

Petzl SHUNT

Statement

The Petzl SHUNT, is in common usage for rope access work, all around the world as a back up rope grab. However, the Petzl SHUNT is neither recommended nor tested, by the manufacturer, for use as a back up rope grab for rope access. It has never been sanctioned for such use in any in any document published by Petzl.

The Petzl ASAP (B71), with the correct personal energy absorber ie Absorbica (L57), ASAP'sorber 20 (B71 20) or ASAP'sorber 40 (B71 40) is the product in the Petzl range, designed specifically as a back up rope grab.

Spelean, as the importer and distributor of Petzl products in Australia and in New Zealand, strongly recommends against the use of the Petzl Shunt as a back up rope grab for rope access work.

Guidance

As guidance, for a competent user, who on their own recognizance, knowingly chooses to ignore the above information, the following information is provided:

Neither the Petzl STOP, nor the Petzl SHUNT have an anti-panic function. There are a number of products, from a variety of manufacturers, supposedly designed with an anti-panic mode.

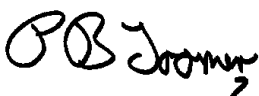
As mentioned above, the Petzl ASAP is the product in the Petzl range designed specifically as a back up rope grab, including for rope access work. It is a device that will operate at any time the descent speed is excessive or if a sudden load is applied. It is permanently poised to operate in an anti-panic mode.

The Petzl I'D is a self-braking descender with anti-panic function for working on fixed ropes. The anti-panic function is engaged if the user lets go or pulls too hard on the handle, the pivoting cam is released and automatically brakes to stop the descent. There is also an anti-error safety cam to reduce the risk of an accident due to incorrect installation of the device on the rope.

Using the above Petzl products as an example it would be possible to have a combination of products where at least one component had an anti-panic mode:

Petzl STOP + Petzl ASAP would be OK,
Petzl I'D + Petzl SHUNT would be OK,
Petzl I'D and Petzl ASAP would probably be best (depending on the task)

Signed of behalf of Spelean Pty Ltd



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