



Request for immediate self-inspection for all ABSORBICA energy absorbers - 19/05/11

Concerns all ABSORBICA energy absorbers manufactured before May 17th 2011 **up to serial number 11137******

The relevant product references are:

L57, L58, L58 MGO, L59, L59 MGO, L59 69, L70120 YG, L70150 IM, L70150 YM, L70150 I, L70150 Y, L70150 YM

Following a via ferrata accident on Thursday the 5th of May 2011 we launched - by reason of precaution - a voluntary product safety alert to inspect our SCORPIO via ferrata lanyards (L60 and L60CK) manufactured prior to March 2005. This alert was launched on 13th May.

Our internal investigation and analysis of our manufacturing procedures specific to the production of tear webbing energy absorbers has identified a weakness which could explain the defect leading to the cause of this accident.

As a consequence and even though the probability of this defect recurring remains very low, we have decided to take the following actions:

1- Temporary stoppage of all Petzl tear webbing lanyard production.

2- Temporary stoppage of the sale of all stock of SCORPIO and ABSORBICA tear webbing lanyards for inspection before resuming sales

3- Issue a request for immediate self-inspection for all ABSORBICA energy absorbers, used by professional workers at height, using the special inspection procedure.



If you possess an ABSORBICA energy absorber as detailed above we ask you to:

- **immediately stop using it;**
- **inspect your energy absorber using the special inspection procedure** (www.petzl.com),
- **send inspection's results and quantity of inspected products to your Petzl local distributor.** (see www.petzl.com)

For any question please contact your Petzl local distributor (see www.petzl.com)

The lanyards with energy absorber for the ASAP mobile fall arrester ASAP'SORBICER are not concerned by this alert.

You may continue to use these products, whilst respecting the conditions of use, maintenance and inspection outlined in their respective technical notices (www.petzl.com).