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contre les chutes de hauteur - Ceintures à cuissardes

Persönliche Absturzschutzausrüstung - Sitzgurte

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Foreword

This document (EN 813:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 160 “Protection against falls from a height including working belts”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements, testing, marking and information to be supplied by the manufacturer for sit harnesses to be used in restraint, work positioning and rope access systems, where a low point of attachment is required. Sit harnesses are not suitable to be used for fall arrest purposes.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 358, *Personal protective equipment for work positioning and prevention of falls from a height — Belts for work positioning and restraint and work positioning lanyards*

EN 363:2008, *Personal fall protection equipment — Personal fall protection systems*

EN 364:1992, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — Test methods*

EN 365, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — General requirements for instructions for use, maintenance, periodic examination, repair, marking and packaging*

EN 892, *Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods*

EN ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests (ISO 9227:2006)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 363:2008, and the following apply.

3.1

element

part of a component

NOTE Webbing, attachment elements and fittings are examples of elements.

3.2

component

part of a system at a point of sale by the manufacturer, supplied with packaging, marking and instructions for use

NOTE A sit harness is an example of a component of a system.

3.3

fastening and adjustment element

device which enables the sit harness to be fastened and allows adjustment to be made to meet the fitting requirements of the wearer

NOTE A buckle is an example of a fastening and adjustment element.

3.4

attachment element

part or parts of the sit harness intended for the load bearing connection to other components

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