

# Inspection Advisory

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## Subject: Protecta Brand Cobra Rope Grab with EZ Stop shock absorber

Capital Safety has received a report of a missing stitch pattern on the shock absorber of a Cobra Rope Grab sold in Australia and New Zealand. No injury was sustained and the product has been withdrawn from service. Although we have not yet been able to verify the reason for the reported condition, we recommend **ALL** Cobra brand rope grabs with shock absorbers be inspected immediately to ensure there are no further instances of missing stitch patterns.

The Cobra Rope grab is a personal fall arrest device that can be used in combination with a vertical rope lifeline to provide fall protection during a vertical ascent/descent. There are two versions of this device: one without a shock absorber designed for use on 3-strand hawser laid rope; the other with a shock absorber designed for use on 11mm or 13mm kernmantle rope. Only the models with a shock absorber are potentially affected by this condition (models AC202/02AU or AC202/03AU).



Cobra Rope Grab (Model AC202)



Cobra Rope Grab with shock absorber  
(Model AC202/02AU or AC202/03AU)



Cobra Rope grab shock absorber  
with two correct stitch patterns.



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We are forwarding this inspection notice to all distributors that have sold Cobra rope grabs with shock absorbers. Any products found to be missing a stitch pattern must be withdrawn from service immediately. If any products are found with this condition, please contact Capital Safety immediately to arrange for return and replacement on 1800 245 003 (Australia) or 0800 212 505 (New Zealand). The potentially affected units are only sold in Australia and New Zealand.

We remind all users of fall protection equipment such as the Cobra brand rope grabs to inspect their equipment in accordance with user instruction manual guidelines and AS/NZS1891.4. This requires the user to inspect their equipment before each use and following each use, as well as having the equipment inspected by a competent person at least every 6 months.

We apologize for any inconvenience this condition may cause to users of our products.

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