

### Product Record

This documentation should be issued with and kept for each item or system. Please see the product label for the details required below. Consult this guide for advice on inspection, maintenance, lifespan, etc.

Owner / User's Name:			
Date of Manufacture:		Date of Purchase:	
Date of First Used:		Product Serial No.:	

### Inspection & Maintenance Record

Date & Time	Type of Inspection & Comments	Name & Signature of Inspector	Next Inspection Due

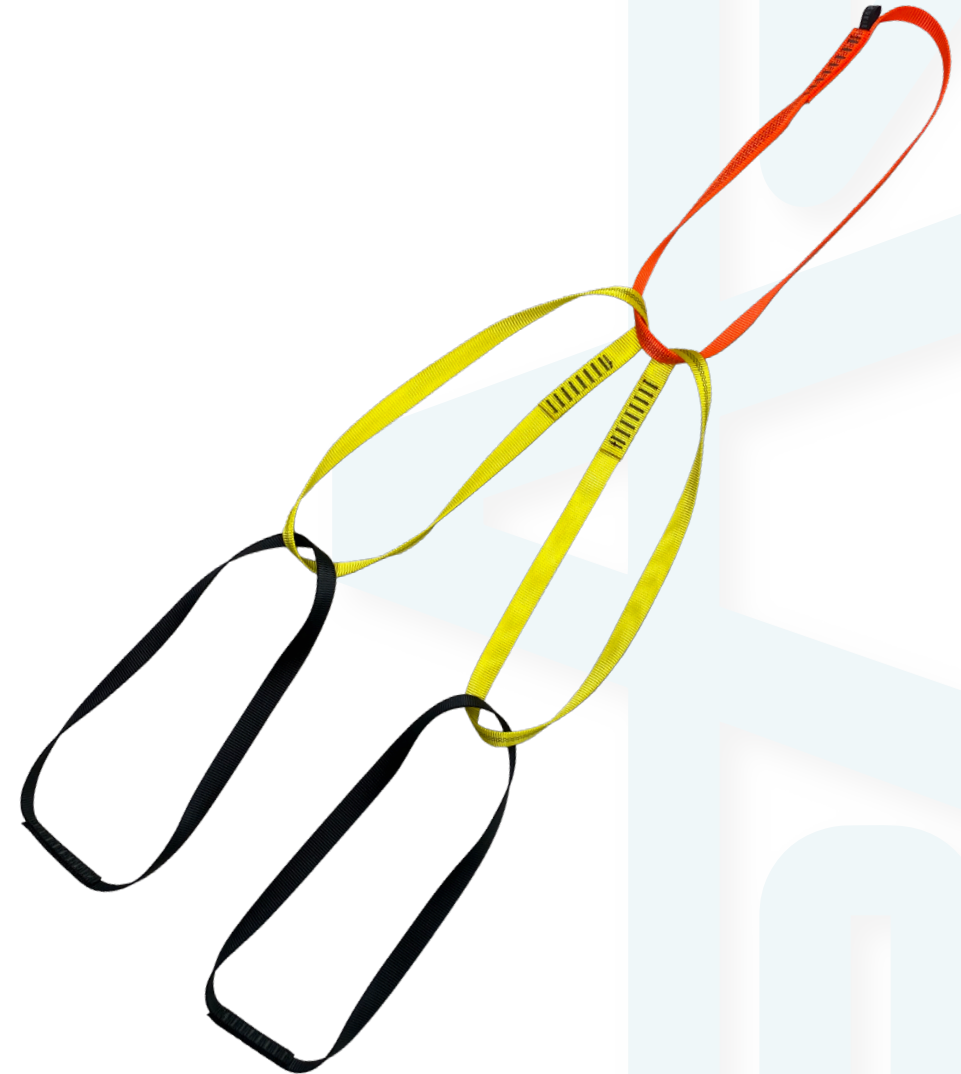
### Certificate Of Conformity

The SAR Rescue Drag Sling (RDS) is not Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). It has been manufactured & tested to the same high specifications as all of our products. Where applicable, optional individual components conform to the relevant EN standards. Each individual loop has a MBS of 22kN.

Signature:  ..... For SAR Products Ltd



# User Guide Rescue Drag Sling (RDS)



## Important:

Please read and understand these instructions before use. This product should only be used by trained & competent operatives, or under the supervision of such a person.

## Use

The Rescue Drag Sling (RDS) is an emergency evacuation device designed to assist firefighters, military operatives, or anyone else who needs to rapidly evacuate a stricken colleague or casualty in a time critical situation.

The RDS is not PPE and therefore an appropriate fall protection system must always be used with it when necessary.

Note: The information in this guide is not comprehensive and cannot be substituted for the correct training, which can be provided if required. If in any doubt, contact SAR Products using the supplied information.

## Safety

The effectiveness of the Rescue Drag Sling is dependant on the situation and the skill of the user. The strength and suitability will be reduced through factors such as, but not limited to, age, wear & tear, abrasion, cuts, high impact loads, tight/sharp edges, knots, some chemicals (e.g. strong alkalis), UV exposure, environment (damp or icy conditions), failure to store & maintain as recommended, etc. Do not alter or repair the product in any way. Use in normal climatic conditions.

Any component should be examined and discarded if there is any sign of defect, or any doubts about its safety.

## Lifespan

The lifespan of any product will be affected by the conditions in which it is used and stored/ maintained. This product is manufactured using high grade polyester webbing.

Textile components should be retired no later than 10 years after the Date of Manufacture.

The working life will be reduced through general wear and tear, abrasion, cuts, damage to component parts, inappropriate ancillary equipment, high impact load, prolonged exposure to UV light including sunlight, elevated temperature (50° C max), exposure to some chemicals (e.g. strong alkalis) or failure to store and maintain as recommended. This list is not exhaustive.

The RDS lifespan may be as little as one use, depending on the situation and conditions it is used in.

## Inspection

Before each use, conduct a visual inspection and function test to ensure the product is in serviceable condition and operates correctly.

Regular inspections should be carried out in order to verify the condition of the item and its ongoing suitability for use.

**Textiles:** Check for cuts, tears & abrasions, damage due to deterioration, contact with heat, acid, alkalis or other corrosives, label legibility.

**Stitching:** Check for broken, cut, loose or worn threads.

**Metals:** Check for cracks, distortion, corrosion, wear by abrasion, burrs, worn or loose rivets or screws, discolouration caused by extreme heat (greater than 100° C) broken springs, seizure of moving parts, broken or missing components, marking legibility.

Immediately withdraw from service any items showing defects. Any repairs must be carried out by the manufacturer or their authorised agent.

## Cleaning

Rinse in clean cold water. If still soiled, wash in clean warm water (max. 40°C) with pure soap or a mild detergent (within pH range of 5.5 to 8.5). A machine wash may be used, but care must be taken to protect against mechanical damage, for example by placing the item in a bag prior to washing. Rinse thoroughly in clean cold water.

## Maintenance

Always keep the product clean and dry. Any excess moisture should be removed with a clean cloth and then allowed to dry naturally in a warm room away from direct heat.

## Chemicals

Avoid contact with any chemicals which could affect the performance of the product. If contact occurs, or is suspected, then remove the product from service immediately. If used in a marine environment, thoroughly rinse in clean cold water and dry after each use.

## Storage

After cleaning, store unpacked in a cool, dry, dark place away from excessive heat sources or other possible causes of damage. Do not store wet.

Transport in a suitable protective bag.

If a long shelf life is required it is advisable to store in a moisture proof package.

## Warning

It is the user's responsibility to ensure understanding of the correct and safe use of this equipment, to use it only for the purposes for which it is designed and to practise all proper safety procedures.

The user shall ensure that the safe function of this product is not impaired by, and does not impair, the safe function of another component or system.

## Markings

Each individual component is marked, where applicable, with:

- The name, trademark or any other means of identification provided by the manufacturer or supplier.
- The batch or serial number
- The date of manufacture (DoM)
- Product description and/or reference
- Load rating

Strengths quoted are when the product is tested new and are in accordance with the manufacturer's test methods. Any weights and measurements are within appropriate tolerances.

It is essential for the safety of the user that if the product is re-sold outside the original country of destination the reseller shall provide instructions for use, for maintenance, for periodic examination and for repair in the language of the country in which the product is to be used. Nothing in this document affects the consumer's statutory rights.

## Fitting instructions

- Unpack the sling and lay it out so that all loops lay flat with no twists. The hi-vis orange loop should be at the top / head end
- Fit a black leg loop over each leg
- Pass each arm through the corresponding yellow arm loop
- Taking care not to cause injury or strangulation hazard, bring the hi-vis orange drag loop over the top of the head
- Drag the casualty to a place of safety using the hi-vis orange drag loop

