

Safety Notice

TO: Buckingham Customers, Reps. & Distributors

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SUBJECT: 'X' Style Harness Redesign

This Safety Notice pertains to 'X' style harnesses manufactured before February 2011, (Fig. 'A'), and does not pertain to the BuckFit 'X' style harnesses, (Fig. 'B'), or those with a manufacture date of February 2011 and after (Fig. 'C').

'X' Style Harnesses Manufactured Before February 2011



Fig. 'A'

Does Not Pertain to BuckFit Harnesses (Fig. 'B')
Or
'X' Style Harnesses Dated February 2011 and After (Fig. 'C')



Fig. 'B'

Fig. 'C'

It has come to our attention that the force of a fall may cause the dorsal attachment/sliding chafe (Fig. 'D') on the back of an 'X' style harness to slide up, resulting in the shoulder straps putting excess pressure on the sides of the user's neck, which, under certain circumstances, could result in serious injury or death.

To prevent this from occurring, Buckingham implemented a modification to its 'X' style harnesses manufactured on and after February 2011 by (1) removing the chafe and (2) permanently stitching the dorsal attachment to the shoulder straps (Fig. 'C').

For those non-BuckFit 'X' style harnesses manufactured prior to February 2011, Buckingham has developed a field retrofit kit available to users of this design 'X' style harness. The specially designed kit, P/N 31X (Fig. 'E'), secures the dorsal attachment/chafe to the shoulder straps (Fig. 'F'), and prevents it from sliding up in the event of a fall. This P/N 31X retrofit kit is available at no charge to users of the subject harness.

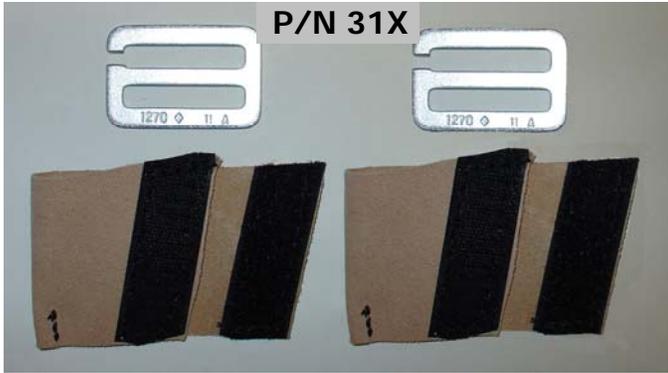


Fig. 'E'



Fig. 'F'

What Should You Do?

1. Immediately share this information with all customers, employees and users of this design 'X' style harness manufactured before February 2011. Again this does not pertain to the BuckFit 'X' style harness (Fig. 'B') or those dated February 2011 and after (Fig. 'C').
2. Determine the number of this harness design within your possession that requires the retrofit kit (Fig. 'E').
3. Contact our Customer Service Department at 1-800-YES-BUCK (1-800-937-2825) or email us at sales@buckinghamfg.com with the number of retrofit kits you need, your ship to address and any additional questions you may have.
4. Upon receipt of the retrofit kits, remove all representative 'X' style harnesses within your possession from service and install the P/N 31X kit (Fig. 'F').
NOTE: As an alternative to the field retrofit kit, you may return your harness to Buckingham for chafe removal and permanent stitching of the dorsal attachment to the shoulder straps. Contact Buckingham for a Returned Goods Authorization Number.

We regret any inconvenience this issue may cause you and your company and thank you for your assistance in aiding us in resolving the same. As a world leader in fall protection equipment, Buckingham remains committed to providing its customers with a quality product that allows them to carry out their profession in a safe manner.

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