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1. Use of the LockD Clips system

1.1. Intended use

The LockD Clips Communicating Safety System is used with a connecting lanyard in accordance with EN 362 (Kat Q), a safety harness in accordance with EN 361, or a climbing harness in accordance with EN 12277, exclusively to protect individuals instructed in their use, against falls that can cause injury on a ropes course.

The LockD Clips ROCKS Communicating Safety System with shock absorber is used with a safety harness in accordance with EN 361, or a climbing harness in accordance with EN 12277, exclusively to protect individuals instructed in their use, against falls that can cause injury on a monitored and for the use with LockD Clips ROCKS specifically prepared Via Ferrata.

Minimum user weight without equipment: 40kg

Maximum user weight with full equipment: 120kg

LockD Clips and LockD Clips ROCKS are always used in conjunction with suitable attachment connection: a horizontal or slightly inclined textile sling or lanyard, or an appropriately rated metal connector. This textile or metal connector must be chosen by a qualified professional, rated for life safety and meet all jurisdictional standards.



Danger of severe injury or death can be caused if the attachment connection does not meet life safety standards.

Life safety components of a ropes course such as wire rope, attachment rings, or textile ropes must be equipped with a "Tweezle", a mechanical identification point.

The Tweezle is a type of "key" that enables the carabiners on LockD Clips to lock and unlock in order to perform their safety function and enable a user to move through the elements of a ropes course without being able to disconnect from the life safety line.



Unauthorized use of LockD Clips can lead to severe injury or death. It is the builder's/operator's responsibility to properly and appropriately provide LockD Clips to their participants at their own risk.

LockD Clips are intended to be used in the for the following manner:

1.2. In Horizontal Elements with Life Safety Lines

Horizontal elements or elements with only a slight incline in a ropes course must use a Tweezle at the entry point. The user can use the unlocked carabiner of the LockD Clips to tweeze in order to hook onto the life safety line and allowing the second carabiner to unlock and detach from the previous life safety line and continue progressing through the ropes course.

Only if used with shock absorber (LockD Clips ROCKS): The shock absorber is intended to open under relatively little load (2kN). This load can occur if heavy participants intentionally jump into the system.

An opened shock absorber may not be used anymore und must be returned to the manufacturer.

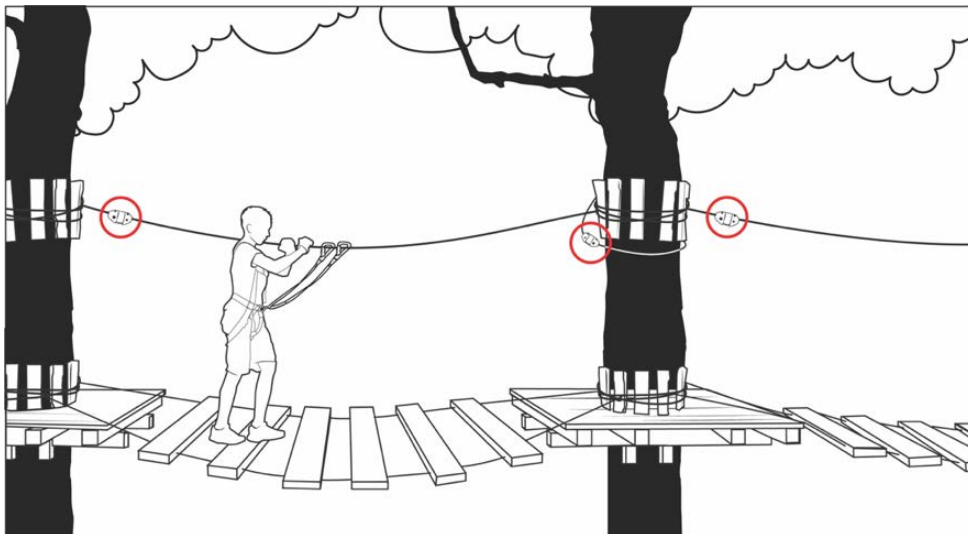


Figure 1: LockD Clips for securing horizontal elements in the ropes course



LockD Clips may only be used on life safety lines that have been designed by a qualified professional and inspected according to jurisdictional standards.

1.3. In Combination with Trolleys in Zip Lines

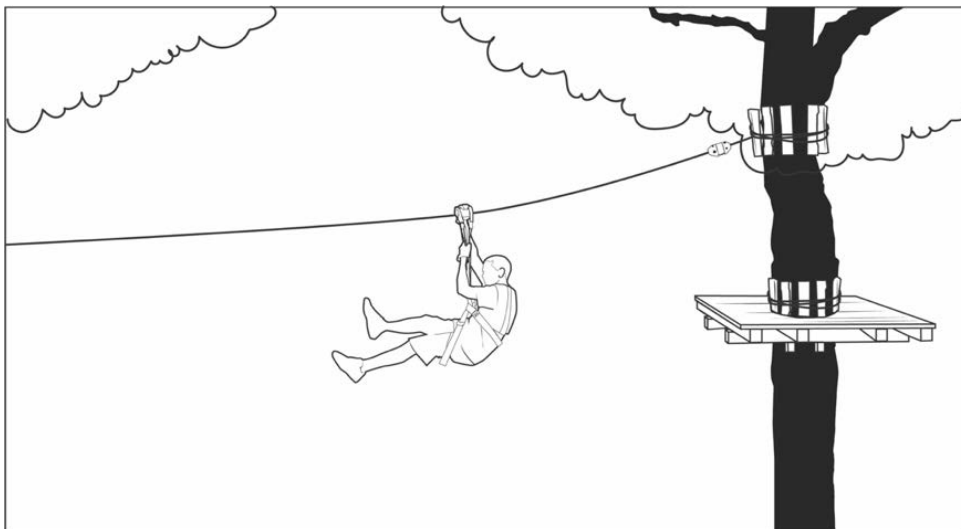


Figure 2: LockD Clips when using zip lines

As 1.2 with an additional pulley. The pulley shall be used in a way, that the LockDClips shall not be loaded by the weight of the participant, but all the load is on the pulley and its lanyard. A loaded grinding of the LockD Clips carabiner on the steel wire will lead to extraordinary abrasion.

Only if used with shock absorber (LockD Clips ROCKS): The shock absorber is intended to open under relatively little load (2kN). This load can occur if heavy participants jump into the system during a zipline start or are facing a sharp braking at the end of a

zipline. The lanyard of the pulley shall be directly connected to the participant's harness.

1.4. In Vertical Ascents/Descents with Fall Arrest Devices

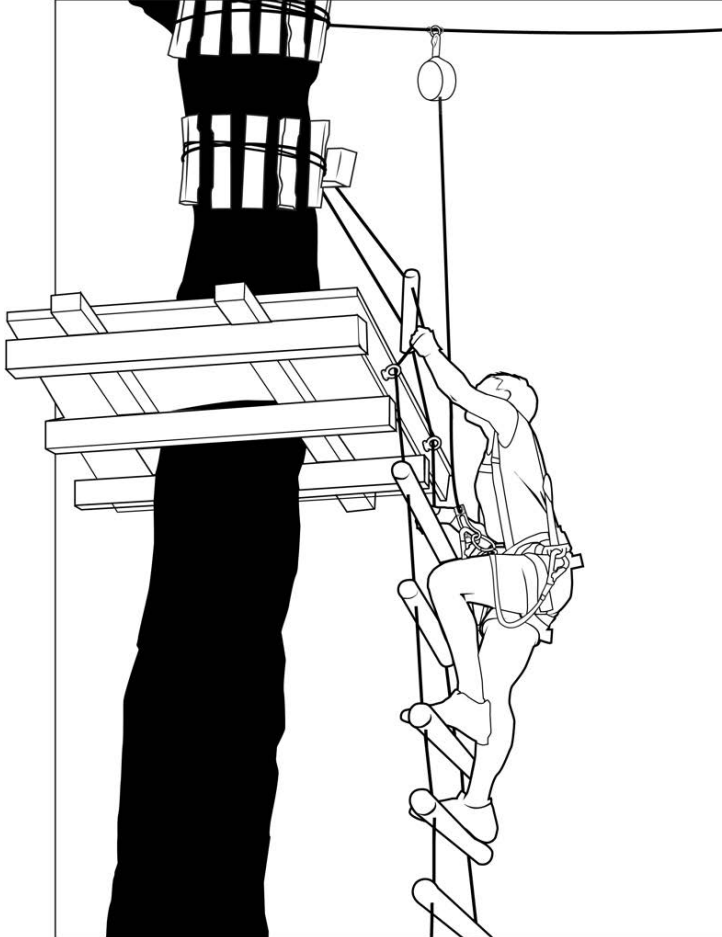


Figure 3: LockD Clips to secure vertical ascents and descents

A fall arrest device requires a Tweakle O or equivalent as an attachment point for the LockD Clips carabiner. The user tweezeles themselves onto the attached Tweakle O with the unlocked carabiner of the LockD Clips, allowing the other carabiner to be unlocked and able to detach from their previous life safety line, then ascend or descend using the fall arrest device.

Only if used with shock absorber (LockD Clips ROCKS): The shock absorber is intended to open under relatively little load (2kN). This load can occur if heavy participants jump into a descending system. The shortcut to lock into the descending system shall be directly connected to the participant's harness.



LockD Clips may only be used on life safety lines that have been designed by a qualified professional and inspected according to jurisdictional standards.

2. Equipment Names & Designations

2.1. Carabiner Head



Figure 4: Carabiner Head

No.	Label
1200	Carabiner body, forged from high-strength aluminum alloy
1200A	Abbreviated logo
1200B	Batch Number Date of manufacture, where the first two digits represent the year, the third and fourth digits represent the week of production
1111L	Left-hand securing bolts for textile connectors
1111R	Right-hand securing bolts for textile connectors
2121L	Left attachment of the plug-in unit
2121R	Right attachment of the plug-in unit
1130	Connection pin for carabiner gate
4010L	Left locking pin for abrasion guard or other module attachment.
4010R	Right locking pin for abrasion guard or other module attachment.
1300	Carabiner gate, forged from high-strength aluminum alloy
2010	Locking pin of the communication system (not visible)
1400	Threaded top
3000	Textile with communication system
3000CL	Left textile tab for fastening to screwing
3000CR	Right textile tab for fastening to screwing
3000EL	Sewing of the left textile tab for fastening to the screw
3000ER	Sewing of the right textile tab for fastening to the screw
4110	Abrasion guard (and attachment location of other modules)

2.2. LockD Clips System

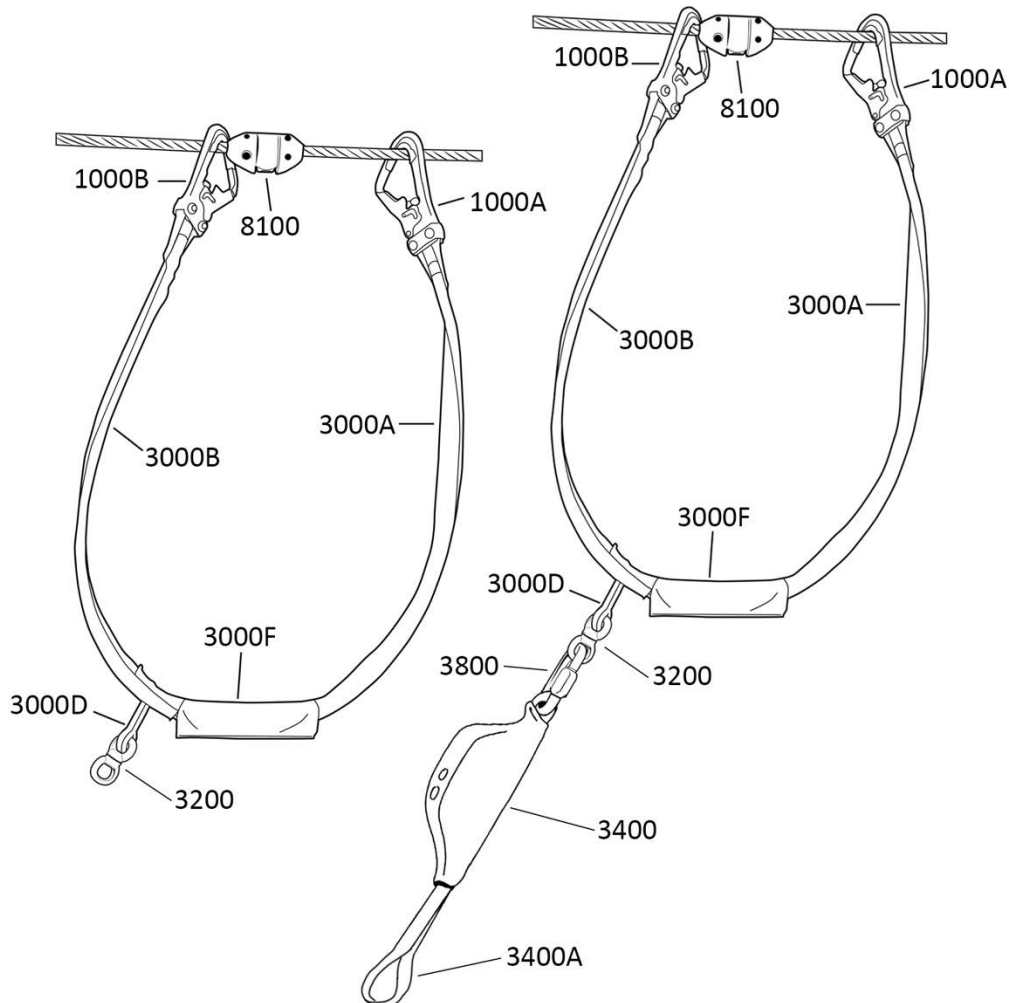


Figure 5: Total system LockD Clips and LockD Clips ROCKS

No.	Label
1000A	Carabiner hook on the long arm
1000B	Carabiner hook on short arm
3000A	A Textile lanyard with communication system, long arm
3000B	Textile lanyard with communication system, short arm
3000D	Stitched loop for connection to the user's safety harness with Maillon or swivel
3000F	Protective cover for "Banana" (locking and adjustment mechanism of the communication system)
3200	Swivel (stainless steel)
3400	<i>Shock absorber</i>
3400A	<i>Loop for girth hitch on shock absorber</i>
3800	<i>Maillon rapide with threadlock</i>
8100	Tweezle

2.3. Communication control Banana

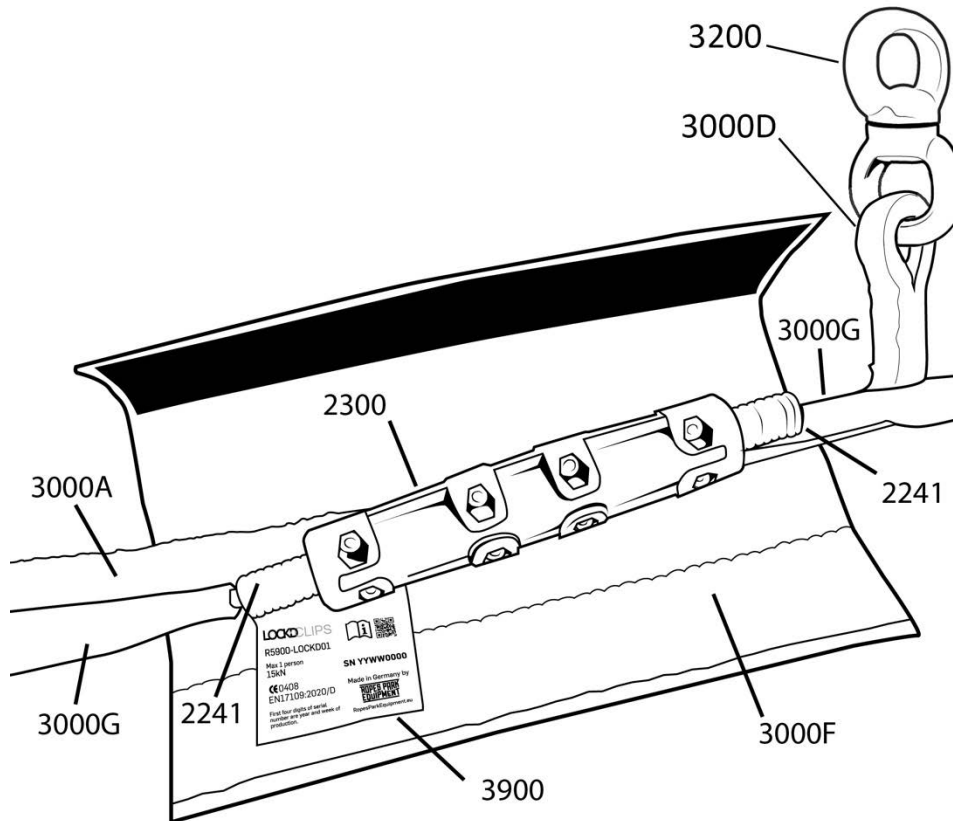


Figure 6: Communication control Banana

Nr.	Label
2241	Bowden cover in long arm
2242	Bowden cover in short arm
2300	Banana, consisting of 2 identical, screwed-together plastic parts
3000A	Textile connection long arm
3000B	Textile connection short arm
3000D	Hanging loop for connection with climbing harness
3000F	Protective cover for banana with Velcro
3000G	Textile guide for the Bowden cable
3200	Swivel (stainless steel)
3900	Identification label (details below)

In the center of the banana there are two neodymium ring magnets.



Warning: LockD Clips contain magnets. Can be harmful to pacemaker wearers.



Take precautions to avoid possible interference of magnets with pacemakers.

2.4. Identification

2.4.1. Identification label in the banana pocket

A label with all the relevant information about each LockD Clips unit can be found in the banana pocket. Open the velcro fastener to view.

2.4.2. Identification label of the shock absorber

A label with all the relevant information about each LockD Clips ROCKS unit can be found in the shock absorber. Open the buttons to view.

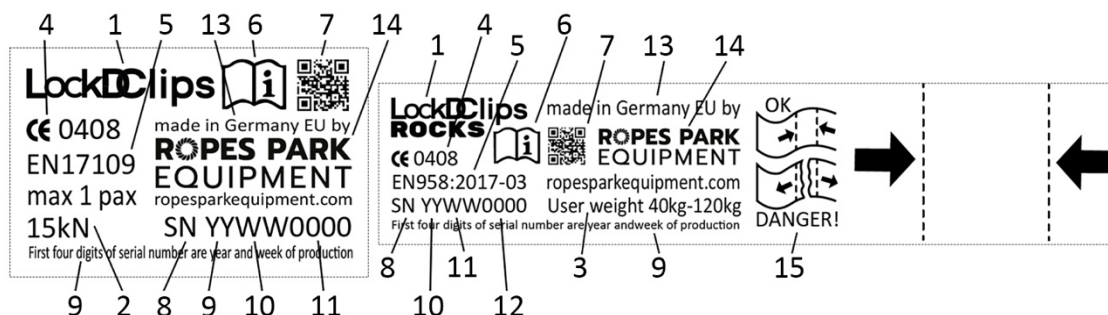


Figure 7: Identification label LockD Clips and LockD Clips ROCKS with serial number

No.	Label
1	Product name and logo
2	Maximum number of people (pax) for simultaneous use and minimum braking load
3	Minimum and maximum user load
4	Certifying body
5	Relevant standard
6	System of serial number
7	Reference to Operations Manual
8	QR Code - this is to the manufacturer's website
9	Serial number
10	Year of production of the batch
11	Week in the year of production of the batch
12	Continuous number of the batch
13	Country of Origin
14	Name and logo of the manufacturer
15	Explanation to trigger indicator

2.4.3. Markings on the Carabiner Body

The short product name "LockD" and the batch number are shown on the carabiner body. The batch number corresponds to the first 4 digits of the serial number (as shown on the identification label).

3. Accessories

3.1. Tweezle Variants

3.1.1. Standard Tweezle

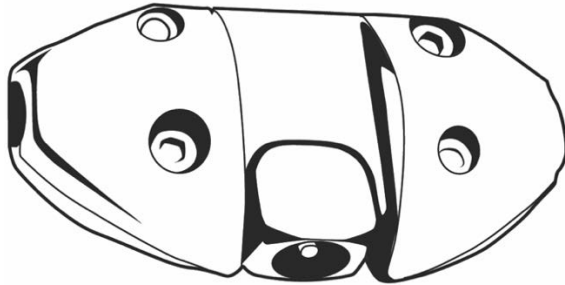


Figure 8: Tweezle

Tweezle is a type of “key” that installs on horizontal life safety lines of 9 to 13mm diameter. The Tweezle consists of 2 plastic halves that are attached to the life safety line by screwing the two halves together.

LockD Clips and LockD Clips ROCKS can be used and function as designed once a Tweezle has been mounted on a life safety line.

Tweezle are available in several different colors.

Please mind the operating manual of the Tweezle.



A Tweezle must only be installed on suitably rated and approved life safety line.



Please note that this product has its own instruction manual.

3.1.2. Tweezle O

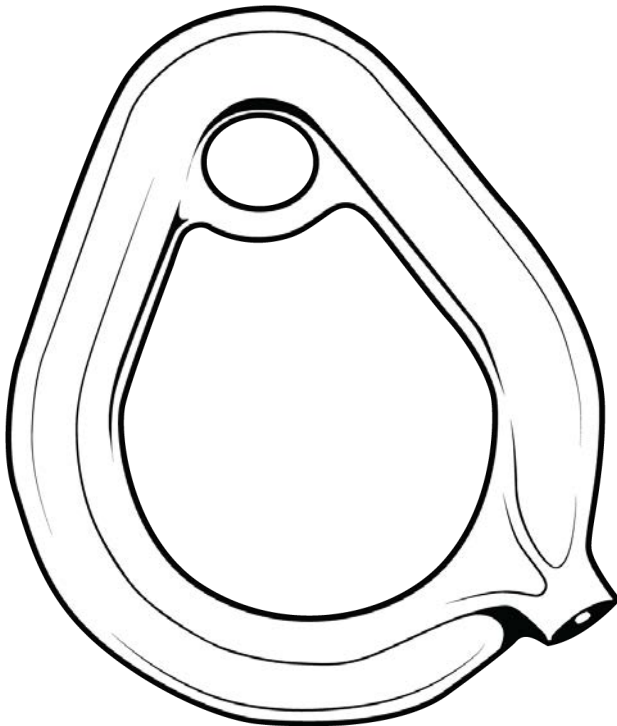


Figure 9: Tweezle O

The Tweezle O replaces a standard Tweezle to permanently attach to a mechanical or non-mechanical device by means of a lifesaving rated screw link. The attachment point must be approved for life safety in a ropes course.

Please mind the operating manual of the Tweezle O.

3.1.3. Rescue Tweezle

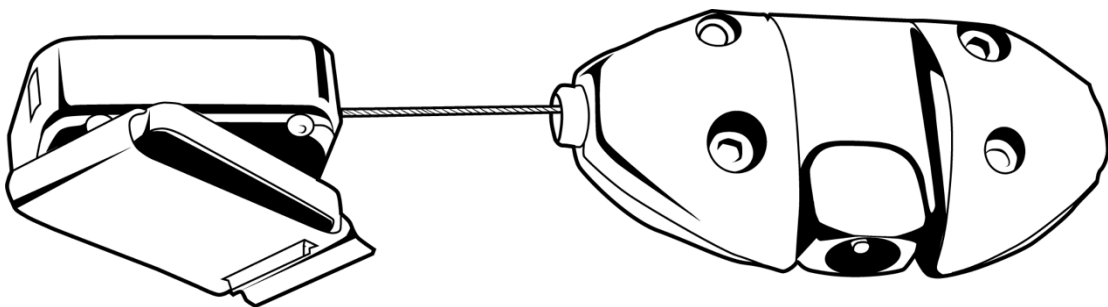


Figure 10: Rescue Tweezle

The Rescue Tweezle is used by trained park staff for assisting users when a user requires their LockD Clips to be disconnected from the life safety line, for example when performing rescues or conducting evacuations. The Rescue Tweezle allows staff to remove a user of LockD Clips from a life safety line any time needed. The Rescue Tweezle must only be used by qualified personnel having had appropriate training. If used incorrectly, the LockD Clips user may have both clips unlocked when at height!

Keep all Tweezles away from unqualified, untrained individuals.



A Rescue Tweezle and any Tweezle not permanently mounted on a life safety line can allow a LockD Clips user to be unsecured on a ropes course.

3.2. Exchangeable Modules¹

Different modules can be mounted on the carabiner head of the LockD Clips for different intended uses. The modules can also be different on each head, for example an abrasion guard can be mounted on one head and a roller can be mounted on the other head.

3.2.1. Stainless Steel Abrasion Guard

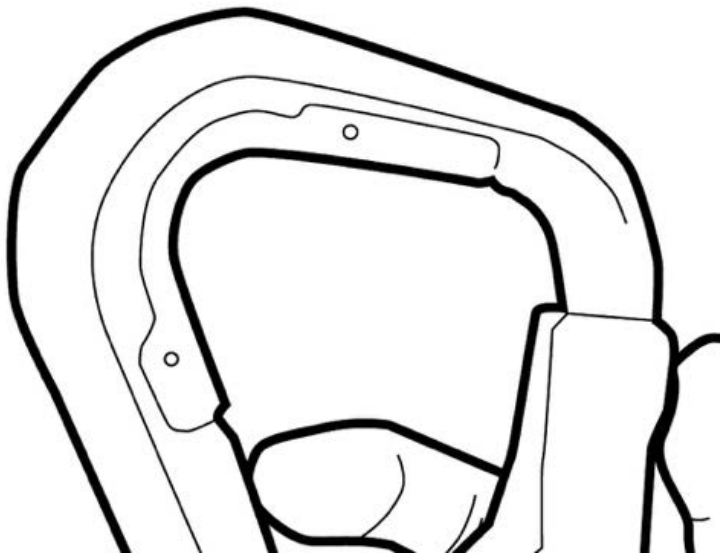


Figure 11: Stainless steel abrasion guard

The stainless-steel abrasion guard (1.5mm thickness) protects the aluminum carabiner body from wear and damage. The plate can be changed using commonly available tools following specific instructions, see section 7.5.

4. Connection between LockD Clips and Safety Harness

The LockD Clips system is to be used with an EN 361 approved safety harness or an EN 12277 approved climbing harness. The connection between LockD Clips and the climbing harness can be done by several means.

4.1. Connection to LockD Clips with integrated swivel

4.1.1. Connection with Maillon Rapide

The LockD Clips with stitched swivel can be connected to the harness with an EN 362 (class Q) connector (typically Maillon Rapide). Make sure, that the connector cannot be opened by the climber.

¹ When available

4.1.2. Connection with textile lanyard sling

If necessary, the connection between the harness and LockD Clips can be extended with a rated textile sling. To minimize the risk of strangulation, do not use open slings longer than 50cm. Use a connector with the material longitudinally sewn to form a single lanyard.



Use only approved and rated connection devices (CE stamped) that meet the required minimum breaking load.

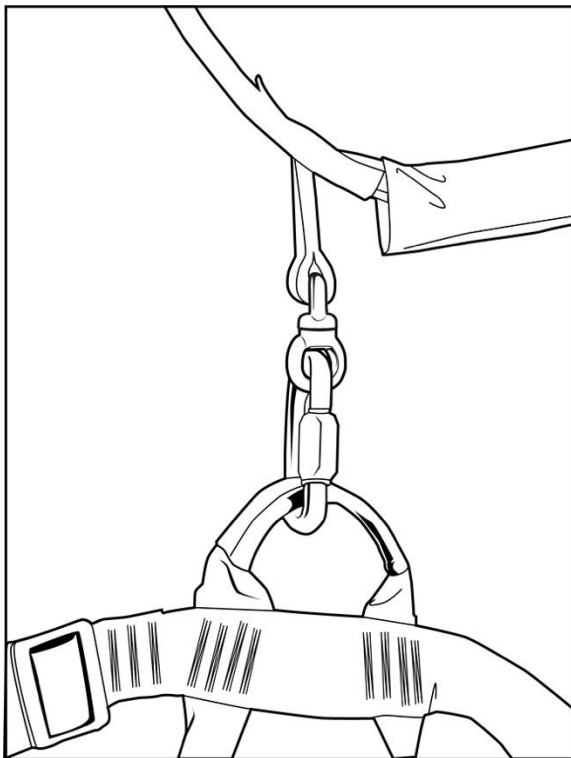


Figure 12: Connection with harness using Maillon Rapide in integrated swivel

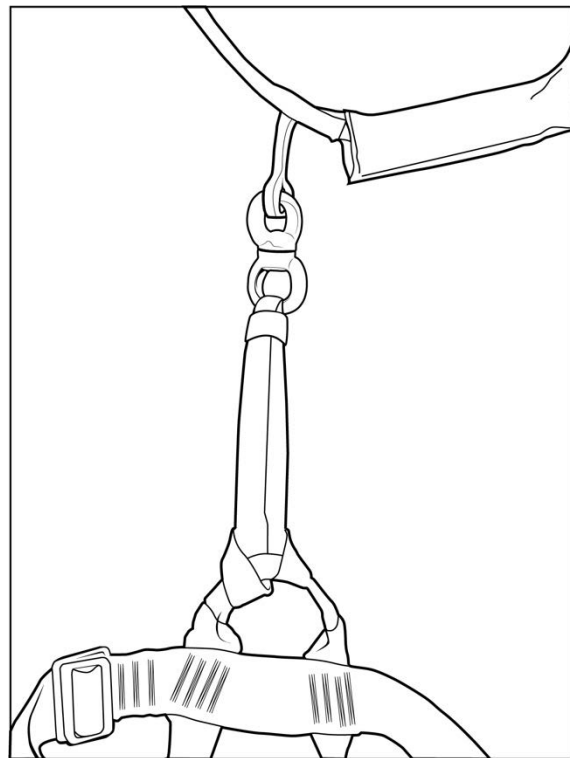


Figure 13: Connection with harness using swivel and textile sling (girth hitch)

4.2. Connection with shock absorber (LockD Clips ROCKS)

The LockD Clips ROCKS is delivered as standard in the following way:

The swivel is connected to the maillon rapid (locked with tread lock) by the manufacturer, which is connected to the shock absorber.

The long loop of the shock absorber must be connected to the attachment point of the harness using girth hitch.

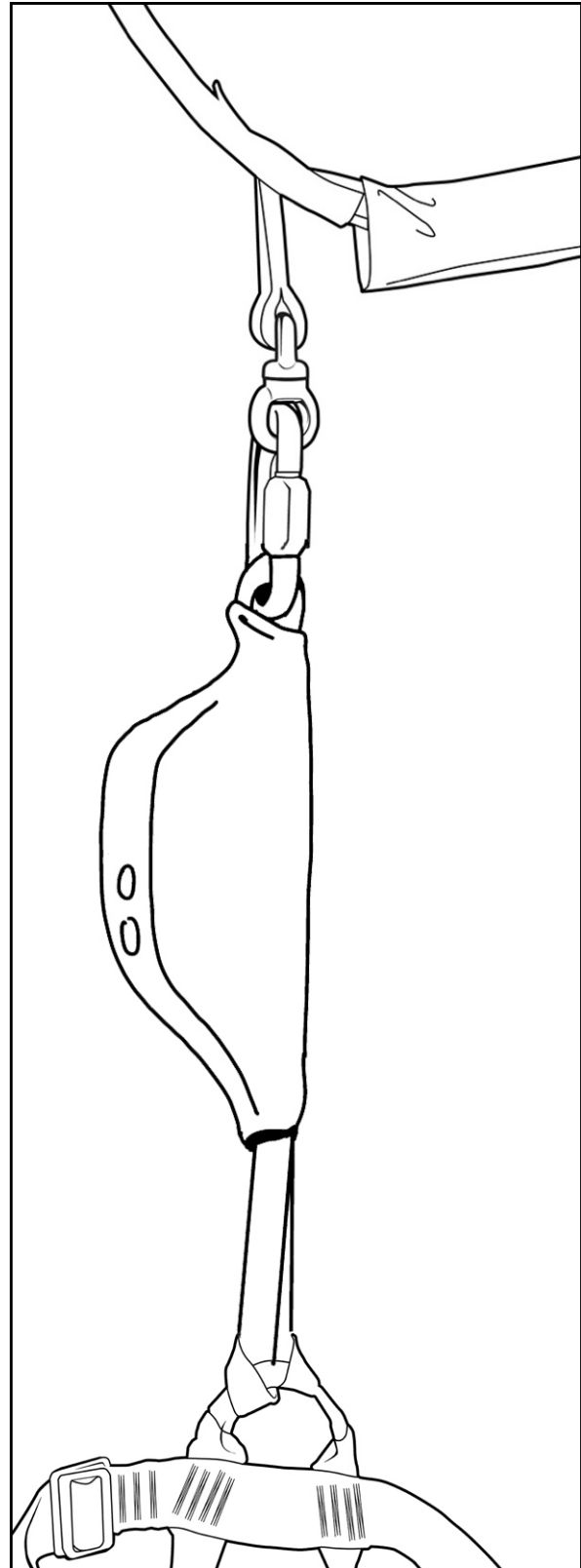
Please also mind the chapter Triggered shock absorber on page 28 herein.



Under no circumstances should the shock absorber be replaced independently with an industrial shock absorber or a different one than the original manufacturer's shock absorber



The participant's head should never be between the two arms of the LockD Clips ROCKS set while climbing. In the event of a fall and trigger of the shock absorber, there could be a risk of throat impact or strangulation.



5. Before Using LockD Clips



Carry out visual and functional tests before each use.

LockD Clips may not be used if any malfunctioning, deterioration, wear, defect or vandalism is observed.

Defects must be brought to the attention of the manufacturer immediately to be examined and repaired by the manufacturer or an authorized representative.

5.1. Visual inspection of LockD Clips

- Check that all parts are present and assess their condition: Carabiner heads, communication system, locking housing units, textile, etc.
- Check metal parts for possible deformation, cracks, corrosion, wear.
- Check the wear of the abrasion guard.
- Check that all screws, nuts and bolts, etc. are in place and tight, gate and gate springs are functioning properly.
- Check that textile parts are free from cuts, abrasion, fraying, or any other damage, and sewn seams and connection & sewn points are intact.
- Check that LockD Clips or LockD Clips ROCKS are securely attached to the harness or safety belt.
- **Only if used with shock absorber (LockD Clips ROCKS):** Check that the shock absorber is ready to use and that the indicator trigger is not partly or fully ripped.

5.2. Functional test

- Check to make sure LockD Clips locking mechanism functions properly allowing only one carabiner gate to open at a time.
- Check that the carabiner gate self-closes when let go after opening.
- Insert unlocked carabiner head onto a Tweezle to observe it locking. Repeat with other side to determine proper locking and unlocking of each.
- Make sure both carabiner heads are not unlocked at the same time.

5.3. Control of the system

- Check to make sure LockD Clips locking mechanism functions properly allowing only one carabiner gate to open at a time.
- Determine that LockD Clips are securely attached to the harness or safety belt.
- Place the unlocked carabiner head on a life safety line.
- Tweezle to make sure the carabiner locks and the other carabiner head unlocks.

6. Operation of the LockD Clips system

6.1. Initial and Regular Preparations

- Read the instruction manual.
- If possible, obtain firsthand instruction by the manufacturer or the manufacturer's representative.

- Ask the manufacturer or manufacturer's representative to allow you to practice using LockD Clips as an end user would.
- Familiarize users by providing an oral and visual briefing, then allow them to perform the task of tweezing to lock and unlock the LockD Clips.
- Test before each use that the locking/unlocking mechanism functions properly.
- Do not allow LockD Clips to be used if you have misgivings, have any questions, or believe the units are malfunctioning.
- **Only if used with shock absorber (LockD Clips ROCKS):** Make sure that your users understand that the shock absorber will trigger if loaded. Intentionally loading the shock absorber, like jumping into the system, must be avoided.

6.2. Entering a Ropescourse or a Via Ferrata with initial tweezing

The initial tweezing of a LockD Clips carabiner is of critical importance, thus a Tweezle Barrier with signage should be installed to facilitate and encourage the user to tweezle prior to entering the first ropes course element. Once the user tweezles onto the Tweezle Barrier, the user has engaged the LockD Clips system and is secured by its locking/unlocking functionality throughout the course, until the user is provided an "exit" Tweezle.



Ensure a Tweezle Barrier with signage is installed to facilitate and encourage the user to tweezle prior to entering the first ropes course element.

6.3. Open a LockD Clips Carabiner Head

Note that only one carabiner of the LockD Clips system can be opened at a time.

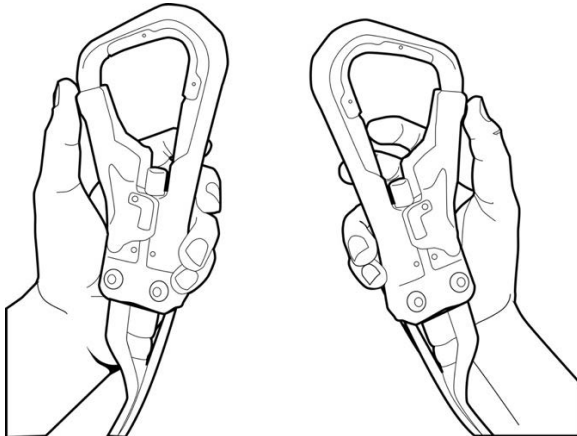


Figure 14: Opening the unlocked hook by pressing on the carabiner gate, the second carabiner remains locked

You can check which carabiner gate can be opened by:

- Pressing the gate of one of the two carabiner heads to determine whether it can press to be opened, if unable to be opened, then
- Press the gate of the other carabiner head to open and remove from the corresponding life safety line or specialty Tweezle.
- The unlocked carabiner head can then be tweezled on a corresponding life safety line or specialty Tweezle.

6.4. Locking the Carabiner Heads by means of a Tweezle

- Place the open carabiner head on the life safety line adjacent to an installed Tweezle and allow the gate to close,
- Align the locking housing unit at the base of the carabiner head with the center of the installed Tweezle,
- Push the locking housing unit of the unlocked carabiner head forcefully up into the center pin of the Tweezle to:
 - Activate the internal cable situated within the bowden shield,
 - The locked carabiner head will remain on the current life safety line until
 - the connected unlocked carabiner head is tweezled and locked on another life safety rope.

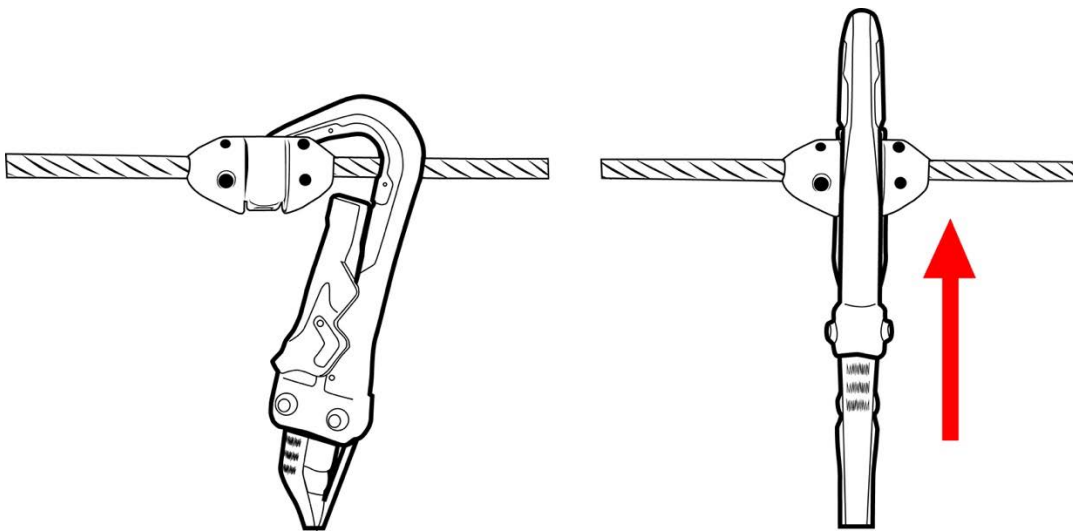


Figure 15: Tweezling an unlocked carabiner head

The use of the LockD Clips system requires the installation of Tweezles at all designated life safety clipping points, allowing the user to advance from one element to the next.

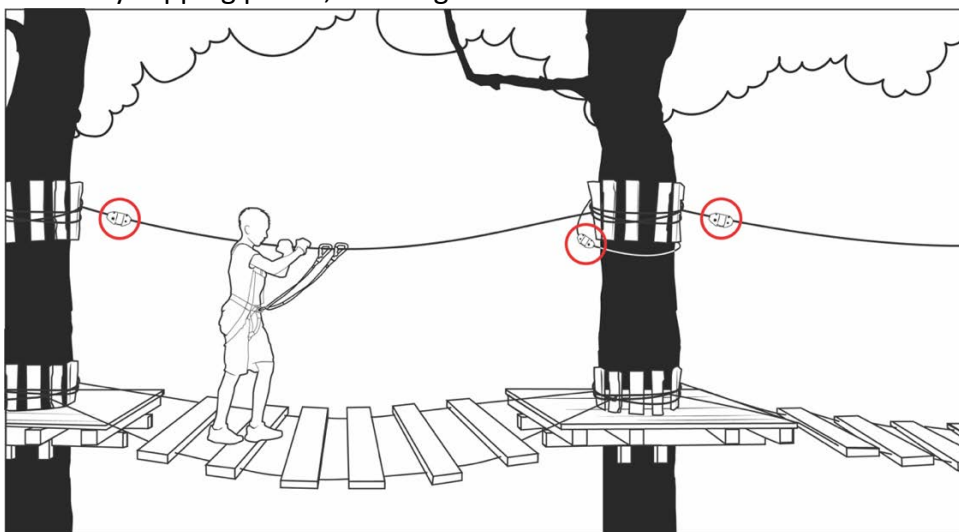


Figure 16: Life Safety Ropes of a Ropes Course with Tweezles Installed

7. Misuse and Troubleshooting

7.1. Excessive Twisting of the LockD Clips Lanyard Arms During Use

If inexperienced users tweeze carelessly, lanyard arms can twist several times until free travel of the communication cable is blocked, making subsequent tweezling difficult or impossible.



Instruct users to straighten the lanyard arms by regularly un-twisting them after tweezling.

7.2. Carabiner Gate Cannot be opened

If a carabiner gate cannot be pressed to open, first check to see if the other connected carabiner gate can open, indicating poor tweezling of the unlocked carabiner. Therefore, tweeze more forcefully to lock one head and unlock the other.

If both carabiner gates are locked, even after forcefully tweezling one of the carabiners again, a beta error has occurred, see section 7.7.

Checks to perform:

- Is the gate being restricted by a foreign object such as a pebble or a stick?
- Is the locking mechanism being restricted by a foreign object such as sand, dust or debris?
- Is the gate rivet point being restricted by any type of debris or corrosion?

If after performing checks above both gates remain locked, contact the manufacturer or a manufacturer representative for servicing.

7.3. Carabiner Gate Moves but does not Self-Close

If a carabiner gate moves back and forth but does not self-close, it may indicate that the gate spring needs to be replaced.

As a wear part, the gate spring can be replaced with factory parts on-site.

7.4. Replacing the Gate Spring

7.4.1. Components of the Gate Spring

The spring consists of the following components:

No.	Label
1311	Outer spring of the gate with slider
1312	Inner spring of the gate
1314	Spring screw of the gate

The three components of the gate spring are delivered as a set.

7.4.2. Preparing to Install the Gate Spring

Tools required:

- A 2mm allen screwdriver (straight end)
- Low strength threadlocking adhesive such as Loctite 222 or equivalent
- Make sure you have a clean and clear workspace.



Figure 17: Only low strength threadlocking adhesive such as Loctite 222 or equivalent

7.4.3. Mounting the Gate Spring

First insert the smaller outer spring with the belly down, then the larger inner spring with the belly down and align holes on both using the allen screwdriver.

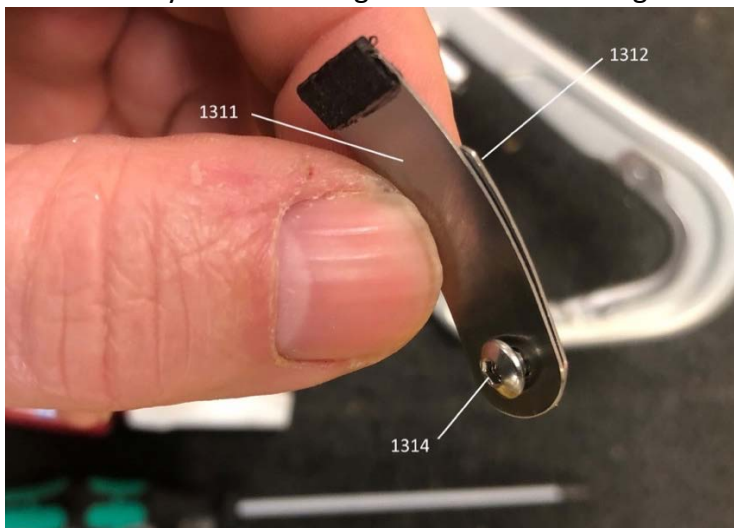


Figure 18: Positioning of the two springs one behind the other

Now position the springs with the help of the allen screwdriver in the recess inside the gate and align the holes with the screw hole.



Figure 19: Fastening and gluing the screw



Only use manual screwdrivers to mount the spring screw. Do not use powered screwdrivers.



Only use low strength threadlocking adhesive such as Loctite 222 or equivalent. Do not use medium or high strength threadlocking adhesive

Note, that violating these warnings might cause damage to the gate's throat resulting in required replacement of total carabiner head.

Always use the new screw supplied by the manufacturer.

Place a drop of low-resistant screw glue (if not already present) on the thread of the screw and screw the screw in the counter thread until tight. Caution: Do not over-tighten or screw threads may strip. Do not use a power screwdriver!

7.4.4. Gate is stuck or is hard to move

Check to make sure gate is moving freely and easily.

If necessary, lubricate the axis of the gate (see 1130, figure 4, page 8) with dry lubricant. If the gate continues to bind after replacement of the spring and lubrication, contact the manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative.

7.5. Checking and Replacing the Abrasion Guard

7.5.1. Examining the Abrasion Guard



Figure 20:: Slightly worn abrasion guard - does not require replacement



Figure 21: Worn abrasion guard - needs replacement

The abrasion guard must be replaced before it one of the following happens:

- If the abrasion guard has been worn away 1mm or more
- If abrasion guard is worn through and the body of the aluminum carabiner head is exposed
- If the red indicator tape has become visible

Do NOT use the LockD Clips if the aluminum carabiner body is worn more than 1mm, the LockD Clips must be sent to the manufacturer or manufacturer representative for replacement of the carabiner head.

Replacing an abrasion guard over a worn/damaged carabiner body is NOT permitted and can lead to serious injury or death.



Do not use a carabiner body if it is worn more than 1mm.



Do not install a new abrasion guard on a worn/damaged carabiner body.

7.5.2. Removal and Replacement of an Abrasion Guard

1. Mount the carabiner hook on the disassembly adapter

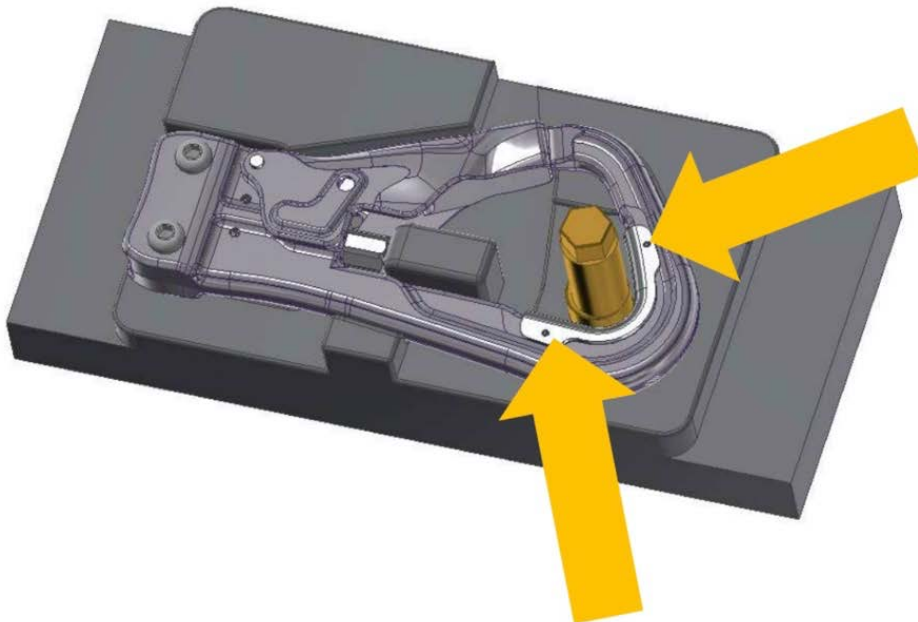


Figure 22: Mount the carabiner hook on the disassembly adapter

2. Use a 2mm pin-punch driver and a small hammer to remove the two clamping pins,
3. Remove the used abrasion guard by pulling it off,
4. Check whether the used abrasion guard has been worn-through and created a hole in it from excessive wear. If so, this may indicate excessive wear of the aluminum carabiner body as well,
5. Check the carabiner body for wear more than 1mm,
6. If the carabiner body is intact and not worn, the new abrasion guard can be installed.
7. Position a new abrasion guard on the delineated location of the carabiner body until the pin holes are aligned,
8. If not using the disassembly adapter, position the carabiner body on a semi-hard surface (wood block, hard rubber or plastic), do not place on hard surfaces such as steel or stone,

9. Using the light hammer, carefully align and hammer in a new clamping pin into the holes on each side of the abrasion guard,
10. If necessary, use a 2mm pin punch to make the pins flush with all surfaces of the new abrasion guard.

7.6. Alpha Error: Both Carabiners can be Opened at the Same Time

When both carabiner gates can be opened at the same time, Alpha Error has occurred. LockD Clips carabiner heads are designed as traditional carabiners and thus the user is still protected as if they were using a traditional non-interconnected via ferrata set, but the LockD Clips system no longer prevents the user from disconnecting both carabiners from a life safety line at the same time.



If an Alpha Error occurs during regular testing, or during use by the user, the LockD Clips unit must be replaced with an error-free set immediately, marked "DO NOT USE", and sent for repair to the manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative.

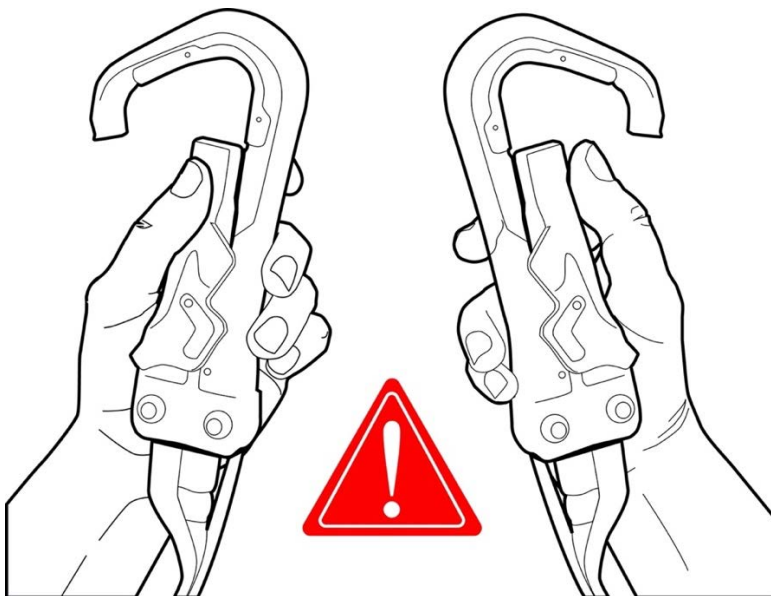


Figure 23: Alpha error

7.7. Beta Error: Neither Carabiner Gate can be opened

When both carabiner gates of a LockD Clips unit remain locked at the same time, Beta Error has occurred. Although the user is secured on a life safety line, they are unable to progress through the ropes course.

Exam the system and verify the system has not been overly twisted, if so, untangle and test both gates again.

Occasional Beta Error occurrence is neither a safety risk nor need for repair as uninformed users may overly twist the units unintentionally. If Beta Error occurs frequently on the same LockD Clips unit, tag/mark the unit accordingly and send to the manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative for repair.

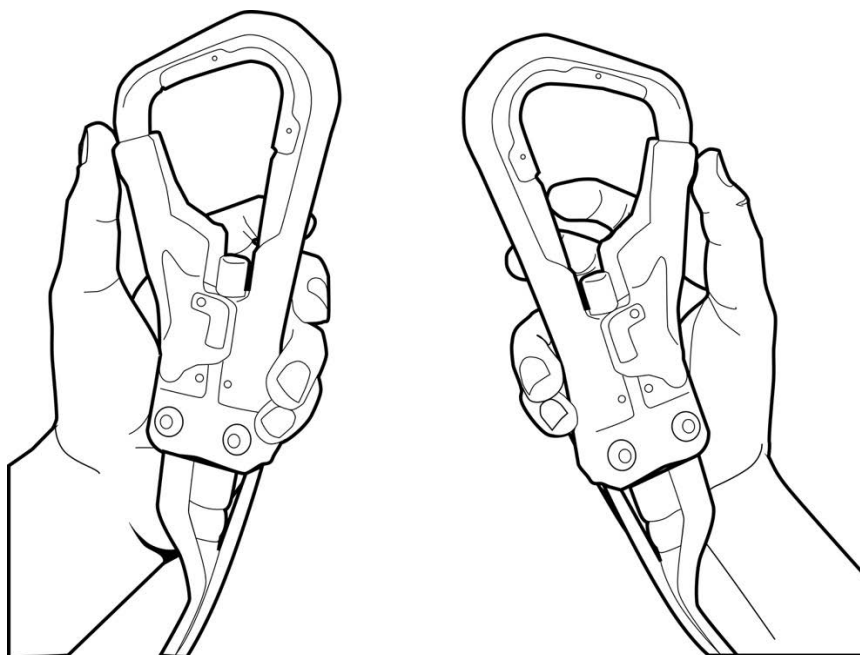


Figure 24: Beta error

7.8. Replacing a User's LockD Clips on a Ropes Course Due to Beta Error

If both carabiner gates cannot be opened while the user is attached to a life safety line, proceed as follows:

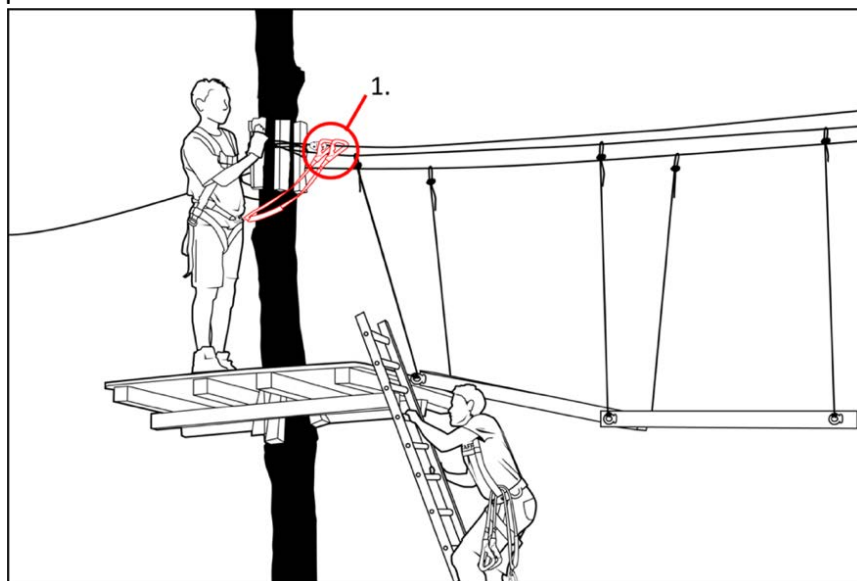


Figure 25: User with both carabiners locked (Beta error)

1. The user's safety is not compromised but both carabiner gates are locked, and user cannot continue on the course.
2. A trained staff member carrying a tested replacement LockD Clips unit is dispatched to the user equipped with tools to both remove the unit from the life safety line and the user's harness connection.

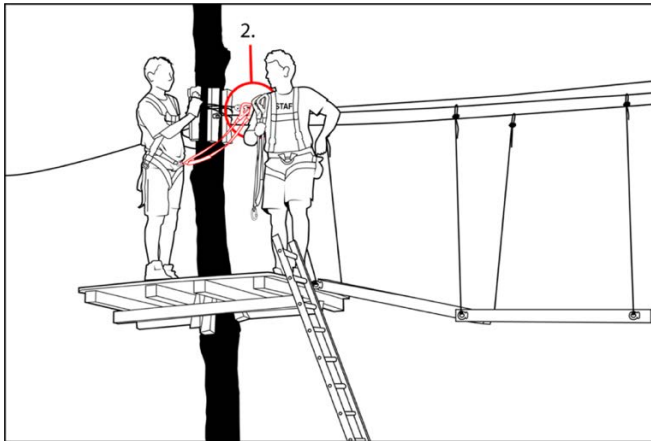


Figure 26: Replacement LockD Clips system to be installed with non-functioning system still connected

3. The replacement LockD Clips unit is attached to the user and the life safety line while the non-functioning unit continues to remain attached at the same time.
4. The harness connection of the non-functioning LockD Clips unit is disconnected.
5. The user is allowed to continue on the course.
6. The trained staff member removes the non-functioning unit from the life safety line using the carabiner Removal Tool.

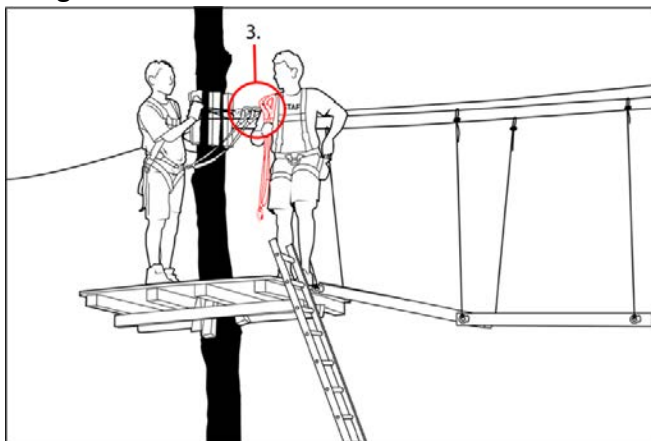


Figure 27: Non-functioning unit is detached from the user after the new unit is attached to the user and life safety line

7. This is done by sliding the carabiner Removal Tool between the carabiner body and the gate cover, engaging it around the locking pin, and pulling the locking pin upwards, towards the abrasion guard.
8. Once the non-functioning unit has been removed, it should be tagged accordingly, and the unit sent to the manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative for repair.
9. The system must not be used anymore and shall be sent to the manufacturer or an authorized partner.



Use safety gloves when handling with the carabiner removal tool.

Only qualified trained staff should perform Beta Error LockD Clips replacement in life safety situations.

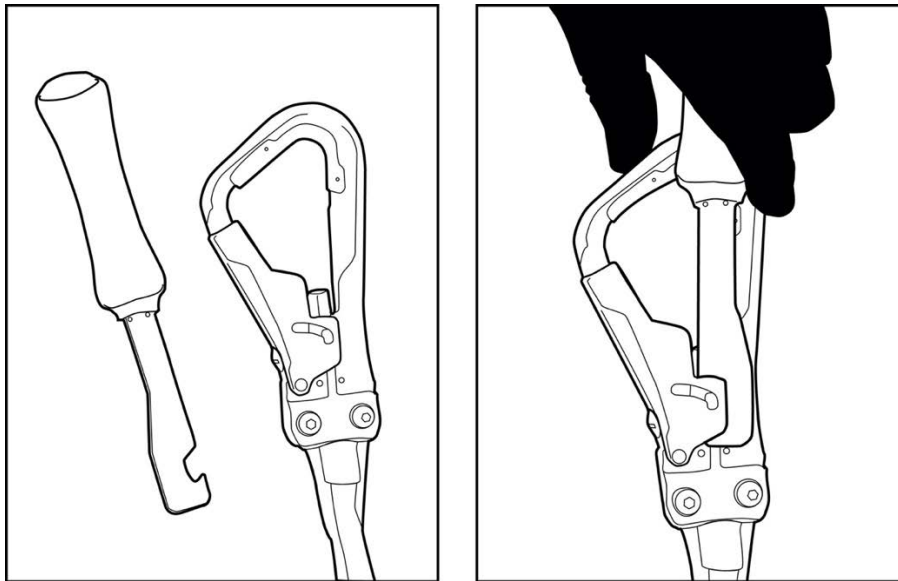


Figure 28: Use of the Carabiner Removal Tool with safety gloves

Any opening or freeing of a blocked system with other means than the carabiner removal tool, in particular cutting up textiles or flexing the aluminum body, represents an inappropriate measure and voids the warranty and other claims.

7.9. Triggered shock absorber of the LockD Clips ROCKS

The shock absorber is intended to open under relatively little load (2kN).



A shock absorber which has partly or fully opened or whose trigger indicator is partly or fully ripped, must not be used anymore.

After an opening of the shock absorber or if the trigger indicator is partly or fully ripped, the device shall be sent to the manufacturer or its trained and authorized partner. Please note, that the opening of the shock absorber is its intended use and cannot cause any warranty claims.

Inspect the trigger indicator by opening the buttons of the shock absorber.

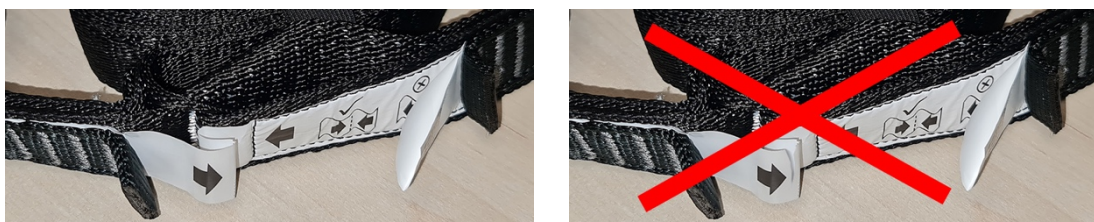


Figure 29: Check of the trigger indicator



The shock absorber must not be replaced by an industrial shock absorber or any devices other than the original.

8. Cleaning and Storage

8.1. Storing LockD Clips After Use

Once LockD Clips have been returned from use, and especially if moisture is present, units should be stored on hooks with the carabiners hanging downwards to be able to shed moisture and dry. Drying should be done naturally, avoiding mechanical heat sources.

8.2. Cleaning

8.2.1. Cleaning of Textile Parts

Textile parts should be carefully brushed with a soft brush when dirty, or cleaned with lukewarm water and mild dishwashing detergent, then rinsed with tepid water. Do not use other cleaning agents as they may adversely affect the strength of the textile.

8.2.2. Removing Foreign Matters

LockD Clips may be exposed to dirt and foreign objects during use, requiring their removal. Removing foreign matters is best done when LockD Clips are dry. Remove dirt and debris with a soft brush, turning the units to allow debris to fall out as needed. Gently tap with hand or wooden spoon to knock out stubborn debris pieces if necessary.

8.2.3. Moist Cleaning

If dry cleaning is not good enough for stubborn cleaning requirements, the metal parts can be cleaned with a damp cloth and mild dishwashing detergent or dry-steamed with a commercial dry-steaming machine. Avoid using running water or spray detergents. Prevent water from entering the locking housing unit or any part of the communication system by always cleaning away from the opening of the locking housing unit.

8.2.4. Lubrication and Oiling

Lubrication and oiling of the components should always be done after cleaning. Dry lubricants are recommended. Avoid excessive use of liquid oils to prevent adhesion of contaminants (ie. dirt, dust, sand) to the oils. Only use dry resin, dry silicone that are acid-free lubricants.

8.3. Storage

Cleaning and lubrication should be done before any long-term storage (wintering). Long term storage should take place in a cool and dry environment, away from light and heat sources. Care should be taken to protect LockD Clips from coming into contact with any chemicals and to always avoid insect and rodent damage.

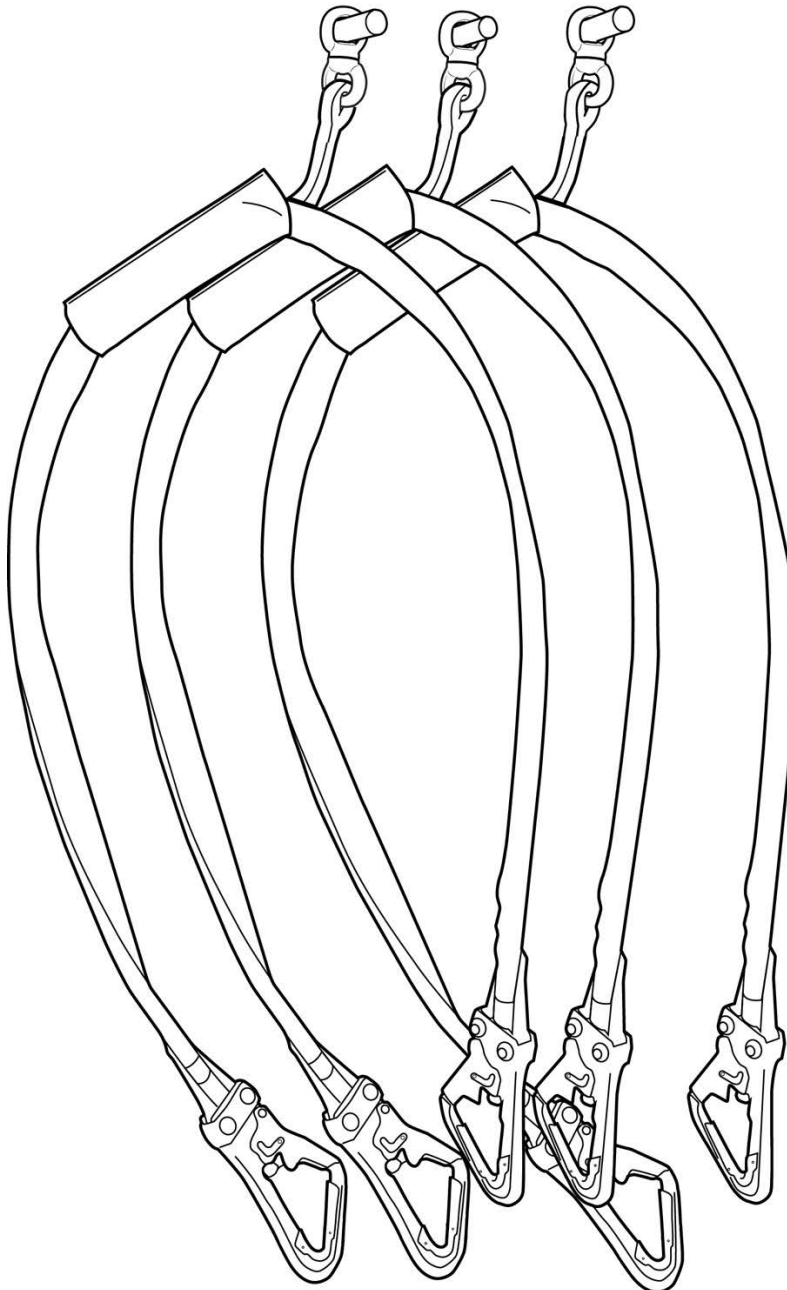


Figure 30: Storage after use.

8.4. Use after prolonged storage

Check to make sure all LockD Clips coming out of storage have remained cool and dry and there are no signs of vandalism, rodent damage, and especially, any signs of chemical damage.

If it cannot be assured that chemical damage may have occurred, the LockD Clips must not be put into service, marked to indicate potential chemical damage, and sent to the manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative for inspection.

9. Repair

Repairs may only be carried out by the manufacturer or its authorized representative. The replacement of the wear parts, including abrasion guard and gate springs may be done by the ropes course operator following manufacturer's instructions. All replacement parts must be original manufacturer parts.

Activity	Ropes Course Operator or Dealer DLR		Distribution- and Service Partner DSP	Manufacturer
	untrained	trained		
Insertion and removal of gate spring	yes, see 7.4	yes	yes	yes
Removal & Replacement of abrasion guard	yes, see 7.5	yes	yes	yes
Cleaning the system	yes, see 8.2	yes	yes	yes
Lubricating the system	yes, see 8.2.4	yes	yes	yes
Installation of Tweezle & Tweezle O	yes, see 3.1	yes	yes	yes
Connecting LockD Clips and climbing harness	yes, see 4	yes	yes	yes
Removing carabiner hooks from textiles lanyards	no	yes	yes	yes
Mounting and demounting of the communication system	no	yes	yes	yes
Removing and remounting plug-in unit	no	yes	yes	yes
<i>Demounting and replacing shock absorber</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>
Mounting threaded top	no	yes	yes	yes
Opening the Banana	no	no	yes	yes
Adjusting the communication system cable (bowden cable)	no	no	yes	yes
Expansion of the plug-in unit	no	no	yes	yes
Removal or manipulation of gate or gate pin	no	no	no	yes
Manipulation of Swivel	no	no	no	yes
Any other procedure not listed in this manual	no	no	no	yes

If unauthorized changes, repair or replacement is done to LockD Clips, the guarantee will be void and safety of the system may be in jeopardy.

10. Other safety regulations



Risk of serious injury or death can occur if the safety instructions are not followed as written.

- Stop use of LockD Clips if any defects are detected or observed.
- Immediately remove damaged safety related devices from use, all safety related equipment should be checked by the manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative. Observe all service requirements related to safety equipment as directed by the operating manual.
- The harness and all safety systems are part of personal protective equipment, and their proper use and maintenance should be designated to a specific person.
- The personal protective equipment and all safety devices may only be used by trained individuals who become familiar with their use and are aware of the dangers associated with their use.
- Accessories from other manufacturers may only be used with the consent of the manufacture and must not affect the functionality and safety of any other safety system.
- Appropriate clothes and shoes must be worn, keeping weather conditions in mind.
- Harness should be worn according to manufacturer's directions, keeping clothing layers in mind.
- LockD Clips can only be used with a Tweezle, its designated key. The Tweezle must only be used on designated life safety lines following jurisdictional standards and designed for the appropriate load and their location on the ropes course.
- Safety equipment should only be used by a competent individual.
- Fall arrest devices/systems require specific installation and use procedures and height clearances. Prior to use, make sure all procedures are observed.
- Determine possible fall clearances per jurisdictional regulations and equipment manufacturer operations manual.
- Protect life safety lines, harnesses, and all accessories from fire and flames, from sharp edges and objects, sparks of any kind, and chemical compounds.
- Follow all insurance requirements and local employees ordinances and safety procedures.
- Trees as structural support structures are "living bodies" and will require care and maintenance. If left unchecked, their growth can cause changes and distortions on the life safety lines. Check their integrity after storms, floods and hurricanes.
- An emergency action plan (rescue and evacuation plan) must be in place and practiced by the operation. Specific rescue plans and first aid should be in place in case of emergencies. The manufacturer can provide guidance to creating emergency action plans and provide staff training.

11. Supplemental Issues

11.1. Conforming Standards

Conforms with:	EC Directive 89/686/EWG
Product certification according to:	LockD Clips CE 0408 EN17109:2020/D <i>LockD Clips ROCKS</i> <i>CE 0408 EN 958:2017-03</i>
Testing and production approvals by:	TÜV Austria CE0408 Deutschstraße 10 Austria 1230 Vienna

11.2. Sales and Translations

Distributors and dealers must ensure that the instructions for use are supplied in the language of the respective country of destination if German or English are not sufficient. The translation must be authorized/approved by the manufacturer.

11.3. Regular Checks

- Carry out visual and functional tests before each use.
- Check harnesses, anchors, cable/rope terminations, and all mechanical devices regularly, and at least once a year by a qualified inspector, and document the results on the test card.
- Wear is to be expected and will depend on amount and frequencies of use. Inspections must be performed accordingly.

11.4. Life of Product

- Use purchased slings and other textile material within 3 years of purchase.
- Maximum service life for slings and other textile material is 10 years.
- The above-mentioned maximum service life is reduced if the materials have been exposed to damaging heat, temperatures, undue stress including excessive falls, damage due to abrasion, cuts, and chemical agents. Each of the influencing factors above can differently affect life span depending on the intensity, duration of influence and their combination. The influences can occur during use as well as during transport or storage. The decision to retire an item will have to be made by a qualified person trained in the corresponding technical field. Intensive use and/or extreme operating conditions such as use on sharp edges, chemical influences, etc. lead to a reduced service life. The operator must ensure compliance.
- Document the first use of any product to facilitate compliance with its operating requirements and maintenance.
- Using the test card included in this manual may aid documentation requirements of course inspectors.

12. Annual Monitoring by Qualified Individuals

12.1. Inspection Criteria

The periodic inspection of PPE for falls from height must be performed by a qualified inspector per jurisdictional standards of your region.

12.2. Inspection Procedures

Please familiarize yourself fully with the instructions manual before performing any inspections.

When re-inspecting, please reference previous inspections.

The inspection report template should not be considered as encompassing all the criteria of an inspection. Additional criteria should be noted elsewhere if needed.

Each template may be used for inputting information for up to 5 LockD Clips units.

The following 1-4 rating system is recommended for inputting inspection results:

Legend / Inspection Information

1 minimal wear great	2 slightly worn good	3 heavily worn adequate	4 Excessively worn needs replacement
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In case of a 3 or 4 rating, please provide further information on the back of the form.

A 4 rating requires the LockD Clips unit to be separated and marked for repair / replacement.

Sorting according to repair types, whether it can be performed in-house or not, will facilitate decisions to be made by the operator. For example, replacement of the abrasion guard and carabiner gate spring, verses devices that must be sent to the manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative.



If in doubt, remove the LockD Clips unit from use!

Inspection reports must be kept within reach of the operator and inspector, preferably in a folder with the instructions manual.

12.3. Inspection Report Template

Please refer to the next page.

Inspection Report Template. Please refer to the instructions for use.

Name of Inspector	Inspection Date
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Operating manual available?	Expiration Date (10 years from purchase date)	Sheet #
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Serial number (eight digits)					
Carabiner long side	Batch number (four digits)				
	State of the carabiner body				
	Condition of abrasion guard				
	Condition of gate				
	Gate open / close performance				
	Gate auto-closing				
	Screw connections				
Carabiner short side	Batch number (four digits)				
	State of the carabiner body				
	Condition of abrasion guard				
	Condition of gate				
	Gate open / close performance				
	Gate auto-closing				
	Screw connections				
Textile and banana	Condition of webbing				
	Short arm stitching				
	Long arm stitching				
	Stitching of loop				
	Banana cover condition				
	Swivel				
	Legibility of ID label				
	<i>Shock absorber trigger indicator</i>				
<i>Stitching of shock absorber</i>					
Function	Standard tweezling				
	Unconventional tweezling				
	Audible noise when tweezling				
Photos for verification (number/number)					
Passed for continued use					

Legend / Inspection Information

1 minimal wear great	2 slightly worn good	3 heavily worn adequate	4 excessively worn needs replacement
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Inspector's Signature

13. Your partner and direct contact for all kinds of questions

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