

PMI® ACCESSORY CORD MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS

▲WARNING ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

- You are responsible for your own safety and decisions while using this product.
- Special training and knowledge are required to use this product. This cord is intended for use by those who are trained and experienced in technical rope rigging and rescue applications.
- Before using this product you must thoroughly read and understand these Manufacturer's Instructions, as well as all warnings, product labels and associated information.
- Activities involving the use of this product are inherently dangerous; you must understand and accept the risks involved.
- Failure to follow these stated warnings may result in serious injury or death.
- Keep these Manufacturer's Instructions, all product labels and create an Equipment Log that should all stay WITH the equipment so that any potential user can read them prior to use and make entries after use.
- PMI is not responsible or liable in any way for damages of any kind, injury or death resulting from direct or indirect incidents related to the use of its products.
- Please contact PMI at 706-764-1437 to answer any additional questions regarding safety and use of this equipment.

▲WARNING

- The techniques employed in the safe and proper use of this equipment may only be learned through training

from an instructor who is well qualified in all phases of vertical rope work. Such instruction will include evaluation of your comprehension of, and ability to perform, the task required to safely and efficiently use this equipment. Never attempt to use this product until you have received appropriate instruction and are approved to be competent by your instructor.

- The entire life safety system including the anchorage, ropes, accessory cord(s), webbing, carabiners and other equipment in the system must be of sufficient strength to safely withstand the maximum forces that can be generated. PMI recommends adding a safety margin into your calculations.
- Avoid possible abrasion and dangerous wear that can happen when straps, accessory cords or rope come into contact with hard, sharp or rough surfaces or nylon rubbing on nylon.

USING YOUR PMI® ACCESSORY CORD

Before using your PMI® Accessory Cord at height, become familiar with its features, specifications and proper use. Inspect the cord upon receiving it and before each use to ensure that it is in adequate condition for use. Read, understand and always follow each step of the section "How to Inspect Your Cord" to be competent in the inspection of your Accessory Cord. Accessory Cord(s) should be thoroughly inspected at least annually, regardless of how frequently the cord is (or isn't) used. It is up to the user to learn how to use this Accessory Cord properly and apply good judgment to situations that can have serious and possibly deadly consequences. Anyone who does use PMI® Accessory Cord in life safety applications should first be trained by an instructor competent in rope rigging and vertical

climbing systems.

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

How to Inspect Your Cord

- Inspect by starting at the end point and look at and feel every inch of the cord. Use both hands to form a bight of cord at one end and push the cord through your hands allowing the bight to maintain its round shape for the entire length of the cord. If it doesn't maintain a rounded shape, then there might be a problem with the core and you should not use it.
- Watch for signs that might indicate possible core or sheath damage such as discoloration, chemical odors, abrasion marks, cuts, nicks and any visible differences.
- Go through the entire Retirement Criteria section of these instructions and consider each statement as a requirement for each inspection of your cord.
- Discard and destroy any cord that does not pass inspection and retirement criteria.
- IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT - If you are not sure about the integrity of your cord, DO NOT USE IT. Consult PMI if you need help or have questions.

MAINTAINING YOUR CORD

- Create and maintain an Equipment Log for each individual cord and review it regularly. Include

information such as date of manufacture, date placed in service, dates of use and conditions under which it is used, results of inspections, and other information specific to your application.



- Keep your cord clean using the guidelines in the section, "CLEANING YOUR CORD", provided in these instructions. Dirt rubbing into and against the fibers of the cord will deteriorate it.
- Store your cord in a clean, dark, dry environment, NOT on a surface from which contaminants might leach (such as concrete), and away from exposure to chemicals, ultraviolet rays, prolonged excessive heat, noxious/exhaust fumes or other harmful agents.

CLEANING YOUR CORD

WASH IT - You can wash larger diameter Accessory Cords best by using the Bokat Rope Washer by PMI®. You can also wash cords by hand with a non-abrasive brush or in a front-loading commercial washing machine in a PMI® Laundry bag for keeping cord from getting tangled when washing. Wash using cool to warm water <30°C (<86°F) with a mild soap. PMI recommends using PMI® Rope Soap; otherwise non-detergent soaps are best. Soap used should not contain any bleaching agents. DO NOT use top loading washing machines with agitators because they tangle the cord(s) severely and can cause damage to the washing machine. To learn how to properly disinfect a cord from exposure to bloodborne pathogens, contact PMI at 706-764-1437.

DRY IT - Dry your cord in a clean, dry area out of direct

sunlight. For best results, the cord should be hung to dry or laid in a loose coil and NOT on a surface that may leach contaminants (such as concrete).

DO NOT use a commercial dryer to dry the cord(s).

WRITE IT DOWN - Remember to record the cleaning in the Equipment Log.

RETIREMENT CRITERIA

CUT RETIRED Accessory Cord to discourage future use and discard it entirely. A retired cord should NEVER be stored, kept or maintained in such a way that it could inadvertently be used as a lifeline.

RETIRE IMMEDIATELY:

- Any cord whose strength may have been compromised during use.
- Any cord which is subjected to uncontrolled or excessive loading.
- Any cord which is greater than 10 years old, regardless of history and usage. The age of the cord is calculated from date of manufacture.
- Any cord about whose history and past usage you are uncertain.
- Any cord that has been exposed to heat, direct flame or excessive abrasion.
- Any cord that has been visibly damaged.
- Any cord that has been exposed to liquids, solids, gases, mists, or vapors of any chemical or other material that can deteriorate the fiber from which it is made.
- Any cord that does not pass inspection when inspected by a competent person following the

inspection procedures in these instructions, both before and after each use.

- Any cord when there is any doubt about the safety or serviceability.

PMI LIMITED WARRANTY

PMI products are warranted to the original retail purchaser to be free from defect in material and workmanship for a period of one year. PMI will repair or replace the item without charge provided inspection at our factory discloses no misuse or alteration, which, in our judgment, has affected the condition or functioning of the product. All implied warranties imposed by law in connection with the sale of PMI products are also limited in duration to a period of one year. PMI expressly excludes and shall not be liable for any consequential damages arising out of any breach of the express or implied warranties on sales of PMI products. Because of the high risks involved in high angle rope work such as, but not limited to, rescue, rope access, caving, rappelling, rock climbing and mountaineering, no further warranties exist or are implied by PMI. Regulations issued under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act require us to include the following statement: some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts nor the excluding or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations may not apply to you.