

PRODUCT ADVISORY – PLEASE READ

3M™ PROTECTA AC202 Cobra & AC400 Viper Automatic Rope Grabs on Kernmantle Rope (Australia & New Zealand Models Only)

To: Valued Customers

The Protecta AC202 Cobra & AC400 Automatic rope grab are type 1 fall arrest devices that are manufactured in Europe and designed to be used on specific certified ropes supplied by 3M Fall Protection. When these sleeves are used with the specified 3M supplied rope, the sleeves are certified to perform correctly and conform to the requirements of EN 353 and are therefore accepted for use in ANZ under AS/NZS 1891.3

AC202 Cobra Rope Grabs: As part of 3M Fall Protection’s on-going commitment to delivering high quality safety equipment, we are notifying our customers that after a review of our various literature, we have identified errors on what rope types can be use with these rope grabs. The Cobra Rope Grabs are only to be used with 14 to 16 mm diameter polyester 3-strand rope supplied by 3M Fall Protection. It is *not* recommended that the Protecta Cobra Automatic Rope Grabs be used on kernmantle rope. After extensive testing, we have determined that these Australian/New Zealand models do not consistently meet the dynamic and static test requirements of the European standard EN353 when used with kernmantle rope.

The affected ANZ P/N’s are:

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AC202	AC202/02AU	AC202/03AU	AC202/05AU	AC400

AC400 Viper Rope Grabs: These rope grabs are to be used with certified 10.5mm Kernmantle rope supplied by 3M Fall Protection. 3M Fall Protection can not guarantee that AC400 sleeve will perform to the requirements of EN353 with any other type of rope. The affected ANZ P/N is AC400.

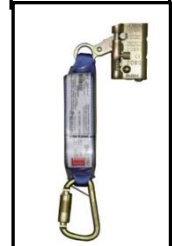
We are not aware of any accidents or injuries related to the use of these rope grabs with kernmantle rope. We have not received any customer complaints regarding this but have identified it through an internal review.

End Users: Please ensure that you use only the proper rope sizes and types as listed above. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your 3M Distributor.

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