



HAZARD ALERT

Improper Use, Care and Inspection of PPE

Description of the Safety Opportunity

During an inspection of fall protection equipment, it was identified that several harnesses, with double self-retracting lanyards (SRL's), were damaged and were removed from service.

The damage was identified on the back-crossover pad where the double SRL was attached to the harness while in use.

The crossover pad is a component that is required to be inspected prior to use by the end user and is a critical component to ensure the harness functions properly in the event of a fall.

Cause

- Harnesses with larger or heavier attachments have a greater potential to be damaged if not handled or stored properly.
- Harnesses were not stored in a manner which would prevent them from being damaged.
- Harnesses were not adequately inspected by the individuals prior to use.

Preventative Actions

- Ensure all workers are trained to inspect, use and store PPE as per the manufacturer requirements and company policies.
- Always inspect your PPE for potential damage prior to use.
- Ensure any additional inspection criteria such as annual certifications are complete as required by the manufacturer.
- Always store tools, equipment and PPE in a manner to prevent potential damage.

Note: For further information, or product details, please contact your EHS Department.



Damage to Plastic clip at "D" ring

