

## Inspection instructions for Distelclimbers with comfort straps

Dear Distel-climbers user,

Occasionally, errors occurred in the assembly of the 25 mm band underneath the climbing gaff in the last series of our production. We kindly ask you to check your climbers with comfort straps.

In the case of incorrectly mounted climbing gaffs, the 25 mm band sits obliquely or slightly obliquely underneath the climbing gaff (Figure 1) and thus prevents a plane application of the gaff to the shaft. This incorrect mounting may reduce the life of the shaft and/or screws. Please check that the tape is exactly right-angled under the gaff and that there is no gap between the gaff and the shaft (Figure 2).

**If the tape is correctly mounted under the mandrel, you don't need to do anything.**



Figure 1



Figure 2

A faulty installation is easy to fix, proceed as follows:

First loosen both screws of the gaff slightly by 1/4 to 1/2 turn. Use a Torx wrench of size 45 to position the 25 mm tape underneath the gaff so that it forms a right angle to the gaff. Then retighten the screws in the sequence above and below. Make sure that the 25 mm band is correctly positioned in the recess of the gaff. Also make sure that the lower band is not trapped underneath the mandrel and the inner band is not trapped under the countersunk head of the lower screw. If available, use a torque wrench with a setting of 30 Nm for final assembly.



Figure 1

We apologize for any inconvenience caused.  
We wish you continued safe climbing and working,

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