# INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE AND MAINTENANCE

# STRAPLINK LANYARD CHOKER

STRAPLINK ALONE	REF.: FTC/SPK
STRAPLINK + ULTRA O CARABINER	REF.: FTC/SPKO
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The STRAPLINK is a useful tool for tree dismantling, it brings comfort in creating an axis (the trunk) that allows the climber to rotate when working. This way it gives more ease of movement. It also secures the climber in reducing the potential height of a fall (in case the qaffs slip out).



THIS MATERIAL IS NOT PPE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE USED FOR BELAYING.

# 2 TECHNICAL DATA

- For use on a trunk of diameter > 20 cm.
- Main strap: polyamide, 20 mm wide, black.
- Steel adjustment buckles: black cataphoretic treatment.
- · Working Load Limit (WLL) of the product: 500 kg.
- · Weight: 62 g (without carabiner).

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The STRAPLINK is an adjustable system that can choke a steel-core lanyard during tree dismantling. It is used to rapidly put a lanyard under tension, thus preventing the user to slip down, and also improves the ease of movement at work.





### The STRAPLINK must be used:

- · Only after having read and understood these instructions.
- By competent people trained in working at heights.
- Inspected by a competent user trained in working at heights before each use.
- After a fall, the material must be inspected and changed if damaged.
- With a triple lock carabiner (EN362) in the strap loop designed for this purpose.
- On a single steel-core lanyard and by only one person.

All users must be in good physical and mental condition and have no medical contraindications to working at heights.

# 5 PRECAUTIONS

Pulling too hard on the loosening handle can cause a jolt. The user must control the adjustment progressivity in order to avoid any danger. If necessary, test the product outside the work situation.

- NEVER USE a STRAPLINK if it is damaged or dysfunctional.
- NEVER USE the STRAPLINK for any other work than that recommended by the manufacturer.
- · NEVER MODIFY or transform the STRAPLINK in any way.
- The STRAPLINK IS NO PPE for fall arrest. It can never be used as a anchor.

### 6 CARE

- A good care and an proper storage of the product will ensure a longer product life.
- Hand wash with clean water and delicate washing powder. Do not use acidic or basic solvents.
- · Do not machine wash. Do not put in the dryer.
- Dry naturally in a well-ventilated place far from any source of heat or ultraviolet light.

# 7 STORAGE / TRANSPORT

During transport and/or storage, place the STRAPLINK far away from: shocks, crushing, grinding, rubbing, dampness, heat, ultra-violet rays, corrosive materials, hydrocarbons, acids, sand, tools, any other sharp objects that could damage it. Keep away from corrosive, over-heated or refrigerated environments.



# **8** LIFESPAN AND DISPOSAL

- CAUTION: in case of an exceptional event, the product may have to be discarded (significant fall, cutting etc.).
- The STRAPLINK must be inspected by the user before each use.
- The STRAPLINK must be discarded if the inspection is unsatisfactory or if there is any doubt about the reliability of the product.
- THE STRAPLINK HAS A LIFESPAN OF 5 YEARS.
- It is recommended to destroy any discarded product (damaged or end of life cycle) in order to prevent it from being used again.

# 9 GUARANTEE

for fall arrest.

The STRAPLINK is guaranteed for two years against any manufacturer defects. The guarantee excludes: normal wear, modifications, inadequate storage, poor care and damage due to accidents, negligence, or uses other than this product is intended for.

# MARKING ON LABEL Manufacturer Product reference PLAY WITH GRAVITY FTC/SPK Name and type of product Minimum Breaking Strength (MBS) STRAPI INK LANYARD CHOKER **MAX 500 Ka** Made in France www.ftc-tree.com SN: 14/16 XXX Manufacturer's website Serial number **NOT PERSONAL** PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT CAUTION: The STRAPLINK IS NO PPF

Read the instructions

### 11) SETTING UP THE STRAPLINK

### The STRAPLINK can be positioned on the side of the adjustment system or of the carabiner.



Position the STRAPLINK without the carabiner under the lanyard.

The strap loop for the carabiner is on the left, with the slack and the large loop is on the right side.



Pull the carabiner loop above the lanyard and through the large loop in a girth hitch.





Do it a second time to make a prusik knot.



Set the carabiner in its loop.



Clip the carabiner on the opposite side of the lanyard.

To choke the lanyard, pull on the red strap.



To loosen it, pull on the blue strap.



RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended to position the STRAPLINK as close as possible to the trunk and to adjust its length only as the last set-up step.



To move the STRAPLINK as close as possible to the trunk it is possible to push the prusik knot with one hand and the carabiner with the other.



TIP FOR STORAGE Clip the carabiner to the red strap and then to the lanyard carabiner.

