

GUARDIAN

FALL PROTECTION

PERFORMANCE SAFETY GEAR



Product Name: G-Link SRL

Part #: 10947; 10993; 10994; 10995; 10996; 10997; 10998

Instruction Manual

**Do not throw away these instructions!
Read and understand these instructions before using equipment!**

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a Guardian Fall Protection G-Link SRL. This manual must be read and understood in its entirety, and used as part of an employee training program as required by OSHA or any applicable state agency.

This and any other included instructions must be made available to the user of the equipment. The user must understand how to safely and effectively use the G-Link SRL, and all fall safety equipment used in combination with the G-Link SRL.

User Information	
Date of First Use:	_____
Serial #:	_____
Trainer:	_____
User:	_____

Applicable Safety Standards

When used according to instruction specifications, this product meets or exceeds all applicable OSHA 1926 Subpart M, OSHA 1910, ANSI Z359.14-2012, and ANSI A10.32-2012 standards for fall protection. Applicable standards and regulations depend on the type of work being done, and also might include state regulations if applicable. Consult regulatory agencies for more information on personal fall arrest systems and associated components.

Worker Classifications



Understand the following definitions of those who work near or who may be exposed to fall hazards.

Qualified Person: A person with an accredited degree or certification, and with extensive experience or sufficient professional standing, who is considered proficient in planning and reviewing the conformity of fall protection and rescue systems.

Competent Person: A highly trained and experienced person who is ASSIGNED BY THE EMPLOYER to be responsible for all elements of a fall safety program, including, but not limited to, its regulation, management, and application. A person who is proficient in identifying existing and predictable fall hazards, and who has the authority to stop work in order to eliminate hazards.

Authorized Person: A person who is assigned by their employer to work around or be subject to potential or existing fall hazards.

It is the responsibility of a Qualified or Competent person to supervise the job site and ensure all applicable safety regulations are complied with.

Safety Information



Failure to understand and comply with safety regulations may result in serious injury or death. Regulations included herein are not all-inclusive, are for reference only, and are not intended to replace a Competent Person's judgement or knowledge of federal or state standards.

Do not alter equipment.

Do not misuse equipment.

Workplace conditions, including, but not limited to, flame, corrosive chemicals, electrical shock, sharp objects, machinery, abrasive substances, weather conditions, and uneven surfaces, must be assessed by a Competent Person before fall protection equipment is selected.

The analysis of the workplace must anticipate where workers will be performing their duties, the routes they will take to reach their work, and the potential and existing fall hazards they may be exposed to.

Fall protection equipment must be chosen by a Competent Person. Selections must account for all potential hazardous workplace conditions.

All fall protection equipment should be purchased new and in an unused condition.

Fall protection systems must be selected and installed under the supervision of a Competent Person, and used in a compliant manner.

Fall protection systems must be designed in a manner compliant with all federal, state, and safety regulations.

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, the maximum allowable free fall distance for lanyards must not exceed 6'. No free fall allowed for non-LE SRLs. SRLs must arrest falls within 54".

Forces applied to anchors must be calculated by a Competent Person.

Harnesses and connectors selected must be compliant with manufacturer's instructions, and must be of compatible size and configuration.

A pre-planned rescue procedure in the case of a fall is required. The rescue plan must be project-specific. The rescue plan must allow for employees to rescue themselves, or provide an alternative means for their prompt rescue.

Store rescue equipment in an easily accessible and clearly marked area.

Training of Authorized Persons to correctly erect, disassemble, inspect, maintain, store, and use equipment must be provided by a Competent Person.

Training must include the ability to recognize fall hazards, minimize the likelihood of fall hazards, and the correct use of personal fall arrest systems.

NEVER use fall protection equipment of any kind to hang, lift, support, or hoist tools or equipment, unless explicitly certified for such use.

Maintenance of equipment must be done according to manufacturer's instructions. Equipment instructions must be retained for reference.

Prior to EACH use, all equipment in a fall protection system must be inspected for any potential or existing deficiencies that may result in its failure or reduced functionality. IMMEDIATELY remove equipment from service if any deficiencies are found.

Equipment must be inspected by a Competent Person at least every six months. These inspections must be documented in equipment instruction manual and on equipment inspection grid label.

Equipment must be inspected for defects, including, but not limited to, the absence of required labels or markings, improper form/fit/function, evidence of cracks, sharp edges, deformation, corrosion, excessive heating, alteration, excessive wear, fraying, knotting, abrasion, and absence of parts.

Equipment that fails inspection in any way must immediately be removed from use, or repaired by an entity approved by the manufacturer.

No on-site repair of equipment unless explicitly permitted by Guardian Fall Protection.

Equipment subjected to forces of fall arrest must immediately be removed from use.

Snap hooks, carabiners, and other connectors must be selected and applied in a compatible fashion. All risk of disengagement must be eliminated. All snap hooks and carabiners must be self-locking and self-closing, and must never be connected to each other.

Age, fitness, and health conditions can seriously affect the worker should a fall occur. Consult a doctor if there is any reason to doubt a user's ability to withstand and safely absorb fall arrest forces or perform set-up of equipment.

Pregnant women and minors must not use this equipment.

Physical harm may still occur even if fall safety equipment functions correctly. Sustained post-fall suspension may result in serious injury or death. Use trauma relief straps to reduce the effects of suspension trauma.

Allowable individual worker weight limit (including all equipment), unless explicitly stated otherwise, is 130-310 lbs.

Maintenance, Cleaning, and Storage

Repairs to G-Link SRLs can only be made by a Guardian Fall Protection representative or an entity authorized by Guardian. Contact Guardian for all maintenance and repair needs at: 1-800-466-6385. If a G-Link SRL fails inspection in any way, immediately remove it from service, and contact Guardian to inquire about its return or repair.

Cleaning after use is important for maintaining the safety and longevity of G-Link SRLs. Remove all dirt, corrosives, and contaminants from G-Link SRLs before and after each use. If a G-Link SRL cannot be cleaned with plain water, use mild soap and water, then rinse and wipe dry. NEVER clean G-Link SRLs with corrosive substances.

When not in use, store equipment where it will not be affected by heat, light, excessive moisture, chemicals, or other degrading elements.

Inspection

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE. Record Date of First Use.

Prior to EACH use, inspect G-Link SRLs for deficiencies, including, but not limited to, corrosion, deformation, pits, burrs, rough surfaces, sharp edges, cracking, rust, paint buildup, excessive heating, alteration, broken stitching, fraying, bird-caging, and missing or illegible labels. Inspect full length of lifeline. IMMEDIATELY remove G-Link SRL from service if defects or damage are found, or if exposed to forces of fall arrest.

Prior to EACH use, check G-Link SRL lifeline retraction by pulling out a minimum 4' and allowing it to retract under light tension; lifeline must retract completely. Pull lifeline sharply to test braking function; brakes must engage. Check shock pack for signs of deployment and/or fall arrest indicator for signs of activation. IMMEDIATELY remove from service if G-Link SRL does not function properly, or if any evidence of exposure to forces of fall arrest exists.

Ensure that applicable work area is free of all damage, including, but not limited to, debris, rot, rust, decay, cracking, and hazardous materials. Ensure that selected work area will support the application-specific minimum loads set forth in this instruction manual. Work area MUST be stable.

Every 6 months, a Competent Person other than the user must inspect G-Link SRLs. **Competent Person inspections MUST be recorded in inspection log in instruction manual and on equipment inspection grid label. The Competent Person must sign their initials in the box corresponding to the month and year the inspection took place.**

During inspection, consider all applications and hazards G-Link SRLs have been subjected to.

Product Specific Applications



Use of equipment in unintended applications may result in serious injury or death. Maximum 1 attachment per connection point.



Personal Fall Arrest: G-Links may be used to support a MAXIMUM 1 Personal Fall Arrest System (PFAS) for use in Fall Arrest applications. Structure must withstand loads applied in the directions permitted by the system of at least 5,000 lbs. No free fall is permitted. SRL must always be positioned at or above harness dorsal D-ring AND at or below anchor point. Applicable D-ring: Dorsal.



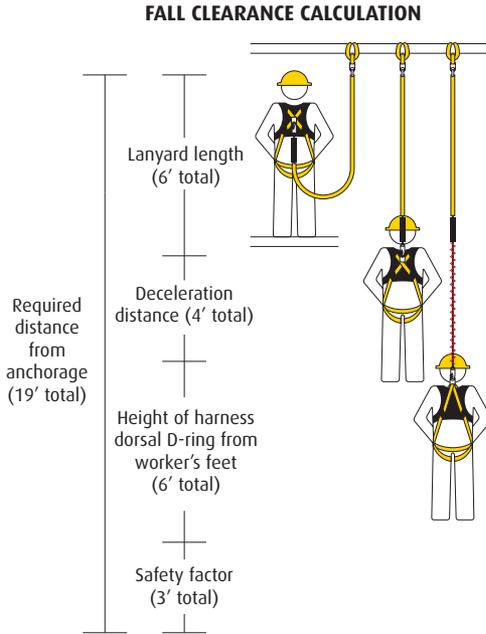
Restraint: G-Link SRLs may be used in Restraint applications. Restraint systems prevent workers from reaching the leading edge of a fall hazard. Always account for fully deployed length of lanyard/SRL. Structure must withstand loads applied in the directions permitted by the system of at least 1,000 lbs. No free fall is permitted. Restraint systems may only be used on surfaces with slopes up to 4/12 (vertical/horizontal). Applicable D-rings: Dorsal, Chest, Side, Shoulder.

For all applications: worker weight capacity range (including all clothing, tools, and equipment) is 130-310 lbs., or up to 420 lbs. if used in combination with equipment explicitly certified for such use.



Limitations

Fall Clearance: There must be sufficient clearance below the anchorage connector to arrest a fall before the user strikes the ground or an obstruction. When calculating fall clearance, account for a MINIMUM 3' safety factor, deceleration distance, user height, length of lanyard/SRL, and all other applicable factors. **Diagram shown is an example fall clearance calculation ONLY.**



Swing Falls: Prior to installation or use, make considerations for eliminating or minimizing all swing fall hazards. Swing falls occur when the anchor is not directly above the location where a fall occurs. Always work as close to in line with the anchor point as possible. Swing falls significantly increase the likelihood of serious injury or death in the event of a fall.

Compatibility: When making connections with G-Link SRLs, eliminate all possibility of roll-out. Roll-out occurs when interference between a hook and the attachment point causes the hook gate to unintentionally open and release. All connections must be selected and deemed compatible with G-Link SRLs by a Competent Person. All connector gates must be self-closing and self-locking, and withstand minimum loads of 3,600 lbs. See the following for examples of compatible/incompatible connections:

Connector closed and locked to D-ring. **OK.**



Connector to integral lanyard. **NO.**

Two or more snap hooks or carabiners connected to each other. **NO.**



Connector directly to webbing. **NO.**

Two connectors to same D-ring. **NO.**



Application that places load on gate. **NO.**

Incompatible or irregular application, which may increase risk of roll-out. **NO.**



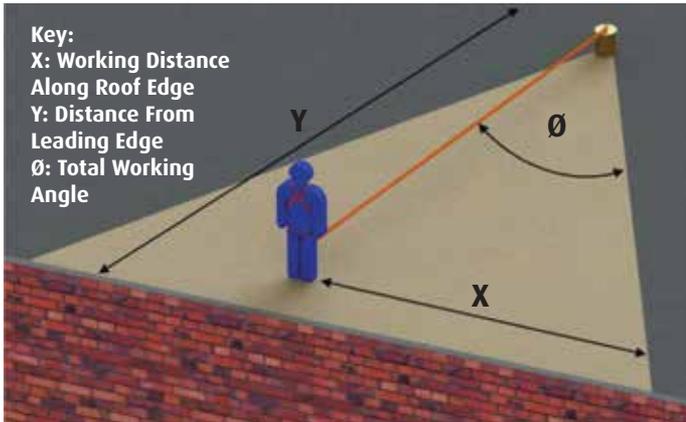
Connector directly to horizontal lifeline. **NO.**

Correct Anchorage Positioning:

This chart details allowable working zones required to reduce risk of swing falls and improper side loading.
ALWAYS adhere to information specified by chart.

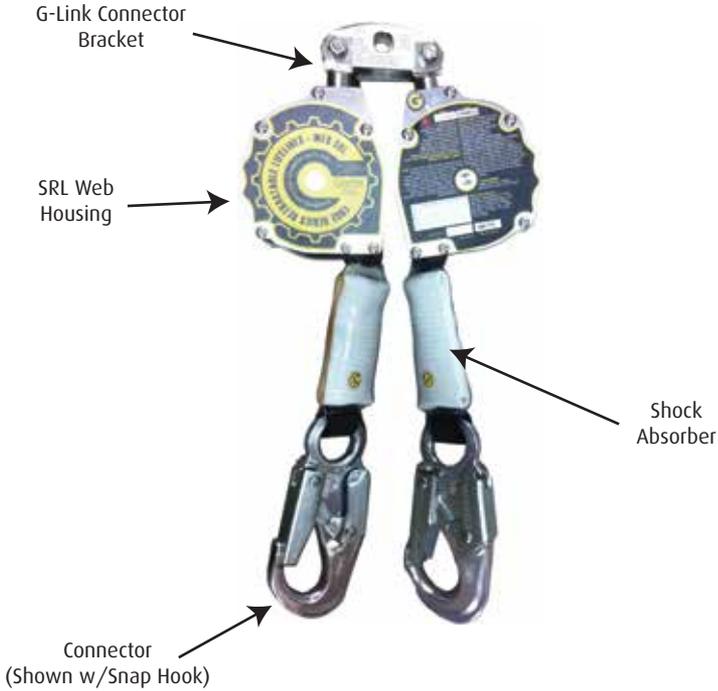
Anchor Distance From Leading Edge (Y)	Working Distance Along Roof Edge (Either Direction) (X)	Working Angle From Perpendicular (θ)
6'	8'	53°
10'	9' - 9"	45°
15'	11' - 7"	38°
20'	13' - 3"	33°
25'	14' - 6"	30°
30'	16'	28°
35'	17' - 2"	26°
40'	18' - 3"	24°
45'	19' - 4"	23°
50'	19' - 10"	21°
55'	21' - 4"	21°
60'	22' - 3"	21°

For example, if the anchorage connector is 6' from the leading edge (Y), the working distance (X) is 8' in each direction from the perpendicular, which translates to a 53° working angle.



Components and Specifications

Materials: Nylon, stainless steel, and aluminum.



Part #	Length	Description
10947	n/a	G-Link Connector Bracket w/High Strength Carabiner
10993	6'	G-Link Dual 6' Retractable System With Aluminum Snap Hooks
10994	11'	G-Link Dual 11' Retractable System With Aluminum Snap Hooks
10995	11'	G-Link Dual 11' Retractable System With Steel Rebar Hooks
10996	6'	G-Link Dual 6' Retractable System With Steel Rebar Hooks
10997	11'	G-Link Dual 11' Retractable System With Aluminum Rebar Hooks
10998	6'	G-Link Dual 6' Retractable System With Aluminum Rebar Hooks

Installation and Use

G-Links MUST NEVER be used in Leading Edge (LE) applications.

No free fall is allowed.

ALWAYS avoid lifeline contact with sharp or abrasive edges and surfaces.

In Fall Arrest applications, SRL must always be positioned at or above harness dorsal D-ring AND at or below anchor point.

1. All components of the personal fall arrest system must be selected and deemed compatible with G-Link by a Competent Person.
2. Ensure structure to which SRL is to be attached, and on which work is to be performed, is free of all hazards, including, but not limited to, debris, rot, rust, sharp or abrasive edges and surfaces, and hazardous materials.
3. G-Links are primarily intended for use in mobile applications. Use a compatible carabiner to connect G-Link Carabiner Connection Point to user harness dorsal D-ring. NEVER attach G-Link snap hooks or rebar hooks to harness when used in this manner.
4. Attach G-Link snap hook or rebar hook to a compatible anchorage connector. NEVER make connections to anchorages that will allow harness dorsal D-ring to be positioned above anchor point.

***If using SRL with rebar hook configuration, rebar hooks must ONLY be connected to compatible structural rebar.**

5. Ensure 100% tie-off will be maintained at all times; ALWAYS attach disengaged snap hook or rebar hook to a compatible anchorage connector prior to unhooking engaged snap hook or rebar hook.

* G-Links configured with snap hooks may also be used in stationary applications, with the Carabiner Connection Point attached with a compatible carabiner to an anchorage connector at or above the harness dorsal D-ring. The snap hook of one lifeline leg may then be attached to a harness D-ring compatible with the application. NEVER attach both lifeline legs to the harness. NEVER attach rebar hooks to the harness at any time. G-Link for MAXIMUM 1 worker ONLY.

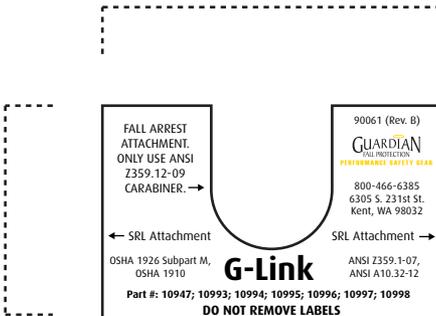
Labels

Front



1-3/4"

1--1/8"



Back

Part # **Serial #**

WARNING: Manufacturer's instructions supplied with this product at time of shipment must be read prior to use. Instructions must be followed for proper use, maintenance and inspection. Alterations or misuse of this product or failure to follow instructions may result in serious injury or death. **NOT USER REPAIRABLE! DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL!**

USE: No free fall is allowed. SRL must always be positioned at or above harness D-ring. Avoid lifeline contact with sharp edges. For use by trained persons only. Ensure connection to anchorage is secured properly before use. Not suitable for horizontal use. May be used as a component of a PFAS in HLL applications. Design, installation and utilization of HLLs must be supervised by a Qualified Person.

INSPECTION: Before each use inspect device per user manual including locking function (pull sharply to test), retraction function, lifeline function, function and condition of connectors, housing and fasteners, legibility of labels, and any evidence of defects, damage, or missing parts. Inspection by a Competent Person required monthly. Inspect shock absorber for signs of previous deployment or load. Torn or stretched plastic on shock pack is an indication that an impact has occurred and the unit must be removed from service. If used to arrest the fall, remove from service. Do not use if inspection reveals an unsafe condition. Powerful spring inside, do not remove covers.

STANDARDS:
OSHA 1926.502, 1910.66
ANSI Z359.14-2012, A10.32-2012

SPECIFICATIONS:
Average locking speed: 4.5 ft./Sec.
Maximum arresting distance: 54 in.
Average arresting force: 900 lbs.
Maximum capacity: 130 - 310 lbs.
Webbing: 11" Nylon, 7/8" width
Class B SRL

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Date of first use

Mfg. Date (mo/yr)

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<p>WARNING COMPETENT PERSON MUST ENSURE COMPATIBILITY OF ALL COMPONENTS. READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE; FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH! ATTACH RETRACTABLES DIRECTLY TO THIS BRACKET. DO NOT USE ANY COMPONENT BETWEEN THE RETRACTABLE AND THIS BRACKET.</p>	<p>Capacity: 1 person, 130-310 lbs. (including all equipment), or up to 420 lbs. *see instructions. Bracket Material: Zinc-Plated Steel</p>
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