

# STEIN®

**VEGA**  
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Product Identification  
**VEGA - STANDARD**  
**SS-5H00\*1**



Product Identification  
**VEGA - PLUS**  
**SS-5H05\*1**

Please read these instructions thoroughly before using this product



English Version

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Instructions for use for the **STEIN VEGA** Work Positioning / Sit Harness complying with the requirements of the relevant CE EN.

### Read these instructions carefully before use

Thank you for choosing and purchasing the **STEIN Vega Harness**. This harness has been manufactured and checked with a great deal of care and has been manufactured under a rigorous quality system. Please keep these instructions safe so you can refer to them in case of problems. It is extremely important you take a few minutes to complete the **Examination Record** on the last page carefully, this is your proof that this product has been inspected regularly.



Failure to follow these instructions may endanger life, before use, a detailed risk assessment must be carried out by a competent person to establish that this is the correct product suitable for the type of work being undertaken, taking into account anchor points, potential fall distance, obstructions, rescue system, etc.

Purchasers and users should seek professional training from a fully qualified and competent instructor prior to engaging in any activity using this equipment. If you are not able, or not in a position to assume this responsibility, do not use this product. The manufacturer its distributors and retailers do not accept any liability if users do not follow the instructions correctly. Only the techniques shown in the diagrams are authorised. Any other use deviating from those shown may result in serious injury or death. Prior to each use a complete risk assessment must be carried out to ascertain that the device chosen configures with and is appropriate to the work being undertaken.

### Description / Application

The **STEIN VEGA** work positioning harness is designed and intended for use by fully trained Arborists for undertaking aerial work in trees. Do not use it for any other purpose than what it was intended for or outside the products limitations. It is to be used as part of a work positioning system and should be used in conjunction with approved and certified climbing products / techniques. The maximum rated load when fully assembled in accordance with these instructions is 100kg or a single user. This harness should never be used as a Fall Arrester or as part of a Fall Arrest System.

### General Guidance

- Users are warned that certain medical conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, vertigo, epilepsy, drug or alcohol dependence, could affect the safety of the user in normal and emergency use.
- This equipment must only be used by suitably trained personnel who are competent in its safe use.
- Ensure before use that there is a suitable rescue plan to enable the retrieval of the user to a place of safety in the event of a fall or injury
- Any repair or modification to the product must be carried out to the manufacturers standard.
- This product is recommended for personal issue.
- Ensure that any connectors used with this equipment are suitably P.P.E compliant and compatible with this product.
- Also be aware of any possible dangers, which may arise through use of combinations of items of equipment in which the safe function of any one item is affected by or interferes with the safe function of another.
- Before use, the user must be competent to carry out a pre-use check (see section on inspection)
- It is essential for safety that the equipment is withdrawn from use immediately should:
  - any doubt arise about its condition for safe use or if the equipment shows excessive wear or damage or
  - if it has been used to arrest a fall
- Ensure that all anchor points and devices used are compatible with this equipment.
- The anchor point should be located directly above the workers position.
- A full body harness combined with a shock absorb system is the only acceptable device that may be used to arrest a fall from height.
- Dynamic loading or shock loading constitutes excessive wear and voids normal working loads. Retire from use immediately should this occur.
- The harness is suitable for use in normal atmospheric conditions (-10°C to +40°C).
- To prolong the life of the product it is essential to keep the product clean and away for dirt. Avoid impact, sharp edges or abrasive surfaces, contact with chemicals including strong acids, alkalis, oils and fuels, heat, flame and/or sparks and UV exposure.
- Once used this product should never be re-sold to another party

### Manufacturer

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### Declaration of Conformity

The manufacturer hereby declares that the below mentioned PPE against falls complies with the requirements of the (EU) Regulation 2016/425 for personal protective equipment. The quality assurance is governed by a quality management system according to ISO 8001 in which the conformity is declared on the basis of quality assurance to module D and subject to the notified body

TÜV Österreich, 1015 Wien, Krugerstr. 16, (identification no. 0408)

### STEIN WORK / SIT CLIMBING HARNESS

EN 358:2000 for work positioning belts  
EN 813:2008 for sit harnesses

The notified body

**SICHERHEITSTECHNISCHE (0511)**  
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has carried out the EU type examination and issued the type examination certificate  
(Copy of Declaration of Conformity is enclosed with each product)

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The **STEIN VEGA** Harness is  
manufactured by  
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exclusively for

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## Identification of Parts



It is important that you can identify each part of your harness

- 1 Back Support Pad
- 2 Side D Rings
- 3 Waist Band & Buckle
- 4 Bridge with Ring
- 5 "Conecto" Rings
- 6 Leg Loop Buckles
- 7 Leg Loops
- 8 Karabiner Point
- 9 Gear Loop Webbing
- 10 Pouch Attachment
- 11 Identification Label  
(Located behind the webbing)

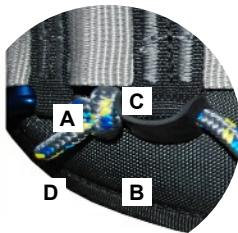


## Product Identification & Markings

Located behind the webbing (11) is the harnesses identification label which contains the harnesses details. This label carries the Individual Serial Number, Relevant Approved Standards, Harness Size, and Production Date.

## Gear Loops

The **STEIN VEGA** harness allows the user to define their own gear loop sizes and positions. **Only GENUINE STEIN Cord should be used.** These loops should never be used for Life Support.



Tie a stopper knot in one end of the cord [A] thread a protection rubber [B] onto the cord. Pass the cord through the webbing loop [C] and the opposite end of the protection rubber. Repeat this process. Finally tie a stopper knot in the end of the cord. Ensure the stopper knots are tight/secure and at-least a minimum of 20mm of cord [D] is visible beyond the knot termination



Max 10kg

kg



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**DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM LOAD RATING FOR GEAR LOOPS.**

Replacement Gear Cord and Protection Rubbers are available from your STEIN Retailer



Max 20kg

kg

## Inspection

The manufacturer recommends that a visual and tactile inspection of the harness and its components is carried out by a competent person before and between uses and following any incident that may compromise the construction of the harness or its component parts. Check for any signs of damage or wear to both mechanical and textile components including stitching. If damage or wear is found during inspection the harness should be immediately retired from use pending repair or full retirement.

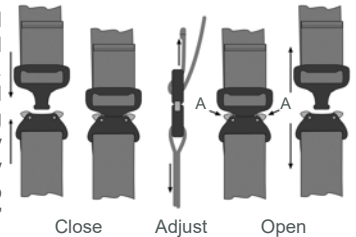
## Size & Fitting

| Model  | Waist Size   |
|--------|--------------|
| Size 1 | 77cm - 105cm |
| Size 2 | 87cm - 115cm |
| Size 3 | 95cm - 125cm |

For user safety it is imperative to select the correct size of harness. Side attachment points (Dees) should ideally position just forward of the ASIS on the Hip Bone. Whilst testing the harness the users should select a suitable anchor point and using the forward attachment points (bridge ring) load the harness in both work position and suspension stances to ensure correct fit and support can be achieved. Side attachment points (Dees) on harnesses are designed for support and should not be used for unassisted suspension. These can be tested by attaching a suitable anchor to either side attachment points (Dee) and leaning back in to the harness from a standing position.

## Buckle Connectors

There are 3 buckle connectors fitted to the harness, one on the waist band and one on each of the leg loops. These must be fastened and adjusted to fit the user prior to climbing / loading the harness. Ensure they are securely clipped together and adjusted by pulling on the loose tab end. To release the buckles press points "A" together simultaneously.



Close Adjust Open

## Replacing Bridge & Sliding Ring

The STEIN Vega Harness has the ability to allow for the replacement of the Bridge and the addition of extra Rings on the Bridge. The Bridge is connected to the harness using the Edelrid "Conecto" rings. **This operation should only be carried out by a competent person in line with the manufacturer's guidelines or alternatively returned to the manufacturer to be carried out for a chargeable fee.** In order to remove and replace the Bridge and also to thread an additional ring onto the Bridge, it is necessary to open the "Conecto" rings, this requires strict adherence to the following instructions and those of Edelrid. Prior to carrying out this operation you will need the following items:

- 6mm Torque Wrench
  - 6mm Allen Wrench
  - Replacement Lock Nuts & Allen Screws for the "Conecto" Ring
  - Thread Lock (either Loctite 262 or Loctite 2701)
1. Open the "Conecto" Rings using a 6mm Allen Wrench to remove the Allen Screws.
  2. Once apart discard the used Lock Nuts and Screws.
  3. Add or replace the Bridge or Ring as required. Take care that the leg loops and the waist belt are re-located in the correct position.
  4. Cover the thread of the new Allen Screw with thread lock glue (either Loctite 262 or 2701) and tighten into the new Lock Nuts with a Torque Wrench to 6 Nm. Ensure the Lock Nuts are seated correctly into the "Conecto" Ring
  5. Allow the Thread Lock time to set and cure as recommended by the manufacturer before using the harness.
  6. **Record this maintenance on your Inspection Sheet.**

## Only use GENUINE replacement parts

| Description                     | Part Number |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 25cm Replacement Bridge         | SS-5H1025   |
| 30cm Replacement Bridge         | SS-5H1030   |
| 35cm Replacement Bridge         | SS-5H1035   |
| Edelrid "Conecto" Ring (single) | SS-1H0006   |
| CB Anchor                       | SS-1H0005   |

### PERIODIC EXAMINATION RECORD

It is recommended this product undergoes an in-depth inspection before it is used, periodically during use, and after each use. Do not hesitate to retire a product showing signs of wear which might affect the strength, or restrict its operation. For your own safety we advise you adopt an inspection criteria for this product by a competent person. If you are not able, or not in a position to assume this responsibility, seek professional advice.

| Serial Number | Purchase Date | Date First Used | Purchased From |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
|               |               |                 |                |

| Date | Reason for entry | Examination Notes     | Inspectors Name | signature |
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Comments:

#### Periodic examinations and Inspection

- The application period of your PPE depends on the respective use and cannot generally be defined due to the different frequency of use, conditions, care and storage. The manufacturer has set a maximum life of synthetic and textile material in this product at 10 years from the date of production.
- The safety of the user depends upon the continued efficiency and durability of the equipment. Before every use it is recommended that the user should inspect the equipment following the manufacturers inspection guidelines.
- In addition the manufacturer recommends that a minimum six monthly safety inspection is carried out by an independent competent person familiar with inspecting this type of equipment.
- The frequency of interim inspections must take into account regional legislation, equipment type, use and environmental conditions.
- Results and dates of these inspections must be recorded and retained for future reference and evidence that these inspections have been carried out correctly.
- The equipment must be retired from use after a maximum of 5-years after the date of first use irrespective of condition or wear.
- The harness must be retired from use if subjected to inappropriate use, trauma, damage or wear that may affect the safety or lifetime of the product.

#### Storage & Cleaning

- The equipment may be cleaned with a mild detergent not exceeding 30°C, and must be rinsed afterwards in clean warm water. Allow to dry naturally away from direct sources of heat. Rinse and/or wipe off any build up of dirt and grit.
- Store the harness in a clean, dry area and away from direct source of heat and UV exposure / sunlight.
- Avoid contact with strong acids, alkali, solvents, chemicals, excessive heat, flame, sparks and salt water. Also any potentially sharp or abrasive objects such as knives or tools.

#### Product marking

- Check that the product markings are clearly legible. Immediately retire from use if markings are not legible or / present.

#### Modification & repair

- This equipment must not be modified beyond manufactures specifications.
- Repairs should only be carried out by competent person in line with the manufacturers guidelines or return to the manufacturer for appropriate repair.

#### Records

- When using the equipment for the first time, ensure that the first part of the product record card is completed and the date of first use is recorded.
- For warranty purposes all details of all inspections must be recorded in the spaces provided on the record card.
- It is essential for the safety of the user that if the product is resold outside the original Country of distribution that the reseller shall provide instructions for use, for maintenance, for periodic examination and for repair in the language of the Country in which the product is to be used.