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**Technical Information** 

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Dear Valued Customer

Please read carefully and take note of the following:

The best method to attach a belay rope to a climbing harness is to tie the rope directly to the harness using a rethreaded figure 8 knot. However, Petzl understands that from a practical perspective, there are times when locking carabiners may be used as a more expedient means of attachment, especially in commercial climbing operations.

When locking carabiners are used to attach a belay rope to a climber's seat harness, it is very important to remember that:

- Two (2) locking carabiners must be used as shown in Fig. 1 with gates opposed and locked; never use a single carabiner to attach a belay rope to a harness.
- The 2-carabiner attachment method may be used only for top rope climbing, with no slack in the rope. For lead climbing, the rope must be tied directly to the harness with a rethreaded figure 8 knot as shown on the harness label, and in the technical notice which comes with each harness.

This information is found in Petzl harness and carabiner technical notices (see enclosed BALL LOCK technical notice for an example). Petzl technical notices are also available in pdf format on Petzl's website at www.petzl.com. Please see the enclosed "Experience" brochure for general information about Petzl carabiners and tying into the harness.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the technical information that comes with every Petzl product reaches the user of the product(s). In addition, we ask that you forward the information in this letter to all of your customers who may use locking carabiners to tie into a harness as described above, especially commercial climbing operations such as gyms, mobile walls, and amusement parks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to contact Petzl Customer Sales & Support (877-807-3805) with any questions.

Best regards

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