



IKAR GB Limited

The 'TEAM' that provides Sales, Servicing and Training in Fall Arrest, Rescue and Confined Space Equipment!

Technical Information

IKAR Statement of Obsolescence

This statement is valid from 1st April 2021 and replaces all previous versions

All items of Personal Fall Protection and Rescue Equipment manufactured by IKAR GmbH are subject to a Manufacturers Statement of Obsolescence. The statement is a requirement of EN 365:2004, a European product standard, due to the degradation in the strength of the product over a period of time.

The original tested strength of synthetic based components will naturally degrade over time, which will be accelerated by any aggressive environmental conditions including (but not limited to) sand; grit; cement; dust; fumes and liquids. Contact with rough and sharp edges; abrasive surfaces; heat sources and chemicals can also affect the strength, as can ultraviolet light. The general wear and tear of using items in the workplace will also have an effect on the strength of a product.

The tables below set the maximum permitted lifespan of all products in the IKAR GmbH product range. Lifespan is determined from the date of manufacture shown on the product label, provided that the item has been correctly stored, maintained and subjected to the appropriate inspection and servicing regime as detailed below.

Be aware that inspecting equipment does not involve testing the residual strength of the product. Therefore, it is strongly advised that all employers and users of the equipment are made familiar with this statement and adhere to the recommendations.

For further advice on this statement, the annual servicing and re-calibration requirements and training in the use and inspection of Personal Fall Protection Equipment please contact IKAR GB Limited.

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All products manufactured before 1st January 2015

Product type	Maximum lifespan from date of manufacture	Recommended in service lifespan. Always make a note of the date of first use.	Thorough recorded inspection required by a trained & competent person	Service & re-calibration required by approved IKAR service department
Fall Arrest Harnesses	8 years	5 years	Yes	No
Restraint Lanyards	6 years	5 years	Yes	No
Work Positioning Lanyards & Systems	6 years	5 years	Yes	No
Fall Arrest Lanyards	6 years	5 years	Yes	No
Rope Guided Type Fall Arresters	6 Years	5 years	Yes	No
Retractable Type Fall Arresters with Steel Cable Lifeline	No maximum lifespan. This is determined during the annual service. Typically this is 10 years depending on usage.	Determined by annual service schedule	Yes	Yes At least every 12 months
Retractable Type Fall Arresters with webbing Lifeline	No maximum lifespan. This is determined during the annual service. However, the lifeline must be replaced after 5 years.	Determined by annual service schedule	Yes	Yes At least every 12 months
Anchorage slings	6 years	5 years	Yes	No
Tripods, Davits, and associated equipment	No maximum lifespan. This is determined during the annual service. Typically this is 10 years depending on usage.	Determined by annual service schedule	Yes	Yes At least every 12 months
Height safety rescue products	6 years	5 years	Yes	Yes At least every 12 months

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All products manufactured on or after 1st January 2015

Product type	Maximum lifespan from date of manufacture	Recommended in service lifespan. Always make a note of the date of first use.	Thorough recorded inspection required by a trained & competent person & maximum intervals	Service & re-calibration required by approved IKAR service department & maximum intervals
Fall Arrest Harnesses	12 years	10 years	Yes	No
Restraint Lanyards	10 years	8 years	Yes	No
Work Positioning Lanyards & Systems	10 years	8 years	Yes	No
Fall Arrest Lanyards	10 years	8 years	Yes	No
Rope Guided Type Fall Arresters	10 Years	8 years	Yes	No
Retractable Type Fall Arresters with Steel Cable Lifeline	No maximum lifespan. This is determined during the annual service. Typically this is 10 years depending on usage.	Determined by annual service schedule	Yes	Yes / At least every 12 months
Retractable Type Fall Arresters with webbing Lifeline	No maximum lifespan. This is determined during the annual service. However, the lifeline must be replaced after 5 years.	Determined by annual service schedule	Yes	Yes / At least every 12 months
Anchorage slings	10 years	8 years	Yes	No
Tripods, Davits, and associated equipment	No maximum lifespan. This is determined during the annual service. Typically this is 10 years depending on usage.	Determined by annual service schedule	Yes	Yes / At least every 12 months
Height safety rescue products supplied without vacuum sealed storage	10 years	Determined by annual service schedule	Yes	Yes / At least every 12 months
Height safety rescue products supplied with vacuum sealed storage	10 years	Determined by annual inspection schedule	Yes	No – if the vacuum sealed storage is un-damaged. Once the vacuum sealed storage is broken these products are to be considered as those supplied without vacuum sealed storage.

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