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Petzl America Recalls Scorpio and Absorbica Safety Lanyards due to Fall Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Scorpio and Absorbica Shock Absorbing Lanyards

Units: About 375,000 units worldwide

Importer: Petzl America Inc., of Clearfield, Utah

Hazard: Some lanyards are missing a safety stitch on the attachment loop, which can cause the lanyard to disconnect from the climbing harness, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

Incident/Injuries: None in U.S.; one fall injury in France.

Description: This recall affects all Scorpio and Absorbica lanyards manufactured before May 2011.

Scorpio: Affected Scorpio lanyards manufactured between 2002 and 2005 are model numbers L60 and L60 CK. These are yellow and blue, Y-shaped lanyards with yellow stitching on both ends. They are connected by a metal O-ring to one end of a blue pouch which contains the tear-webbing shock absorber. The pouch has a tag on it with the word "PETZL" in white letters. The other end of the blue pouch has a blue and yellow webbing attachment loop that connects to the climbing harness. Affected Scorpio lanyards manufactured between 2005 and 2011 are model numbers L60 2, L60 2CK, L60 H, L60 WL. These are red, Y-shaped lanyards connected by a black metal O-ring to one end of a grey zippered pouch which contains the tear-webbing shock absorber. The other end of the pouch has a black webbing attachment loop that connects to the climber's harness.

Absorbica: Absorbica comes in several models with varying lanyard configurations and several different connector options. Affected model numbers are L70150 I, L70150 IM, L70150 Y, L70150 YM, L57, L58, L58 MGO, L59, and L59 MGO. The lanyards have a black zippered pouch with yellow trim and the Petzl logo on the side. All have a common tear-webbing shock absorber accessible through the zippered pouch. This zippered pouch has a connector attachment on one end. The other end can have a connector attachment, a single lanyard or a Y-shaped lanyard. All lanyard options are constructed of black nylon webbing or rope and have either a connector attachment point or a snap hook connector sewn directly to the lanyard.

Sold at: Authorized Petzl dealers nationwide and in Canada from January 2002 through May 2011 for \$75 to \$220.

Manufactured in: France

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the lanyards and contact Petzl America Inc. for a free inspection and replacement of any non-conforming products.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Petzl America Inc. at (877) 740-3826 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT, Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.petzl.com



SCORPIO L60 2005 to Present



SCORPIO L60 2002 to 2005



ABSORBICA L57 basic (left) and in its various configurations (right)

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on www.saferproducts.gov

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: www.saferproducts.gov, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at www.cpsc.gov. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>.

