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Immediate Action Required



Products

Select 3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifeline, Retrieval



3M is issuing this "Stop Use and Remediate" notice for select 3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifelines

As part of 3M's ongoing commitment to delivering high quality products, we are notifying our customers of the following information related to select 175 ft length 3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifelines (SRLs) with retrieval function. 3M Personal Safety Division has identified an aging effect that may impact the performance of the select 175 ft 3M DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ SRLs produced from January 2022 to October 2024. Additionally, any devices repaired by 3M, or an authorized service center (ASC), during this timeframe may also be affected. Through laboratory testing, 3M has determined that these devices may not allow the unit to perform as designed for retrieval function after a fall event **which could expose the worker to serious injury or death. There have been no reports of injuries associated with this issue.** Note: Fall arrest functionality is not impacted, just retrieval functionality. Affected sizes are the 175 ft (~53M) self-retracting lifelines with retrieval function, see appendix for the full list of models impacted by this notice.

Due to this, we are sending out this Stop Use and Remediate Notice, so the select 175 ft 3M DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifelines with retrieval function are addressed immediately. Failure to read and follow all instructions associated with this Notice may result **serious injury or death**. Instructions for appropriate next steps are below.

Users/Owners:

Immediately determine if you have a Sealed-Blok $^{\text{TM}}$ that is affected by this notice. To identify if your product is affected, follow the steps listed below:





Step 1. Locate the model number on the metal identification label (see Photo 1). If your device model number is listed in the table below, proceed to **step 2**. If the model number is not listed below, it is not part of the notice and can be returned to service.

Model	Description
3400660	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ 3-Way Retrieval Self- Retracting Lifeline 3400660, Galvanized Cable, 175 ft
3400661	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ 3-Way Retrieval Self- Retracting Lifeline 3400661, Stainless Steel Cable, 175 ft
3400664	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ 3-Way Retrieval Self- Retracting Lifeline 3400664, Stainless Steel Cable, 175 ft
3400667B	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ 3-Way Retrieval Self- Retracting Lifeline 3400667B, Stainless Steel Cable, 53.3 m
3400662B	3400662B SBLOK 175FT SS S43 RTRVL CA
3400663	3400663 SBLOK 175FT GA S37 RTRVL CSA

Step 2. Locate the manufacturing and service date records on the metal identification label. If the device was manufactured OR serviced from January 2022 to October 2024, go to **step 3**. If the device was not manufactured or serviced during the affected timeframe, it is not part of the notice and can be returned to service. (See Appendix A for remediation mark on label).

Step 3. For use cases where an affected Sealed-Blok™ with retrieval function is being used as the primary rescue approach for a fall event, there are two options for the action (see below):

- 1. Remove the device from service and send it in for immediate remediation, go to step 4.
- 2. Establish a rescue plan, not dependent on the Sealed-Blok™ retrieval function. Once a new rescue plan is in place, the device can remain in use for fall arrest functionality until it can be sent in for service and be remediated, see **step 4.** Once the device is remediated, it can be placed back into full service with the original rescue plan using the retrieval function.

If the affected Sealed-Blok^{\mathbf{M}} is not being used as the primary rescue plan, the device can remain in use for fall arrest functionality until it can be sent in for service and be remediated during the service, see **step 4.**

Step 4: To begin the process for remediating affected device(s), please go to www.3M.com/SealedBlokRecall; www.3m.com.au/sealblokrecall; www.3m.co.uk/sealblokrecall; www.3m.com.sg/sealblokrecall; www.3m.co.za/sealblokrecall; or www.3mae.ae/sealblokrecall and complete the intake form. Not all remediation options are immediately available at the time of this communication.

Distributors:

Upon receipt of this Notice, please contact your 3M Fall Specialist for a listing of the impacted products sold to you. If you have any of the impacted 3M DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifelines in stock, please contact 3M Customer Service to setup a Return Material Authorization (RMA) and receive product credit or replacement. Please immediately forward this Notice to any of your customers who have purchased impacted products from you and provide any assistance requested by your customers to complete the process.

Appendix A – Additional Sealed-Blok™ Information

3M DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifelines that have gone through remediation will have a "0" marked on the metal identification label near Lot or Manufactured Date (see image).



Generation 1 Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifelines, produced prior to 2015, have a different housing (teardrop shape). They are not part of the notice and can continue to be used and repaired as directed.



Appendix B - Affected 3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifelines

3M ID	Model Number	Description	Manufacture OR Service Dates
70007459475	3400660	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™3-WayRetrievalSelf- Retracting Lifeline 3400660, Galvanized Cable, 175 ft	January 2022 – October 2024
70007450532	3400661	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™3-WayRetrievalSelf- Retracting Lifeline 3400661, Stainless Steel Cable, 175 ft	
70007459491	3400664	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™3-WayRetrievalSelf- Retracting Lifeline 3400664, Stainless Steel Cable, 175 ft	
70007450540	3400663	3400663 SBLOK 175FT GA S37 RTRVL CSA	
70007459483	3400662B	3400662B SBLOK 175FT SS S43 RTRVL CA	
70804504556	3400667B	3M™ DBI-SALA® Sealed-Blok™3-WayRetrievalSelf- Retracting Lifeline 3400667B, Stainless Steel Cable, 53.3 m	



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