

# **USER INSTRUCTIONS**Confined Space Spreader Bar





The Austlift Confined Space Spreader Bar is used for access and egress into and from confined spaces. The Confined Space Spreader Bar is to be used for lifting and lowering only and not as a Fall Arrest attachment.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USAGE

- Inspect the device before and after every use to ensure it is in a serviceable condition.
- Top D Ring of Spreader Bar to be attached to Rescue Winch or lifting and lowering device.
- Bottom snap hooks of Spreader Bar to be connected to confined space loops (labelled FOR CONFINED SPACE) on Full Body Harness.
- In the event of a rescue and if required, casualty arms to be attached to wrist straps.
- Once hooks and attachment connectors have been connected, ensure that all connectors are secure, locked and unable to come loose.
- Lowering or lifting of personnel to commence by means of Rescue/Retrieval Winch or lifting & lowering device.
- Rescue/Retrieval Winch or lifting & lowering device to be attached to Austlift Tripod or Davit System before work commences.

# **STORAGE & TRANSPORT**

- When not in use, store the Confined Space Spreader Bar in a well ventilated area and away from extreme temperatures.
- Never place heavy items on top of the device.
- If possible, avoid excessive folding and preferably store it hanging vertically.
- If the product is wet, allow it to dry fully before placing into storage. Avoid direct sunlight.
- The product should be packed well before transportation to avoid damage in transit.

# **ADVICE & INFORMATION**

- 1. The Confined Space Spreader Bar should be seen as the personal property of the user.
- 2. It should not be used in highly acidic or basic environments.
- 3. To be used in conjunction with a Full Body Harness conforming to AS/NZS 1891.1
- 4. Designed to be used with Full Body Harness with confined space loops.
- 5. To be used as part of a confined space rescue and retrieval system.
- 6. Material: 44mm Polyester Webbing.
- 7. AS/NZS1891.1:2007 approved.
- 8. Ensure that the equipment is compatible with other items when assembled into a system.
- 9. It is essential for the safety of the user that if the product is resold outside the original country of destination, the reseller shall provide instruction for use, maintenance and for periodic examination in the language of the country in which the product is to be used.

## WARNING

- Inspection of the Confined Space Spreader Bar must be conducted before and after every
  use. This will include ensuring that all attachment points such as D Rings, snap hooks and
  webbing are all in working condition.
- In the event of any doubt of the condition of the Confined Space Spreader Bar, the product should be removed from service.
- The Confined Space Spreader Bar is to be used for lifting and lowering only and not as a Fall Arrest attachment.
- It is essential that the user of this product and any person working in a confined space environment is appropriately trained along the lines of Australian Standards AS 2865 - 2009
   Safe Working in a Confined Space.
- The equipment shall not be used outside its limitation, or for any purpose other than that for which it is intended.
- The product shall not be modified or altered in any way whatsoever without the written consent of the manufacturer.
- Avoid deterioration due to chemicals such as oils, acids, solvents and seawater.

# **CLEANING & DRYING INSTRUCTIONS**

- In case of minor soiling, wipe the product with cotton cloth or a soft brush.
- Do not use any abrasive material.
- For intensive cleaning wash the Spreader Bar with water at a temperature not more than 40 degrees Celsius and using a neutral detergent (pH7).
- Do not use acid or basic detergents.
- The Spreader Bar should be allowed to dry by itself and be kept away from open fire or any
  other source of heat.
- Avoid direct sunlight.

# DISPOSING OF THE CONFINED SPACE SPREADER BAR

In the event of wear and tear resulting in the product being unfit for further use, the Spreader Bar should be removed from service and destroyed.

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