

Dear Petzl Customer,

Petzl has recently been alerted to several incidents involving the **8003 (C05N) full body harness**. These incidents, all of which occurred during use within the adventure park environment, involve the leg loops of the harness becoming loosened and/or unbuckled during use.

Petzl has performed extensive testing, explored various scenarios, and examined several harnesses directly involved in these incidents. These tests have not revealed any manufacturing or design defects that could have resulted in the buckles slipping or otherwise opening spontaneously. Therefore, Petzl can only conclude that these incidents are the result of external interference, adventure park customer handling, opening or otherwise adjusting the harness buckles during use, or improper fit and/or adjustment during the initial fitting of the harness.

As a result, Petzl would like to remind adventure park operators to ensure that their staff is familiar with the fit and adjustment guidelines in the 8003's Technical Notice (attached and available on line), is performing a thorough pre-use inspection of their customers harness after donning and adjusting, and continues to monitor the harnesses adjustment during use when possible. It is also advised that your employees remind customers not to handle or attempt to adjust the harness after it has been properly fit and adjusted by qualified park personnel.

The 8003 harness has been in continuous production and use for approximately 20 years and is the harness of choice for many customers. As with all Petzl personal protective equipment, the 8003 is designed to be used by competent and responsible persons, or those placed under the direct and visual control of a competent and responsible person.

Petzl has more recently developed a harness that is more appropriate for the adventure park environment. The Newton full body harness is:

- Easier to don
- Easier and quicker to adjust for proper fit
- Easier to inspect during use
- And utilizes Petzl's DoubleBack buckles which reduce the chance of misuse.

Moving forward, Petzl America will remove the 8003 full body harness from all pricelists. **The 8003 will be replaced by the Newton full body harness (C73)** which retails at the same price as the 8003, and will be a better choice for our adventure park customers.

8003 Harness



NEWTON Harness



Best regards,

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