Product Stop Use, Inspection and Replace Notice – Immediate Action Required

Products Involved: All FallTech Full-Body Harnesses with Quick-Connect (bayonet style) Buckles

Dear Valued Customer,

It has come to our attention that there is a defect with the Quick-Connect or Bayonet Style Buckles used in some of our Full Body Harnesses. On an unknown number of harnesses the male and female halves of this buckle set may have been improperly paired (i.e., the female half of the buckle may have been matched with the wrong male half of the buckle). This improper pairing can result in disengagement or unfastening of the buckle while the harness is in use, which can result in serious injury or death.

There are two buckle models that may exhibit this defect, which are as shown below as properly paired:

Duraform 350 06D

FallTech 5-60

If you have any FallTech Full Body Harness with either of these buckles in use, or in your inventory that bears a manufacturing date of 10/12/2010 – 2/9/2012, it needs to be removed from service or stock immediately. The date of manufacture can be found in the center section of the first label on each Full Body Harness. Below is a listing of all Full Body Harness part numbers that may contain one or more of these buckles:
This notice pertains to the following Full Body Harness model numbers manufactured between 10/12/2010 and 2/9/2012:

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In order to determine the date of manufacture, check the top label, center section on your Full Body Harness as shown below:

**FALLTECH**

**DO NOT REMOVE LABEL**

Meets or exceeds all applicable OSHA Regulations including 1926.502 and ANSI Standards including Z359.1-2007
Made in USA
Max Arrest Force: 1000 lbs
P: 800-719-4619 F: 323-752-5613
www.falltech.com

**Location of Date of Manufacture on Full Body Harness Label.**

Once you have identified, removed from service, and quarantined the harnesses that may be affected by this notice, you will need to follow the inspection procedure described below on each Quick-Connect Buckle to determine whether the male and female halves have been improperly paired.

Please note that each Full Body Harness may have one, two or three Quick-Connect Buckles. Depending on the Full Body Harness model, there may be one buckle on the chest strap, and one buckle on each leg strap. Each buckle needs to be inspected carefully.
Inspection Procedure:

Please evaluate using the below criteria:

1. Locate each Quick-Connect Buckle on the harness, and ensure that each buckle is fastened together.

2. Examine both halves of the buckle. If the female half has an engagement window, and the male half has a crescent moon shaped cut out, then the buckle is properly paired, and can be returned to service if the harness is in otherwise serviceable condition. See the picture below:

![Image of a buckle with engagement window on female half and cut-out on male half]

3. If the female half does not have an engagement window, and the male half does not have a cut-out, then the buckle is properly paired, and can be returned to service if the harness is in otherwise serviceable condition. See the picture below:

![Image of a buckle without engagement window on female half and cut-out on male half]
4. If the female half has an engagement window, but the male half does not have a cut-out, then the buckle is defective and must be removed from service and returned to FallTech for repair or replacement. See the picture below:

If the Quick-Connect Buckle(s) on your FallTech Full-Body Harness has an engagement window on the female half, and does not have a half moon shaped cut-out on the male half (as shown in #4 above), then it is defective and may not remain positively engaged while the harness is in use. Any FallTech Full-Body Harness having one or more buckles exhibiting this condition must be removed from service and returned to FallTech immediately. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

Disposition of Defective Harnesses:

If any of your harnesses has one or more defective Quick-Connect Buckles, make a note of the model number(s), date(s) of manufacture and quantity. Immediately contact FallTech's Customer Service Department at 800-719-4619 or 323-752-0066. We will immediately issue a return authorization and a call tag. The product(s) will be collected, repaired or replaced and returned to you at our expense.

Please check the homepage of our website at www.falltech.com for further updates and/or additional guidance regarding this issue.
If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice or the inspection procedures, or if you have performed the inspection and are unable to make a determination, please contact Dan Henn at 323-369-0971.

Sincerely,

Dan Henn
Director of Technical Services and Support