



Technical Bulletin

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Subject: Use of SRL's in Training Environments

The use of DBI/SALA Self-Retracting Lifelines (SRL's) in a fall protection training environment allows for some special circumstances to apply. In particular, the DBI/SALA SRL may not need to be immediately removed from service following the activation of the impact indicator. The following guidelines should be observed for training applications where it is desired to continue using an impacted SRL.

1. An impact indicated SRL can only be used in training environments where there is control and monitoring performed on a regular basis. Other conditions typically associated with training include:
 - a. Limited fall hazards.
 - b. Trainee safety is foremost.
 - c. Continuous supervision and instruction.
 - d. Fall protection equipment is controlled and monitored and only used for training purposes.
 - e. Fall protection equipment is only used according to manufacturing instructions.
 - f. Manufacturers recommended servicing frequency guidelines be followed (i.e., SRL is serviced/recertified every two (2) years, minimum).
 - g. Primary purpose of the activity is instructional.
2. A Competent Person must inspect SRL immediately after initial impact and all subsequent impacts. The inspection shall be performed in accordance with DBI/SALA instructions. Inspections include checking:
 - a. Lock-up of the lifeline.
 - b. Retraction of the lifeline.
 - c. Lifeline condition.
 - d. Snap-hook condition.
 - e. Housing condition.
 - f. Fasteners/hardware condition.

Any unacceptable conditions (excluding impact-indicating hook) shall require SRL to be removed from service immediately.

3. SRL shall be serviced/recertified by factory authorized personnel immediately following the conclusion of the session or program.
4. Trainees shall be informed of the special circumstances, which allow for impacted SRL to be used in training circumstances only.
5. Documents/records shall be kept on file indicating:
 - a. Date of first use for SRL.
 - b. SRL service history.
 - c. Quantity/circumstances of impacts.
 - d. Inspections performed (when, by whom, findings).

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