

Ridgegear recommends this product undergoes an in-depth inspection before it is used, periodically during use, and after each use. Do not hesitate to retire a product showing signs of wear which might affect the strength, or restrict its operation. For your own safety we advise you adopt an inspection criteria for this product by a competent person. If you are not able, or not in a position to assume this responsibility, seek professional advice.

Product Information	PERIODIC EXAMINATION RECORD				
	Date	Reason for entry	Examination Notes	Name	signature
PART NUMBER		Issued to User	Add Users Name Here		
Serial Number					
Purchase Date					
Date first used					
Purchased from					
Comments					

**Explanation of Product marking**

Brand	STEIN	RGK26/CS	Product ID
Date	Date of manufacture	BSEN 795:1996 Class B	EN Standard the product conforms to
Part Number (P/N)	Product part number	Book symbol	Warning to read the user instructions
Serial Number (S/N)	Unique traceability number	CE 0086	Article 11b approving body

**Instructions for maintenance**

- (1) The equipment may be cleaned with a mild detergent not exceeding 30°C, and must be rinsed afterwards in clean warm water.
- (2) Allow to dry naturally away from direct sources of heat. Rinse and/or wipe off any build up of dirt and grit.
- (3) Store in a clean, dry area and away from direct source of heat, or any potentially sharp or abrasive objects such as knives or tools. Avoid contact with strong acids or alkali, solvents, chemicals, excessive heat and/or sparks, UV exposure.

**Periodic examinations and service**

- (1) Before every use, the user shall inspect the equipment following the inspection guidelines below.
- (2) The safety of the user depends upon the continued efficiency and durability of the equipment, therefore an additional thorough periodic inspection is required by an independent competent person familiar with inspecting this type of equipment.
- (3) The frequency of examination and inspection must take into account legislation, equipment type, frequency of use and environmental conditions. Through examinations must be carried out by a competent person every 6 months and the results and date of the inspection must be recorded.
- (4) The equipment must be totally retired from use after a maximum of 5 years after the date of first use.

**Inspection**

- **Webbing** - check for cuts, tears, abrasion, scorch marks, burns, chemical attack or severely discoloured patches. Local abrasion, distinct from general wear is often caused by passage of the webbing over sharp and/or abrasive edges, and may cause serious loss of strength. Slight damage and scuffing to outer fibres may be considered safe, however more serious levels of abrasion and reduction in width or thickness or serious distortion of the weave pattern must lead to immediate retirement from use.
- **Stitching** - check for broken, loose, worn or abraded stitches or severely discoloured patches to the stitching. Immediately retirement from use if present.
- **Rings** - Check for any wear on the rings or signs of damage - Immediately retirement from use if present.
- **Product marking** – check that the product markings including the serial number are legible. Immediately retirement from use if present..

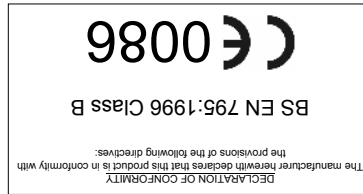
**Modification & repair**

- (1) This equipment must not be modified or repaired unless advised by us in writing. Only competent persons authorised by us may carry out any repairs. If in doubt contact Ridgegear for further advice.

**Records**

- (1) When using the equipment for the first time, ensure that the first part of the product record card is completed and the date of first use is recorded.
- (2) Ensure that the equipment is inspected at regular intervals dependent upon frequency of use. Details of all inspections must be recorded in the spaces provided on the record card.
- (3) It is essential for the safety of the user that if the product is resold outside the original Country of destination that the reseller shall provide instructions for use, for maintenance, for periodic examination and for repair in the language of the Country in which the product is to be used.

**WARNING**  
 Activities using this type of equipment are inherently dangerous. It is impossible to cover every eventuality relating to the use of this equipment. Seek professional training from a fully qualified and competent instructor prior to engaging in any activity. If you are not able, or not in a position to assume this responsibility, do not use this product. You are responsible for your own actions.  
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 Article 11 of PPE Directive  
 ID number 0321  
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DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY  
 The manufacturer hereby declares that this product is in conformity with the provisions of the following directives:  
 BS EN 795:1996 Class B  
 Manufactured under license by  
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**User Instructions for STEIN Friction Saver**



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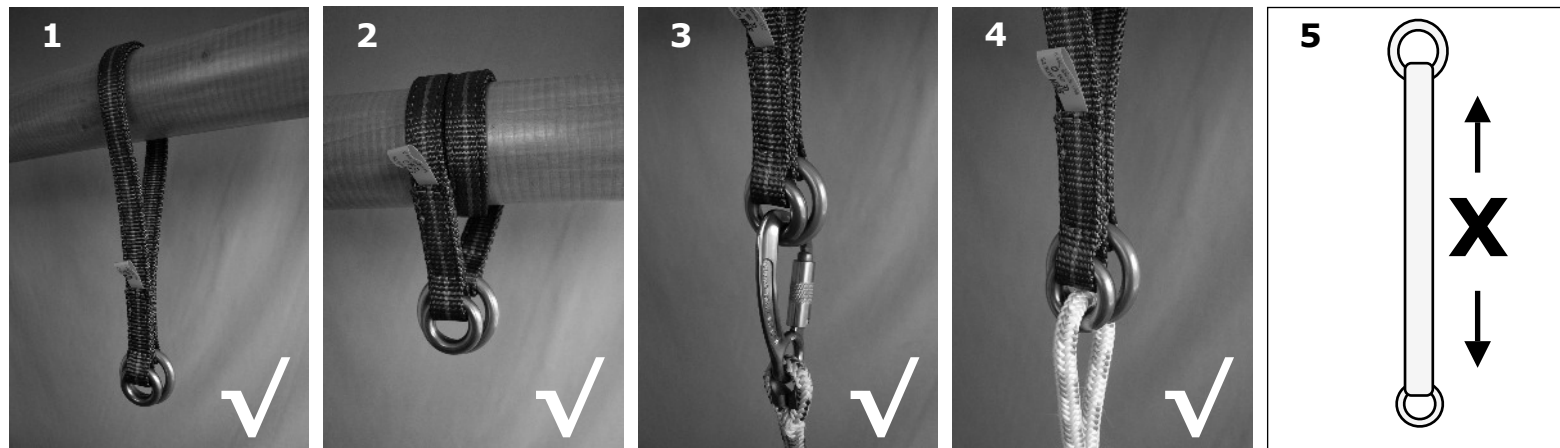
Please read these instructions thoroughly before using this equipment

**Instructions for use for the STEIN Friction Saver (ID RGK26/CS)**  
**complying with the requirements of EN795:1996 Class B. Read these instructions carefully before use.**  
**Failure to follow these instructions may endanger life**

**Before use, a detailed risk assessment must be carried out by a competent person to establish that this is the correct product suitable for the type of work to be being undertaken, taking into account anchor points, potential fall distance, obstructions, rescue system, etc.**

The RGK26/CS is designed to be used as an anchor device tested to EN795:1996 Class B. It may not be used in a fall arrest system without energy absorbers according to EN355. Maximum rated load assembled in accordance with these instructions is 100kg or a single user. All adjustable parts must be checked regularly before, during, and after use. The length of the anchor device must be determined by the size of the object it is to be looped over or around. In order to avoid high loads the anchor point for belay purposes must always be directly above the person to be belayed or suspended. Slack ropes must be avoided at all times.

- Ensure that a suitable anchor point is selected and is compatible with the RGK26/CS. The anchor point must be able to withstand the expected loads in worse case scenarios. Even when using shock absorbers (according to EN355) the anchor point should be able to withstand forces of at least 10kN.
- Ensure there are no sharp edges or ridges. These should be covered where necessary by auxiliary equipment.
- Ensure the RGK26/CS is securely fixed to the anchor point and it is not possible for the RGK26/CS to slide down a structure such as a vertical beam
- The RGK26/CS can be shortened by wrapping it around the anchor point (2)
- (a) Connect to the RGK26/CS with a compatible connector meeting EN362 Standard (3)
- (b) Connect to the RGK26/CS with a safety line which meets EN1891A.
- The safety line must always pass through both rings (4).
- NEVER use the RGK26/CS in a straight pull situation (5). It must always be used in basket formation (1)
- **Both Aluminium Rings must be rotated on a regular basis to avoid irregular wear.**



**General Guide**

- (1) Users are warned that certain medical conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, vertigo, epilepsy, drug or alcohol dependence, could affect the safety of the user in normal and emergency use.
- (2) This equipment must only be used by suitably trained personnel who are competent in its safe use.
- (3) Ensure before use that there is a suitable rescue plan to enable the retrieval of the user to a place of safety in the event of a fall or injury
- (4) Never attempt to modify or repair this product.
- (5) The intended purpose of this product is to use as an anchor point. Never use for any other purpose other than that for which it is intended.
- (6) This product is recommended for personal issue.
- (7) Ensure that any safety lines used with this equipment are suitably CE approved and compatible with this product.
- (8) Also be aware of any possible dangers, which may arise through use of 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.
- (9) Before use, the user must be suitably qualified to carry out a pre-use check (see section on inspection)
- (10) It is essential for safety that the equipment is withdrawn from use immediately should:
  - any doubt arise about its condition for safe use or if the equipment shows excessive wear or damage to any part or
  - if it has been used to arrest a fall
  - If dropped in an uncontrolled manner onto a hard surface
- (11) Ensure that all anchor points and devices are compatible with this equipment and they have a strength of at least 10kN.
- (12) In order to reduce the potential fall distance, ensure that the equipment anchor point is as high as possible above the user.
- (13) A full body harness is the only acceptable device that may be used to arrest a fall.
- (14) Either the rear or front harness D ring are acceptable attachment points. Never use work positioning D rings as attachment points for fall arrest
- (15) Ensure there is sufficient clearance below the user, so that in the event of a fall, there will be no collision with the ground or other obstacle in the fall path. In particular, allow for elongation of energy absorbers.
- (16) The RGK26/CS is suitable for use in normal atmospheric conditions (-20°C to +50°C).
- (17) To prolong the life of the product it is essential to keep the product clean and away from dirt. Avoid impact, sharp edges or abrasive surfaces, contact with strong acids or alkali, solvents, chemicals, excessive heat and/or sparks, UV exposure.

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