this equipment is subjected to fall arrest or impact force, remove it from service immediately. Clearly tag it "DO NOT USE". See Section 5 for more information.
- **4.3 OPERATION:** Before using an SRD, the worker will need to secure the SRD to an anchorage connection point and an attachment element on their full body harness. Once secured, the worker may move within the established safe working area at normal speeds. During use, always allow the SRD lifeline to recoil back into the device under control.
- **4.4 TAGLINES:** Depending on the worksite and system configuration, the user may not always be able to reach the SRD at its anchor point. In these situations, a tagline may be necessary. A tagline is a long piece of cord that loops through the bottom connector of the SRD before looping back in on itself. When connected in this way, the user can raise or lower the bottom connector of the SRD to their location by pulling on the tagline.
  - ☑ Ensure the free end of the tagline does not become entangled with other workers, equipment, or machinery. If necessary, restrain the free end of the tagline.
- **4.5 USE WITH HORIZONTAL SYSTEMS:** The SRDs covered in this instruction are compatible for use with horizontal systems, such as Horizontal Lifeline (HLL) systems and horizontal rail systems. See the manufacturer instructions of your horizontal system for more information on its compatibility with SRDs. SRDs may be used with a horizontal system only if both products allow for such use.
  - ☑ Required Fall Clearance values presented in these instructions are based on use with a rigid, stationary anchorage point. These values do not apply when the product is used with a Horizontal Lifeline (HLL) system. See the manufacturer instructions of your HLL system for fall clearance charts specific to that system, or for additional factors that must be accounted for before using the charts in these instructions.

### 5.0 INSPECTION

✓ After equipment has been removed from service, it may not be returned to service until a Competent Person confirms in writing that it is acceptable to do so.

- **5.1 INSPECTION FREQUENCY:** The product shall be inspected before each use by a user and, additionally, by a Competent Person other than the user at intervals of no longer than one year. A higher frequency of equipment use and harsher conditions may require increasing the frequency of Competent Person inspections. The frequency of these inspections should be determined by the Competent Person per the specific conditions of the worksite.
- **5.2 INSPECTION PROCEDURES:** Inspect this product per the procedures listed in the "Inspection and Maintenance Log". Documentation of each inspection should be maintained by the owner of this equipment. An inspection and maintenance log should be placed near the product or be otherwise easily accessible to users. It is recommended that the product is marked with the date of next or last inspection.
- **5.3 DEFECTS:** If the product cannot be returned to service because of an existing defect or unsafe condition, or because the product has been exposed to fall arrest or impact force, then the product must be destroyed.
- **5.4 PRODUCT LIFE:** The functional life of the product is determined by work conditions and maintenance. As long as the product passes inspection criteria, it may remain in service, up to a maximum of 10 years.

### 6.0 MAINTENANCE, STORAGE, AND REPAIR

☑ Equipment that is in need of maintenance or scheduled for maintenance should be tagged "DO NOT USE". These equipment tags should not be removed until maintenance is performed.

- **6.1 CLEANING:** Periodically clean the lifeline and the exterior of the product with water and a mild soap solution. Rinse the product thoroughly and air dry. Clean labels as necessary. For more information, please refer to the technical bulletin on our website: <a href="https://www.3M.com/FallProtection/Mechanical-Device-Cleaning">https://www.3M.com/FallProtection/Mechanical-Device-Cleaning</a>
- **6.2 DISPOSAL:** Cut or otherwise disable the lifeline, then dispose of the product appropriately.
- **6.3 REPAIR:** This product is not repairable. Do not attempt to repair this product.
- **6.4 STORAGE AND TRANSPORT:** Store and transport the product in a cool, dry, clean environment out of direct sunlight. Avoid areas where chemical vapors may exist. Thoroughly inspect components after extended storage.

### 7.0 LABELS and MARKINGS

SUMMARY: The "Product Labels" figure illustrates labels and markings present on the product. See below for a summary of information provided with each label and marking.

$\checkmark$	Label images are intended to be representative. Please refer to your product labels for specific information.
$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	Missing or damaged labels must be replaced. All labels must be fully legible.

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A	(A) Logo Label				
В	1) ID Label				
0	1) Warning Label				

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS** 8.0

8.1 **DEFINITIONS:** The following terms and definitions are used in these instructions.

✓ For a comprehensive list of terms and definitions, please visit our website: www.3m.com/FallProtection/ifu-glossary

- AUTHORIZED PERSON: A person assigned by the employer to perform duties at a location where the person will be exposed to a fall hazard.
- COMPETENT PERSON: One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
- FALL ARREST SYSTEM: A collection of Fall Protection equipment configured to protect the user in the event of a fall.
- QUALIFIED PERSON: A person with a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience has successfully demonstrated their ability to solve or resolve problems relating to Fall Protection and Rescue systems to the extent required by applicable national, regional, and local regulations.
- RESCUER: A person using the Rescue system to perform an assisted rescue.
- RESTRAINT SYSTEM: A collection of Fall Protection equipment configured to prevent the user from reaching a fall hazard. No free fall is permitted.
- USER: A person who performs activities while protected by a Fall Protection system.

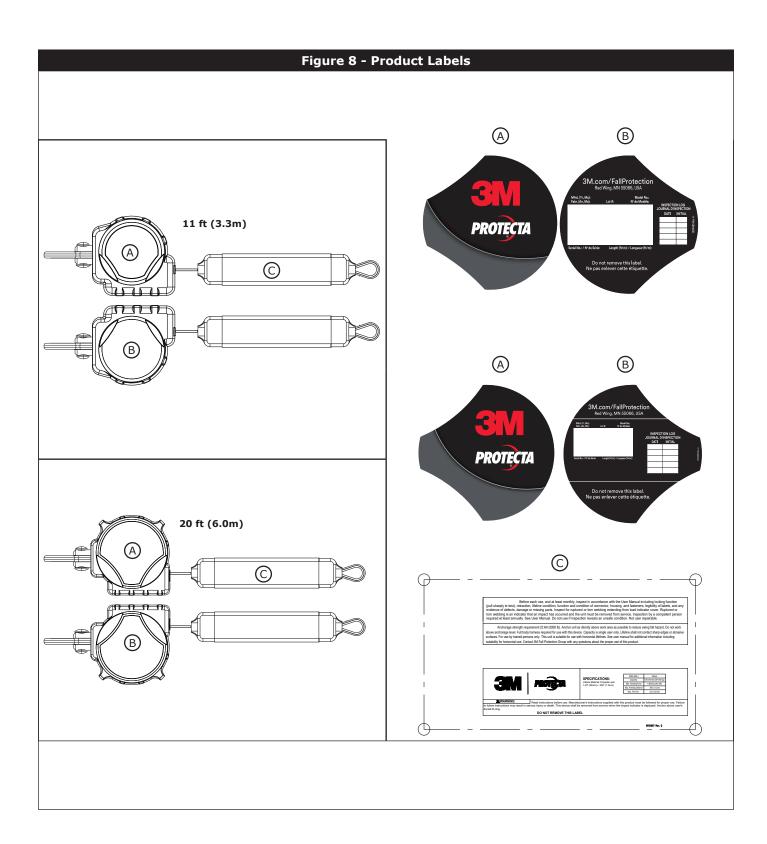
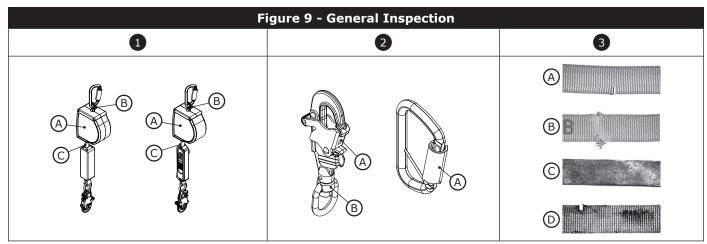
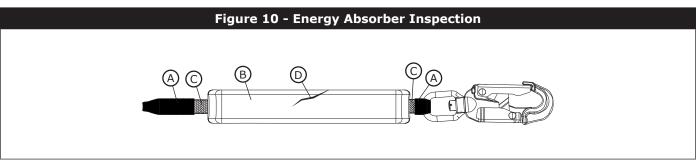


			Table 2 – Inspection	and Maintenance Log			
Model Number (Se	rial Numb	er):					
Date Purchased:				Date of First Use:			
☑ This product mus inspect this equipmen			by the user before each use	a. Additionally, a Competent Person o	other than the	user must	
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Component		Increation Procedure			<b>Inspection Result</b>		
Component		Inspection Procedure			Pass	Fail	
		Ins	pect for loose bolts and bent or o	damaged parts.			
		Ins	pect Housing (A) for distortion, o	cracks, or other damage.			
SRD - General				rtion, cracks, or other damage. The rely to the SRD, but should pivot freely.			
(Figure 9.1)			Lifeline (C) should pull out and ating a slack line condition.	retract fully without hesitation or			
			ure device locks up when lifeline itive with no slipping.	e is jerked sharply. Lockup should be			
		Look for signs of corrosion on the entire unit.					
Connectors (Figure 9.2)			Inspect all SRD connectors for signs of damage and corrosion. Verify that all connectors are working properly. Where present: Gates (A) should open, close, lock, and unlock properly; Swivel Eyes (B) should rotate without interference; and locking buttons and pins should function correctly.				
Web Lifeline (Figure 9.3)			Inspect the webbing for Cuts (A), Frays (B), broken fibers, tears, abrasion, Heavy Soiling (C), mold, Burns (D), and discoloration. Inspect the lifeline stitching for pulled or cut stitches, since broken stitches may indicate that the product has been impact-loaded and must be removed from service.				
Energy Absorber (Figure 10)			Verify that the integral energy absorber has not been activated. Verify that the Lifeline Cover (A) has not pulled out from the Energy Absorber Cover (B) on either end. None of the Energy Absorber Webbing (C) should be exposed. The Energy Absorber Cover should also be secure and free of Tears (D) or other damage.				
Labels (Figure 8)		All I	abels are present and fully legib	le.			
Fall Protection Equipr	ment		Additional Fall Protection equipment that is used with the product is installed and inspected per the manufacturer instructions.				
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				ct fails overall inspection. If the prod SE". See Section 5 for more informa		ction, remove	
	· · ·						
Inspection Type:	□Use	r □ Competent Person  Overall Inspection Result:		□ Pass	□ Fail		
Inspected By:				Date of Inspection:			
Signature:				Next Inspection Due:			
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Additional Notes:							





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