

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Duck-R T 002

Rope Access Back-Up Device
CE 0120 EN 12841 Type A

WARNING

All users must read and understand this manual before use. This product must only be used by persons who are trained and competent in its use as part of a double rope access system. Users accept all risks and responsibilities for all damage, injury or death during all rope access activities involving the use of this product. If users are not able to accept full responsibility or all risks involved they should not use this product. All users must be competent in emergency procedures and rescue methods associated with the use of this device. These are detailed in the "Deployment" section of these instructions. Users should take great care that hair, fingers, clothing or other items do not become entangled with the Duck-R. DO NOT allow anything to affect the proper function of the device.
Do not use the device for any other purpose.

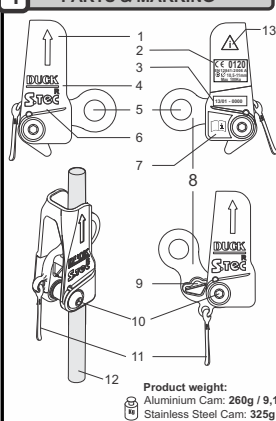
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1 PARTS & MARKING



Product weight:
Aluminum Cam: 260g / 9,17 oz
Stainless Steel Cam: 325g / 11,46 oz

PARTS

1. Certification details*
2. Serial Number
3. Model Name
4. Connection Point
5. Manufacturer's Logo
6. Read Instructions Logo
7. Cam
8. Friction Point
9. Bolt
10. Positioning Cord
11. Rope - not supplied
12. Warning logo

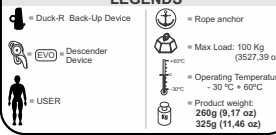
MARKINGS

Materials
Body - Stainless Steel
Cam - Aluminum (RED) Stainless Steel (BLACK)
Spring - Spring Stainless Steel
Cord - Nylon

Rope Diameter
10.5 - 11mm
EN 1891:1998 Type A

Serial Number
E.g. 12 07-2000
12 - Year 2012
07 - Month - July
000 - Unique Item Serial N°

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2 INSPECTION

This Duck-R must be inspected prior to each use. This inspection should check for any corrosion, cracks, evidence of abrasion, deformation, loose bolt or missing components together with full function test and markings are clear and readable. In addition to pre-use checks a regular detailed examination should be carried out by an authorized competent person at suitable periods and recorded. These should be at most more than six months intervals and these instructions must be adhered to. Following any emergency loading the Duck-R must be removed from service for examination. If any change is not 100% confident that the Duck-R is fit for use, it must be removed from service for further investigations. Devices passing inspection should only be re-used once written records are completed.

Normal Wear:
The Cam will wear with use and this should be monitored.



Maximum allowable Cam wear 1.5 mm
IMPORTANT - Keep Cam Spring Lubricated. See section 16.

3 FIELD OF APPLICATION

The Duck-R has been tested in the UK by SGS to the requirements of EN 12841:2006 Type A - Rope Adjustment Device, using Tefelberger 11mm and Edelrid 10.5mm EN1891 Type A Low Stretch Ropes. Other ropes have provided excellent results - check all different ropes prior to use. To be used in conjunction with EN 12841 Type C or B device, each device attached to independent ropes. Each attached to independent anchors with minimum strength of 15kN. Terms: 'Back-Up Rope' is used to describe the 'Safety Line' as termed in EN 12841:2006. 'User' refers to individuals or persons selecting this device for use.

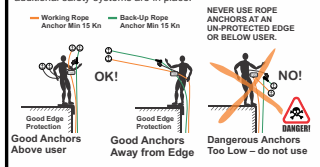
4 COMPATIBILITY

Harness: Front attachment point of an EN361 2002 or EN813 2008 harness. Lanyard: It is recommended that this Duck-R is used with a EN lanyards up to 60cm long.
Cows-tail connection may be made using a dynamic climbing rope with suitable terminations, attached to either ventral (waist) or sternal (chest) points. Recommended length: waist -80cm, chest -50cm including any knots and connectors. Further information provided overleaf.

Connectors: EN 362 2004 Connector - Locking Karabiner.
Gloves: the use of suitable work gloves is recommended.
IMPORTANT - Keep Cam Spring Lubricated. See section 16
The Duck is a non-aggressive device and during correct operational use it will not damage ropes. In emergency deployment (see 'Deployment' section) with the exception of very mild plastic or other material used Duck-R will lock on to the Back-Up rope without causing serious damage to itself, its lanyard, karabiners or to the Back-Up rope. The user is responsible for ensuring the combination of all components in the rope access system do not adversely affect the performance of any item with due regard to all user instructions.

5 INSTALLATION

Always install the Duck-R from a position of safety or when two additional safety systems are in place.



6 STAGES OF INSTALLATION

1. Push the cam through the device body to the opposite side and attach the lanyard karabiner, this helps to prevent dropping the device.



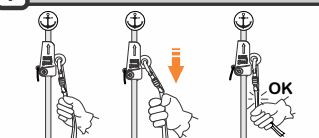
2. Attach the device on to the rope with the 'Arrow' pointing in the direction of the rope's anchor.

3. Remove the lanyard karabiner and allow the cam to return through the device body.

4. Attach the lanyard karabiner to the connection point, check that the karabiner gate is fully closed and locked.



7 OPERATIONAL CHECK - FUNCTION TEST



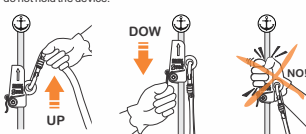
Move the device along the rope and check that it stays in position, then with one hand holding the lanyard or cows-tail, pull down vigorously to verify that the device locks on to the rope.
To maintain good spring action ensure that cam spring is lubricated regularly. See section 16.

8 POSITIONING

At all times that the user is stationary the Duck-R should be positioned as high as possible. The Duck-R must always be above the descender or chest ascender and never below its lanyard/cows-tail attachment point (FF1)

Ascent

To move the Duck-R up the rope, hold the lanyard or karabiner - do not hold the device.



Descent:

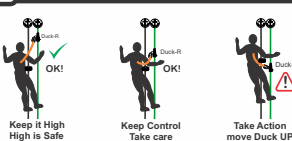
The Duck-R backup device is fitted with a Positioning cord. Users must always perform full function checks of both their descent device and Duck-R before each descent.
To move the Duck-R down, pull the Positioning cord down using the index finger and thumb. Users should only hold the positioning cord for as short a period as necessary and ensure that they are prepared to let go of the Positioning cord immediately at all times.

In many applications the Duck-R should be controlled independently of the descent device, in others it may be necessary to control both Duck-R and descent device simultaneously. It is the responsibility of the user to carry out a risk assessment and determine which method is best for their operational activity and environment.

WARNING

If users keep hold of Positioning Cord the device will not function. Users must release their hold of the Cord immediately if anything unexpected occurs. At all times check the lanyard is not caught on obstacles and that it will not come in to contact with sharp edges, heat, tools or any other source of damage.

9 OPTIMUM POSITION



Keep it High High is Safe
Keep Control Take care
Take Action move Duck UP

DO NOT Hold the rope above the Duck-R
DO NOT HOLD or squeeze the Duck-R
DO NOT allow any slack in the rope above the Duck-R

10 REMOVAL FROM ROPE

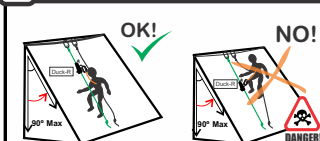


Removal from rope
To remove from the rope - disconnect the karabiner, pass the Cam through the body and re-connect the karabiner before pulling the device from the rope.

WARNING

Never leave the Duck-R on a rope with the karabiner attached to the Cam when it is pushed through the body.

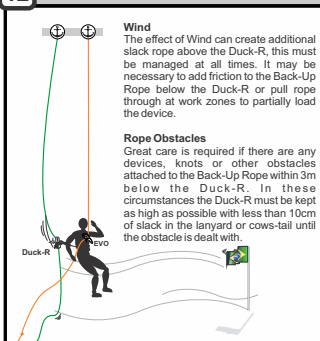
11 SLOPING SURFACES



OK! Keep Duck-R high on inclined plane
NO! Keep Duck-R away from body

Ensure that nothing will affect the function of the Duck-R. Keep the device high and to one side of the user. Devices trapped between sloping surfaces and the user (or anything else) may not function properly.

12 WIND & OBSTACLES



Wind
The effect of Wind can create additional slack rope above the Duck-R, this must be managed at all times. It may be necessary to add friction to the Back-Up Rope below the Duck-R or pull rope through at work zones to partially load the device.

Rope Obstacles
Great care is required if there are any devices, knots or other obstacles attached to the Back-Up Rope within 3m below the Duck-R. In these circumstances the Duck-R must be kept as high as possible with less than 10cm of slack in the lanyard or cows-tail until the obstacle is dealt with.

ATTENTION TO WIND SPEED.

13 CLEARANCE DISTANCE

ROPE STRETCH



The Duck-R must NOT be squeezed or the Cord pulled to de-weight a loaded or partially loaded Duck-R.

15 DEPLOYMENT

WARNING

The body of the Duck-R must NOT be squeezed or the Cord pulled to de-weight a loaded or partially loaded Duck-R.

Accidental Deployment

It is essential that all users are competent in the techniques required to overcome accidental loading. If accidental loading occurs during ascent, first check the ascent equipment, then continue ascending until the Duck-R is no longer under any loading. If loading occurs during descent, first check the descent equipment, then use techniques to complete a short ascent of the Working Rope until the Duck-R is no longer under any loading. Any other accidental loading should be assessed and appropriate methods used to overcome the loading. At all times two safety systems must be in place.

Emergency Deployment

If failure of the Working system e.g. Working Rope failure or user detachment from the Working Rope, occurs and the user becomes suspended on the Back-Up Rope, the user and work colleagues must consider the planned procedural options available with regard to all factors of the actual event.
These options may include amongst others:
I. The deployment and use of a new Working Rope;
II. The rescue by a colleague using new ropes;
III. The use of the Back-Up Rope to attach escape equipment (descender or ascenders) for the user to evacuate on the single Back-Up Rope;
IV. Other techniques undertaken by competent persons.

All emergency actions should only be carried out following a risk assessment of the situation. During emergency deployment of the Back-up system any downward movement of the user will be determined by several factors: back-up rope stretch, cows-tail stretch, knot tightening and device slippage. With the exception of very minor glazing a properly used Duck-R will lock on to the Back-Up Rope without causing any damage to itself, lanyard, karabiners or the Back-Up Rope. Following any Emergency Deployment all equipment must be removed from service for inspection by a competent person.

16 GENERAL INFORMATION

Rope Condition: wear, wetness and contaminants will affect the performance of the Duck-R. Some rope conditions will make positioning of the Duck-R more difficult. Others e.g. oil & grease will affect the device's ability to perform - Back-Up may not be provided. The effective operation of the Duck-R should be monitored and checked in all conditions. Where any performance doubt exists, the Duck-R should not be used.

Sea Water: it is essential that this Duck-R is cleaned as soon as practicable after each exposure to sea water or saline environment.
Chemical reagent: avoid contact with any substance or material that may cause corrosion or other damage to the device. If contact occurs consult expert advice as to damage and cleaning requirements. Inspect prior to any re-use.
Maintenance: the Duck-R is not user maintainable with the exception of disinfection, cleaning and lubrication as detailed below.

Disinfection: following any contamination the source of the contamination should be determined and advice obtained as to suitable disinfecting procedure. After disinfection the device should be re-cleaned. Sterilisation may be required.

Cleaning: if soiled rinse in clean warm water of domestic supply quality (maximum temperature 40°C) with mild detergent at appropriate dilution (pH range 5.2 - 6.5). Dry naturally away from direct heat sources. To remove grease use a detergent that has properties that do not affect the metal spring, body, cam or nylon cord.

Lubrication: It is essential to maintain lubrication of the Cam spring. Lubricate regularly and after cleaning with light machine oil or teflon or silicone lubricant to ensure free movement of the cam. Wipe off the excess to avoid contamination of ropes and textile equip.

Lifespan: it is very difficult to define the safe lifespan due to varying use and storage conditions and may be as little as one use, or even earlier if damaged (e.g. in transit or storage) prior to first use. For the product to remain in service it must pass a visual and tactile examination. Maximum lifespan: 10 years from 1st use. Maximum Cam wear 1.5mm.

Obsolescence: this device may become obsolete before the end of its lifespan. Reasons for this may include changes in applicable standards, regulation, legislation, development of new techniques, incompatibility with other equipment etc.
Transportation & Storage: after cleaning store unpacked in a cool, dry, dark place in a chemically neutral environment away from excessive heat or heat sources, high humidity, sharp edges, corrosives or other possible causes of damage.

Do not store wet.



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