

Buckingham Mfg. Co.

INSTRUCTIONS / WARNINGS (Body Belts / Positioning Straps)

Instructions

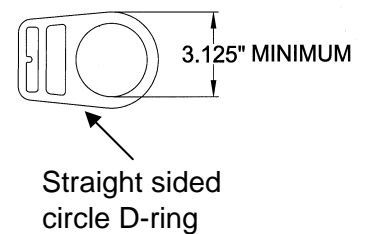
- ◆ Know the job and the regulations governing performance requirements and select the proper equipment.
- ◆ Read all warnings and instructions provided with all Buckingham belts, positioning straps and related equipment. Should questions arise concerning the proper use or condition of your equipment, contact Buckingham Manufacturing Co. at 1-800-937-2825.
- ◆ All affixed labels should be left in place and all instructional material should be kept for future reference.
- ◆ When securing the belt around your body, ensure the buckle is properly fastened, and the billet end of the belt strap is in its keeper. A belt should provide a snug fit around your body (approximately 4" below your waistline). If this cannot be achieved, replace the belt with one that is a better fit. Refer to the Buckingham catalog to determine the proper belt size and wearing location.
- ◆ When using a body belt, the positioning circle D-rings should be equally spaced on either side of the lineman's body.
- ◆ When using a positioning strap with the body belt, ensure by visual inspection that each snap hook freely engages each circle D-ring, that both keepers are completely closed and that keepers face outward (i.e. away from the body).
- ◆ Do not connect any tools, accessory loops / snaps, etc. to the positioning circle D-rings. Circle D-rings are for attachment of connecting device locking snap hooks only.

Warnings

- ◆ Read carefully, understand and heed these instructions, warnings and cautions before using this equipment. Failure to do so could result in your serious injury or death.
- ◆ This equipment is intended for use by properly trained professionals only.
- ◆ This product is designed to be used by a person with a maximum weight of 350 lbs. when fully equipped.
- ◆ For personal use only. NOT for towing or hoisting.
- ◆ Fall protection equipment, (i.e. fall arrest, work positioning belts, climbers, retrieval, suspension etc.) should not be resold or provided to others for re-use after use by original user as assurance can not be granted that a used product meets criteria of applicable standards and is safe for use to a subsequent user.
- ◆ Be certain this equipment is suitable for the intended use and work environment. It should only be used as personal protection equipment (PPE). If suitability for intended use is in doubt, consult a safety engineer or contact Buckingham Mfg. before using.
- ◆ Destroy any and all equipment subjected to impact loading.
- ◆ Always attach each snap hook of the positioning strap to the proper circle D-ring of the body belt.
- ◆ Do not attach work positioning snap hooks to accessory rings. Accessory rings are intended for attachment of belt supporter only. Note: Belt supporters are intended to distribute belt weight caused by users who carry an unusually heavy load of tools. Belt supporters are not intended to support the weight of the user.
- ◆ Body belts are intended for work positioning only. If a fall is possible, a full body harness must be used.
- ◆ Do not use linemens work positioning belts for arborists work. Arborist saddles are designed for that application. Linemens work positioning belts are intended for use by linemen only.
- ◆ Anchor points used for positioning must support your weight plus any additional job related load.
- ◆ Never use a positioning strap as a lanyard or a sling.
- ◆ Avoid contact of this equipment with sharp edged or pointed tools, high temperature surfaces, welding or other heat sources.
- ◆ With each use, visually check that the positioning strap snap hook freely engages the body belt circle D-ring and that the keeper is completely closed and facing outward. Never rely solely on the feel or sound of a snap hook engaging.

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- ◆ Attach only proper accessories to linemen's body belts. Accessories and tool pouches should only be attached to the body belt using the belt's accessory snaps, rings and pouch tabs. Keep all accessories and pouches well away from the circle D-rings.
- ◆ Use positioning strap only with belt meeting standards for intended use.
- ◆ Before each use check that: 1) unit is free of burns, cuts, abrasions, kinks, knots, broken strands and excessive wear. 2) snap hooks, circle D-rings and buckles are not distorted or cracked. 3) snap hook keeper / lock mechanism is not bent, is free of burrs, clean and functioning properly. 4) positioning strap is not worn to the point of showing the red warning center. Remove from service, destroy and discard unit if it does not pass this inspection and replace immediately.
- ◆ Make sure each snap hook is positioned so that its keeper is never load bearing.
- ◆ When in the work position, ensure there is no pressure on the snap hook locking mechanism sufficient to depress it as this will, due to its length, render it incompatible with currently designed D-rings and make it very susceptible to rollout.
- ◆ To ensure compliance with the ASTM F-887 standard, positioning straps must include locking snaphooks and body belts must include straight-sided circle D-rings with size of 3.125" minimum inside circle to outside circle (see illustration)
- ◆ Before use ensure locking mechanism of locking snap hook is functioning properly. Never disable locking mechanism of the locking snap hook, punch holes in or alter a connecting device in any way.
- ◆ Never work without independent fall-arrest protection if there is danger of a fall.
- ◆ Employer - instruct employee as to proper use and warnings before use of equipment.
- ◆ Manufactured in accordance to the ASTM F887 and applicable OSHA regulations.
- ◆ Product covered under these instructions / warnings should not be resold / redistributed or re-used after use by original user.



NOTE: Ensure proper fit of product before use. This product can not be returned unless it is in new / unused condition.

Cleaning

Proper maintenance and storage of your equipment will prolong its useful life and contribute toward its performance. The equipment should be cleaned and maintained at regular intervals depending on usage.

Nylon - Clean with water and mild soap (a dish washing soap that removes grease (i.e. Dawn)) and allow to dry thoroughly without using excessive heat. Do not use any type of corrosive substance or acid, which will gradually eat away the fabric.

Leather - Using a sponge, wash leather with saddle soap and water, then wipe with a clean damp cloth. Allow the leather to dry completely - avoid high temperature heat sources. After drying, the leather should be oiled with 100% Neatsfoot Oil, wiping off any excess with a dry cloth.

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