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PRODUCT ADVISORY – PLEASE READ

3M™ DBI-SALA® Self-Rescue Training Descent Systems P/N 3320037

This is not a recall and the 3M™ DBI-SALA® Self-Rescue Training Descent Systems P/N 3320037 remains safe to use for training purposes.

This product advisory applies only to the training model RSQ (#3320037). No other models are affected. A training RSQ has the word “Training” in green on the outside of the backpack (see photograph).



The 3M™ DBI-SALA® Self-Rescue Descent Systems: Training Model P/N3320037 is a self-rescue system that has a harness mounted backpack containing a spooled lifeline feeding through a sealed descent device. In an emergency, the user can release the Easy-Link™ D-Ring and initiate a descent or if incapacitated, a rescuer can initiate the descent using a rescue pole.

Per our Instruction for Use (IFU) #5903819 Rev D., Appendix A.1, a Training RSQ can be used up to 20 descents of 30 ft (9M) or less and then it should be removed from service and marked as “unusable” and replaced. It also states that “it must be used with fall protection (SRL with Descent, belay line, etc.).” Please note that non-training models (#3320030/1) “are single descent systems. Once used in a descent, they must be removed from service.”

As part of 3M Fall Protection’s on-going commitment to delivering high quality safety equipment, we continually evaluate feedback from our customers on product performance. Through the evaluation of returned training units, we have detected that the inner rope spool may develop a crack after multiple uses. The number of occurrences is very low, and we are not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition. This condition could impact the ability of the trainee-user to descend.



Potential Rope Spool Hub Crack

To address this potential condition, we are implementing a design and material change to the inner rope spool. We have therefore placed the RSQ models “On Manufacturing Hold” with an anticipated product availability date of June 2020. In the interim, we have updated our IFU to include an inspection for this condition of the inner rope spool as part of the resetting of the training RSQ device required after each descent. You can access a copy of this notice and the updated IFU through this link <http://go.3M.com/TrainingSelfRSQ>. For those units already in the field, we are requesting that this inspection be completed by the competent person as an additional step when completing the resetting of the training RSQ after each descent. If a crack is detected, please remove the training unit from service and contact the 3M Fall Protection Customer Service Team at informationfallprotection@mmm.com or +33 (0) 4 83 58 08 08. We will repair or replace your units as per our standard warranty policy.

Distributors: Please contact our Customer Service department at +33 (0) 4 83 58 08 08 or at informationfallprotection@mmm.com to obtain a listing of all affected training RSQ’s sold to you. Please forward this Advisory to any of your customers/users who have purchased Training RSQs from you.