

- it is essential for the safety of the user that if the product is re-sold outside the original country of destination the reseller shall provide instructions for use, for maintenance, for periodic examination and for repair in language of the country in which the product is to be used.
- a full body harness (conforming to EN 361) is the only acceptable body holding device that can be used in a fall arrest system.
- in full body harness use only attaching points marked with big letter "A" to attach a fall arrest system.
- the anchor device or anchor point for the fall arrest system should always be positioned, and the work carried out in such a way, as to minimise both the potential for falls and potential fall distance. The anchor device/point should be placed above the position of the user. The shape and construction of the anchor device/point shall not allowed to self-acting disconnection of the equipment. Minimal static strength of the anchor device/point is 12 kN. It is recommended to use certified and marked structural anchor point complied with EN795
- it is obligatory to verify the free space required beneath the user at the workplace before each occasion of use the fall arrest system, so that, in the case of a fall, there will be no collision with the ground or other obstacle in the fall path. The required value of the free space should be taken from instruction manual of used equipment.
- there are many hazards that may affect the performance of the equipment and corresponding safety precautions that have to be observed during equipment utilization, especially: - trailing or looping of lanyards or lifelines over sharp edges, - any defects like cutting, abrasion, corrosion, - climatic exposure, - pendulum falls, - extremes of temperature, - chemical reagents, - electrical conductivity.
- personal protective equipment must be transported in the package (e.g.: bag made of moisture-proof textile or foil bag or cases made of steel or plastic) to protect it against damage or moisture.
- the equipment can be cleaned without causing adverse effect on the materials in the manufacture of the equipment. For textile products use mild detergents for delicate fabrics, wash by hand or in a machine and rinse in water. Plastic parts can be cleaned only with water. When the equipment becomes wet, either from being in use or when due cleaning, it shall be allowed to dry naturally, and shall be kept away from direct heat. In metallic products some mechanic parts (spring, pin, hinge, etc.) can be regularly slightly lubricated to ensure better operation. Other maintenance and cleaning procedures should be adhered to detailed instructions stated in the manual of the equipment.
- personal protective equipment should be stored loosely packed, in a well-ventilated place, protected from direct light, ultraviolet degradation, damp environment, sharp edges, extreme temperatures and corrosive or aggressive substances.

IDENTITY CARD

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USER ORGANISATION TO PROVIDE THE IDENTITY CARD AND TO FILL IN THE DETAILS REQUIRED. THE IDENTITY CARD SHOULD BE FILLED IN BEFORE THE FIRST USE BY A COMPETENT PERSON, RESPONSIBLE IN THE USER ORGANIZATION FOR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT LIKE PERIODIC INSPECTIONS, REPAIRS, REASONS OF EQUIPMENT'S WITHDRAWN FROM USE SHALL BE NOTED INTO THE IDENTITY CARD BY A COMPETENT PERSON. THE IDENTITY CARD SHOULD BE STORED DURING A WHOLE PERIOD OF EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION. DO NOT USE THE EQUIPMENT WITHOUT THE IDENTITY CARD. ALL RECORDS IN THE IDENTITY CARD CAN BE FILLED IN ONLY BY A COMPETENT PERSON.

MODEL AND TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	REF. NUMBER
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SERIAL NUMBER	DATE OF MANUF.
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USER NAME

DATE OF PURCHASE	DATE OF PUTTING INTO OPERATION
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PERIODIC EXAMINATION AND REPAIR HISTORY

DATE	REASON FOR ENTRY PERIODIC INSPECTION OR REPAIR	DEFECTS NOTED, REPAIRS CARRIED OUT AND OTHER REVELANT INFORMATIONS	NAME AND SIGNATURE OF COMPETENT PERSON	PERIODIC EXAMINATION NEXT DUE DATE

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Instruction Manual



READ CAREFULLY
BEFORE
USE THE EQUIPMENT

CE 0082
EN 353-2:2002

Fall arrester ref. number: AC 040

Guide ref. number:
AC 200 xx
(xx – length code of guide
in meters)

PROTEKT®

GUIDED TYPE FALL ARRESTER
ON FLEXIBLE GUIDE

AC040

DEVICE DESCRIPTION

AC040 is a guided type fall arrester device on flexible guide that is a part of personal protective equipment against falls from a height. The device is compliant with EN 353-2. AC 040 can be used only with polyester guides (working ropes) of 12 mm diameter designated with AC 200 reference number.

AC040 can be used to protect a single user only.

Max. weight of the user is 140 kg.

MARKINGS



Arrow indicating correct positioning
of the rope grab on the guide
(working rope)

GUIDED TYPE FALL ARRESTER — Type of device

AC 040 — Fall arrester reference number

CE 0082 — CE marking and number
of the notified
body controlling manufacturing
of the equipment

EN 353-2:2002 — Number and year of the European
Standard, the device is compliant with.

Manufacture date: **MM.RRRR** — month and year of manufacture

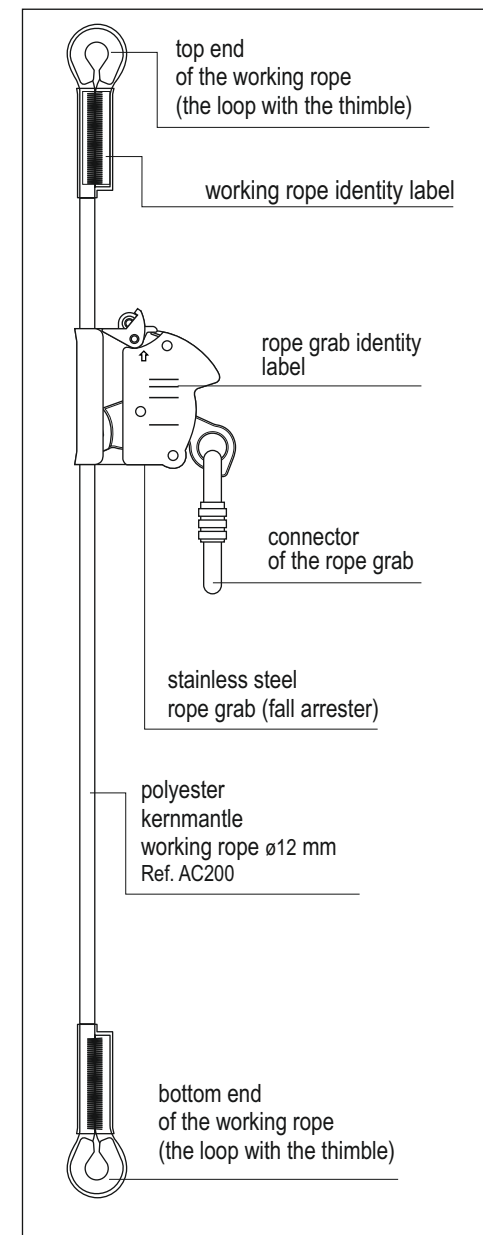
Serial number: **XXXXXXXX** — Serial number of the device



Caution!
Read the manual before use

Max. 140 kg — maximum admissible
weight of the user

PROTEKT® — Designation of the device
manufacturer or distributor



Periodic inspections

The device AC040 must be inspected at least once every 12 months from the date of first use.

Periodic inspections must only be carried out by a competent person who has the knowledge and training required for personal protective equipment periodic inspections. Depending upon the type and environment of work, inspections may be needed to be carried out more frequently than once every 12 months. Every periodic inspection must be recorded in the Identity Card of the equipment.

Maximum lifespan of the equipment

Correctly working rope grab lifetime is unlimited. The maximum lifespan of the working rope is 10 years from the date of manufacture.

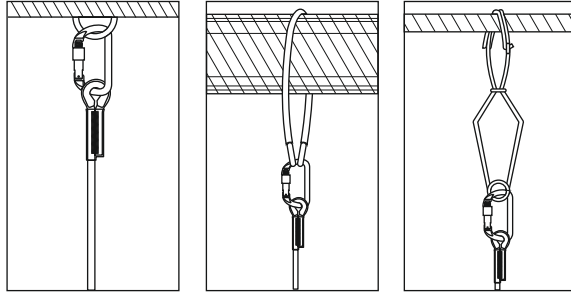
Withdrawal from use

The complete device (the rope grab and the working rope) must be withdrawn from use immediately and destroyed when it has been used to arrest a fall or it fails to pass inspection or there are any doubt as to its reliability.

ATTENTION: The AC040 maximum lifetime depends on the intensity of usage and the environment of usage. Using the lanyard in rough environment, marine environment, contact with sharp edges, exposure to extreme temperatures or aggressive substances, etc. can lead to the withdrawal from use even after one use.

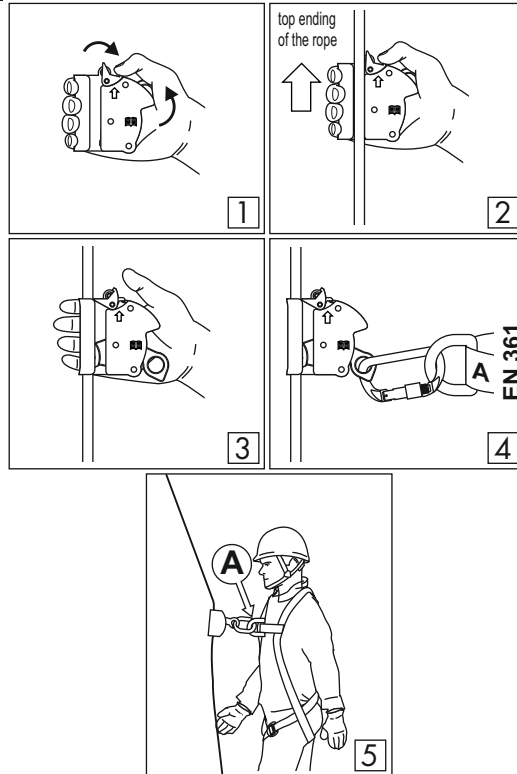
CONNECTING OF THE WORKING ROPE TO STRUCTURAL ANCHORAGE POINT

The guide (working rope) is to be connected to the structural anchorage point by means of the connector or anchoring device compliant with EN362 or EN795 standard. The structural anchorage point should have static resistance of min. 12 kN. The shape and design of the structural anchor point should not let self-acting disconnection of the guide. It is recommended to use certified and approved anchorage points conforming to EN795.



INSTALLING THE ROPE GRAB ON THE WORKING ROPE

1. Rotate the safety catch and raise rope grab locking lever.
2. Position rope grab on the working rope. The arrow placed on the rope grab must be directed to the top ending of the rope.
3. Release safety catch and the lever. Then the rope is prevented from slipping out.
4. Attach oval type snap hook to the rope grab locking lever and then attach the snap hook to the front attachment point of full body. Make sure that the snap hook gate is closed and locked.
5. The connector of the rope grab must be connected to the attachment point of full body harness, designated with the capital "A" letter. It's recommended to use front attachment point. The full body harness must comply with EN361 standard.



Attention:

The connector inserted into the locking lever hole is additional protection against accidental disconnection of the rope grab. It is impossible to take off the rope grab from the working rope without removing the snap hook from the locking lever.

The rope grab must be attached to the harness only with a single oval type connector complying EN 362 of max. length 12 cm, without any additional elements.

It's forbidden to attach any additional element between the connector, the rope grab and the harness attachment point.

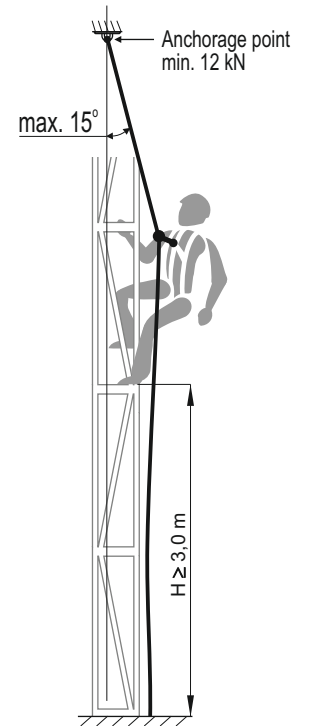
ATTENTION: Every time before using the equipment protecting against falls from height that employs the AC040 one needs to check if all the components are properly interconnected to one another and cooperate smoothly, as well as if they are compliant with compulsory standards:

- EN 361 – for full body harness;
- EN 362 – for connectors;
- EN 795 – for anchoring devices;

ATTENTION: While ascending and descending over the first 2 meters above the reference level the user might not be properly secured against hitting the ground while falling, thus special care must be taken while working in this range of heights.

MAIN RULES WHILE WORKING WITH THE AC040 DEVICE

- The necessary minimum clearance below the feet of the user ("H"), in order to avoid collision with the structure or ground in a fall from a height is 3 m . If the guide (working rope) of the length greater than 20 m is used, the free space underneath the user should be increased by 5% of the guide length.
- The AC040 is vertical device. The guide line should be to the anchor point situated in the vertical line directly above the user. The maximum admissible deflection of the working rope from the vertical equals 15° while the user moves horizontally from structural anchor point line.
- Using the device in connection with personal protective equipment against falls from a height must be compatible with manual instructions of this equipment and obligatory standards:
 - EN353-1, EN353-2, EN355, EN354, EN360 - for the fall arrest systems;
 - EN362 - for the connectors;
 - EN1496, EN341 - for rescue devices;
 - EN795 - for anchor devices.



THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES FOR USERS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AGAINST FALLS FROM A HEIGHT

- personal protective equipment shall only be used by a person trained and competent in its safe use.
- personal protective equipment must not be used by a person with medical condition that could affect the safety of the equipment user in normal and emergency use.
- a rescue plan shall be in place to deal with any emergencies that could arise during the work.
- being suspended in PPE (e.g. arresting a fall), beware of suspension trauma symptoms.
- to avoid symptoms of suspension trauma, be sure that the proper rescue plan is ready for use. It is recommended to use foot straps.
- it is forbidden to make any alterations or additions to the equipment without the manufacturer's prior written consent.
- any repair shall only be carried out by equipment manufacturer or his certified representative.
- personal protective equipment shall not be used outside its limitations, or for any purpose other than that for which it is intended.
- personal protective equipment should be a personal issue item.
- before use ensure about the compatibility of items of equipment assembled into a fall arrest system. Periodically check connecting and adjusting of the equipment components to avoid accidental loosening or disconnecting of the components.
- it is forbidden to use combinations of items of equipment in which the safe function of any one item is affected by or interferes with the safe function of another.
- before each use of personal protective equipment it is obligatory to carry out a pre-use check of the equipment, to ensure that it is in a serviceable condition and operates correctly before it is used.
- during pre-use check it is necessary to inspect all elements of the equipment in respect of any damages, excessive wear, corrosion, abrasion, cutting or incorrect acting, especially take into consideration:
 - in full body harnesses and belts - buckles, adjusting elements, attaching points, webbings, seams, loops;
 - in energy absorbers - attaching loops, webbing, seams, casing, connectors;
 - in textile lanyards or lifelines or guidelines - rope, loops, thimbles, connectors, adjusting element, splices;
 - in steel lanyards or lifelines or guidelines - cable, wires, clips, ferrules, loops, thimbles, connectors, adjusting elements;
 - in retractable fall arresters - cable or webbing, retractor and brake proper acting, casing, energy absorber, connector;
 - in guided type fall arresters - body of the fall arrester, sliding function, locking gear acting, rivets and screws, connector, energy absorber;
 - in connectors - main body, rivets, gate, locking gear acting.
- after every 12 months of utilization, personal protective equipment must be withdrawn from use to carry out periodical detailed inspection. The periodic inspection must be carried out by a competent person for periodic inspection. The periodic inspection can be carried out also by the manufacturer or his authorized representative.
In case of some types of the complex equipment e.g. some types of retractable fall arresters the annual inspection can be carried out only by the manufacturer or his authorized representative.
- regular periodic inspections are the essential for equipment maintenance and the safety of the users which depends upon the continued efficiency and durability of the equipment.
- during periodic inspection it is necessary to check the legibility of the equipment marking.