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Yates Gear Inc. Webbing Products (including Harnesses) Service Life

A five-year life span is the maximum recommendation for all continuous use webbing products once put into service. All Yates webbed products have a ten year shelf life from the date of manufacture. If the product has documented periodic/quarterly inspection reports, Yates Gear Inc. can recommend an extended service life span to ten years from date of manufacture as long as the product is maintained in GOOD condition.

Yates Gear Inc. recommends that a harness that is used between the five and ten year life span must be in good condition, and inspected regularly by a Qualified Inspector. Any harness that is over five years and is in POOR inspection condition should be removed from service.

This life span issue has become a larger issue lately as many companies that in the past have recommended a five-year life span on webbing products, have increased it indefinitely or to ten years. Yates Gear Inc. does not support the concept of an indefinite lifespan for webbing products.

Laundering and Exposure to Saltwater

If webbing products are exposed to saltwater, soak in appropriately sized, clean container filled with fresh water for 5 minutes and repeat this two or three times. This is similar to washing scuba diving equipment. Use of a detergent is not usually necessary after exposure to saltwater unless the harness is dirty or contaminated in some way. For dirty or soiled products we recommend a detergent product from McNett® called ReviveX® Climbing Rope Cleaner Concentrate. Regular household detergents leave residues that can damage the water repellent finish on webbing products. ReviveX removes dirt, fine rock crystals, aluminum oxide and other harmful residue and rinses off completely. ReviveX is free of bleach, phosphates, fabric softeners, optical brighteners and perfumes. After thorough rinsing, air-dry the webbing product in a 60 to 80 degree area out of direct sunlight

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