INSPECTION NOTICE

PROTECTA REBEL SRL

Capital Safety has learned of broken screw heads found in a limited number of Protecta brand Rebel Self-Retracting Lifelines (SRLs). The units affected by this notice are the black, extruded aluminum housing versions of the Rebel, manufactured between 1 April 2014 and 30 November 2014. (See photograph below.) The affected models are:

3101102 3101105 3101112 3101114 3101116 3101456 3101457
3101477 3101481 3101483 3506062 3101113B 3101115B 3101151B
3506052B AD111A AD111AR AD111B AD111BR AD111D AD111DR
AD111E AD111ER AD111R AD115B AD120A AD120AR AD120B
AD120BR AD120D AD120DR AD120E AD120ER

There have been no reports of injuries or incidents associated with this condition. This condition does not represent a risk to the safety of users of the Rebel. This is not a product recall.

Although these units passed final assembly inspection by Capital Safety, reports indicate that the heads of some housing screws have been found broken off by end-users. These units have a total of ten externally visible screws that attach the two exterior housing plates to the main housing (five screws on each side, front and back).

Only the Protecta Rebel SRL models identified above are affected by this notice, and only those units manufactured between 1 April 2014 and 30 November 2014. Although we are confident this issue is limited to a select manufacturing lot of screws supplied by our vendor, we have taken the precaution of changing the type of screws used in these units to eliminate any potential of the condition reported.

As an additional precaution, we tested a representative sample of units returned with broken or missing screws and all units passed the required industry standard drop tests.
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If you have any of these units deployed in the field, we recommend you:

a) remind your workers to conduct pre-use inspections of their Rebel SRLs (as well as their other fall protection equipment);
   - the Rebel pre-use inspection checklist is
     i. summarized on the product label under “Inspection” (see photograph on previous page), “check for any evidence of missing parts” and
     ii. set out in full in the Rebel user manual, including the specific requirement to check that “all screws and rivets are present.”
   - missing or broken housing screw heads will be readily visible;

b) if any housing screw heads are missing or broken, take the unit out of service;

c) if no housing screw heads are missing or broken, the units are safe to remain in service.

What to do if any Rebel SRL manufactured between 1 April 2014 and 30 November 2014 is found with a broken or missing housing screw head: The SRL should be removed from service and returned via distribution to Capital Safety, or users can call our Customer Service department directly at 1-800-328-6146 to arrange to return their unit.

Our products are sold with a lifetime warranty to be free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service. Our commitment is to repair or replace at our reasonable discretion and expense any product found to be defective within the lifetime of the product.

Capital Safety will post this Notice on its website at www.capitalsafety.com. Please direct any questions you may have to Customer Service at 1-800-328-6146 (ext. 2012) or email RIN@capitalsafety.com.

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