

BUCKINHAM MFG.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE BUCKSTEP 2.0 SUSPENSION TRAUMA RELIEF STEPS

Warning: Do not use this product if you cannot understand and follow the instructions and warnings that come with it and complete all necessary functions.

Obtain a new BuckStep 2.0 Suspension Trauma Relief Step from Buckingham (2 pouches) PN 105RSDK1 (Fig. 1)



Fig. 1

To replace the BuckStep 2.0 Suspension Trauma Relief Steps permanently attached to your harness.

1. Locate the BuckStep 2.0 suspension trauma relief step strap pouches permanently attached (stitched) at each side of your harness at the intersection of the upper and lower sections of the harness, Fig. 2



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

2. Pull the 1" suspension trauma relief step straps from the pouches and locate where they are stitched to the harness. Fig. 3.
3. Carefully cut the 1" suspension trauma relief step straps just below where it is stitched to the harness webbing, Fig. 4. Cut only the suspension trauma relief strap, ensure you do not cut any other section of the harness.
4. Discard the strap that has been cut off.
5. Remove the new Relief Step Straps from the containment pouches and discard the pouches.
6. Attach the Relief Step Straps to the harness by sliding the looped strap end of the strap under the harness webbing just above the intersection of the upper and lower sections. The insert the free end of the Relief Step Straps through the loop to create a hitch, Fig. 5a & 5b.



Fig. 5a



Fig. 5b



Fig. 6a



Fig. 6b

7. Tightly fold the Relief Step Strap back over onto itself, Fig. 6a.
8. Slide the folded Relief Step Strap into the containment pouch and snap it closed/
9. Repeat the above steps for the opposite side strap.

USE / ADJUSTMENT:

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Trauma relief straps have length adjustment buckles. One strap is terminated with a carabiner and the other with a ring (Fig. 7). Connecting the straps together with the carabiner and ring will create a loop (BuckStep) (Fig. 8).

1. When in the suspended position due to a fall, open one containment pack and pull out the entire length of the strap (Fig. 7). Next, open the opposite side containment pack and pull out the entire length of that strap.
2. Ensure there are no twists in the straps and connect the carabiner attached to one strap to the ring of the other strap. Confirm the carabiner is engaged and fully closed (Fig. 8 & 9).



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

3. Step into the loop one foot at a time. Place both feet into the loop to reduce pressure from the harness leg straps (Fig. 10).

ADJUSTMENT

Adjust the straps as needed to obtain the most comfortable position.

- a. To shorten the straps, grasp the tail of the strap located below the girth hitch loop and pull downward while bending the knees (Fig. 11)
- b. To lengthen the strap, pull up on the frame of the buckle located below the girth hitch loop while pushing downward with legs (Fig. 12a – 12b)



Fig. 10



Fig. 11



Fig. 12a



Fig. 12b

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WARNINGS:

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions and warnings before using this equipment. Failure to do so could result in your serious injury or death.
- It is the user's responsibility to ensure that they are properly trained in the use, care, and limitations of this product.
- This device is intended to be used in emergency suspension situations or for training only. It is not intended for any other purpose.
- After being retrieved from harness suspension, maintain an upright position. Do not lay down and seek immediate medical attention.
- In the event of a fall, the employer must have a post fall rescue plan and the means to implement it.
- Never disconnect harness hardware while suspended.
- Only Buckingham Mfg. Co. or those people authorized in writing by Buckingham Mfg. may make additions, alterations or repairs to this equipment.
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- Avoid contact of this equipment with chemicals which may damage the material. If in doubt, contact supplier or Buckingham Mfg. Co.
- Product covered under these instructions / warnings should not be resold / redistributed or re-used after use by original user.

INSPECTION:

Inspect prior to each use; inspection should include but not be limited to the following:

1. unit is properly attached to harness.
2. unit is free of any defects such as burns, cuts, abrasions, kinks, knots, broken strands, chemical or physical exposures, cracks, charring, excessive wear, discoloration, swelling, loose, cut, or missing stitching.
3. Carabiner and buckle(s) are not distorted or cracked.
4. Carabiner keeper / gate is clean and functioning properly.

Remove from service, destroy, and discard unit if it does not pass this inspection and replace immediately.

CLEANING:

Proper maintenance and storage of your equipment will prolong its useful life and contribute toward its performance. The BuckStep should be cleaned with water and mild soap (a dish washing soap that removes grease (i.e. Dawn)) and be allowed to dry thoroughly without using excessive heat. **NOTE:** This product cannot be returned unless it is in new / unused condition.

STATEMENT of OBSOLESCENCE:

Precise "useful life expectancy" or "shelf life" for this product is not specified, as the degree of use, conditions of use, and the degree of care and storage determines useful life. All users maintain responsibility to select proper equipment for the job, be properly trained in its use, and ensure all personnel support equipment passes inspection before each use. Upon evidence of defects, damage or deterioration, all equipment shall be removed from service immediately and tagged or marked as unusable or destroyed. Additionally, all equipment shall be inspected on a regular basis not to exceed one year by a Competent Person, as defined by OSHA/ANSI, to verify that the equipment is safe for use. In the event of any question or concern regarding the condition of such equipment, users shall remove the equipment from service for further inspection. All users must comply with OSHA/ANSI/ASTM standards prior to and in using such equipment. For more information regarding safe and appropriate use of equipment, please contact Buckingham Manufacturing at 1-800-937-2825.

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We guarantee the equipment we manufacture to be free from defects in material and workmanship. We will repair any equipment deemed to be defective which is returned to us by the original purchaser. However, this guarantee is void if any product is changed or altered in any way, or if the product is used in a manner other than for which it is intended. This express guarantee supersedes all other expressed or implied guarantees, obligations or liabilities. There are no implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and as such, all implied warranties are specifically disclaimed.

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In no event will Buckingham or buyer be liable to the other for lost revenues, lost profits or any other indirect, consequential, special or punitive losses or damages, however caused, whether in action for breach of contract, strict liability, tort, or otherwise, even if advised of the possibility of such losses or damages. In no event will Buckingham’s liability exceed the total amount paid by the buyer to Buckingham for the product or equipment giving rise to such claim(s).

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REGISTRATION:

Before use of the product, ensure to register and confirm the product at www.buckinghammfg.com/register.

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