SpanSet Product Specification Sheet

The GOTCHA SUSPENSION LOOP

WHAT IS IT CALLED?
The product name is the Gotcha Suspension Loop
Order code GOTCHA SL.

WHAT IS IT?
The GOTCHA SL is a rescue aid to help alleviate the effects of ‘suspension trauma’ whilst the casualty awaits recovery. It will only work for persons suspended in a full body harness, less than 4m from their anchorage.

WHAT DOES IT DO?
Inside the bag is an adjustable webbing loop that the suspended person can stand in.

The Gotcha Suspension Loop is first attached to the anchorage that the casualty is suspended from. The loop is then deployed from the bag and dropped down to the casualty. The webbing is then adjusted so that the casualty can stand in the loop to relieve the pressure from their harness and move their legs.

The suspension loop is designed so that a team of workers can carry one and hang it up at the workplace where it will provide cover for all of them. Alternatively on major sites it can be located next to similar emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers or first aid equipment so that it can provide cover for all workers in that area.

The Gotcha Suspension loop is not a substitute for the rescue of a suspended casualty, but will be an excellent part of any rescue solution. It will increase the casualty’s comfort and help to reduce the effects of suspension trauma.

HOW HAS IT BEEN TESTED?
The suspension loop is not classed as PPE and therefore does not require a CE mark. There are also no relevant European Norms to test it to, so we have rated it for its intended purpose and tested it to prove this.

The product will be produced under SpanSet’s ISO 9001 Quality Assurance procedures.
The assembly has been tested statically to prove the Minimum Break Strength of 160kg. The Gotcha Suspension Loop has also been field trialled to ensure that it is both practical and effective.

**IS THERE MORE THAN ONE VERSION?**

There is only one model of GOTCHA SL available. It is suitable for all fall arrest harness users.

**WHAT DOES IT WEIGH?**

Each GOTCHA SL weighs 500g.

**HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?**

Whilst regular inspection and care of PPE is mandatory by European law, SpanSet recommends that the Gotcha Suspension Loop is treated in a similar manner.

It should be inspected at least once every 12 months.

If there is any doubt of its condition it should be withdrawn from service immediately.

From that date of first use or in the case of the Gotcha Suspension Loop, issue into the workplace it will have a lifespan of up to 5 years. It can be stored prior to use or issue into the workplace as long as the total lifespan does not exceed 10 years. The product therefore has an ultimate life span of 10 years from date of manufacture, even if never used.