



BASHLINPATRIOT

Freedom to climb. Freedom from fear.

USER MANUAL



THIS IS THE PATRIOT

Designed to free the climbing lineman from the tyranny and restrictions of other Wood Pole Fall Restraint devices.



The Patriot's lightweight, ergonomic design reduces stress on the upper body by allowing classically proper climbing technique—*proper spacing from the pole, knees out and hips back.*

The Patriot consists of an adjustable outer and inner ropes connected to the line belt with locking carabiners.

The Red-White and Blue inner line (A) has a red core for a wear indicator and rugged nylon rings (B) allowing the rope move up and down the pole easier.

The cam adjustor (C) makes managing your distance from the pole easy.

The black outer line (D) is neoprene impregnated for long wear and has a red core for easy inspection.

A cam adjustor(E) makes it easy to shorten or lengthen line as needed.

The key on the inner rope(F) is attached to the connector (G) by turning the key 90 degrees and inserting it into the slot then allowing it to rotate back to it's natural position, then sliding it past the latch (H).

The Line is disconnected by simply opening the latch, sliding the key back, turning it 90 degrees and removing it from the slot.





CONNECTING TO THE POLE



1

Pass the connector body around the pole.



2

While holding the handle, twist the connector key 90 degrees.



3

Insert the handle into the connector slot.



4

Allow the key to turn back so the ears of the key engage the body of the connector.



CONNECTING TO THE POLE (cont.)



5

Slide the connector key past the latch gate locking it in place.

WARNING: Always verify this and all connections before allowing the Patriot to support your body weight.



CONNECTING TO YOUR BELT



1

Using the locking carabiners, that are opened by sliding the gate toward the nose of the hook and turning it 90 degrees, connect the carabiners to the D-ring of your tool belt.



2

The tail or free end of the line should be to the outside for easier adjustment.



ADJUSTING FOR CLIMBING



1

Adjust the black rope by holding the end of the line, grabbing the nylon handle and sliding the adjustor down the line.



2

Continue step 1 until the handle spikes are at the 8-4 position and the rope rollers are touching the pole.



3

This configuration should be maintained when climbing or working in the Patriot.



ADJUSTING THE POLE WHEN CLIMBING OR DESCENDING



1

When climbing, the black rope will need to be shortened as the pole tapers. This is done by grabbing the end of the line, placing your right hand on the pole to lean in slightly to removing the tension on the line and at the same time, pushing the black end away from the body at 45 degree angle. The angle of the push is critical for east adjustment. If the angle is too steep or too shallow, the line will not slide through the adjustor.



2

When descending, the rope is lengthened by leaning in, removing the tension on the line and sliding the adjustor back down the rope-lengthening the line.

WARNING: When extending the line make sure the Patriot is properly adjusted-handles at the 4-8 and the rope rollers in contact with the pole.



3

The correct distance from the pole is maintained with the rope adjustor on the Inner Red/White/Blue line. This adjustor controls the overall length of the inner line.



ADJUSTING THE POLE WHEN CLIMBING OR DESCENDING (cont.)



4

To shorten the Inner line, lean in slightly, reducing the tension on the line pull the end of the line toward the pole.



5

To lengthen the inner line, lean in slightly removing the tension on the line, and with the thumb inside the carabiner, push the eye of the cam forward, and sliding the adjustor down the rope as needed.

CAUTION!

Remove your thumb from the cam before placing your weight back on the line. Otherwise you could give yourself a pretty wild ride to the end of the line!



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Practice these movements, including connecting the Key to Connector Body, and both the inner/outer rope adjustments, on the ground before adding the distraction of climbing.



CLIMBING WITH THE PATRIOT



1

Place the Patriot on the pole, with the handles at the 8-4 position, slightly above the D-rings, and adjust the inside rope so you are the correct distance from the pole.



2

Control the rope tails of the Patriot and your secondary lanyard. This can be done in a variety of different ways, including handline hooks, bug bags, knots and tool loops. This will keep the rope ends away from your gaffs as you climb.



3

Using the handles simply flip the Patriot up, then step up until the Patriot is, again, just slightly above the working Ds on your belt. Repeat this action as you climb.



4

Keeping the correct form, use a smooth easy motion, climbing with the legs to limit the pole sway.



CLIMBING WITH **THE PATRIOT** (cont.)



5

When descending, maintain similar form, keeping the Patriot level to or above your working D-rings.



WORKING IN THE PATRIOT



1

To move around a pole, simply pull or push the Patriot as needed.



2

For a little extra reach, simply lengthen the inner Red/White/Blue rope Lean in slightly, and push the cam forward with the thumb, then slide the adjuster down the line to correct length. Avoid sitting back with your hand on the cam, as the adjuster could rapidly slide down to the splice.



3

Keeping the handles in the 8-4 position allows the rope to move easier, and makes it much easier to turn in your belt. If the handles move back to the 3-9 position, it will make it much harder to turn.



4

Keep the Patriot level or above your working D-rings to limit the free fall distance to less than 2 feet.



TRANSITIONING AN OBSTACLE



1

Place the secondary lanyard over the obstacle, connecting it to the belt, then tighten the secondary to loosen the Patriot.



2

Place slack in the inner Red/White/Blue rope. Hold the connector handle to keep the Patriot from sliding down to your feet.



3

Pull the connector body in toward you.



4

Remove the connector key, then pull the Patriot around the pole and step up.



TRANSITIONING AN OBSTACLE (cont.)



5

Place the Patriot below the secondary lanyard on the pole, then insert the connector key in the slot.



6

Verify the proper connection.



7

Tighten the Patriot inner line, then remove the secondary lanyard.



8

Adjust the black pole rope as needed.



TRANSITIONING AN OBSTACLE (cont.)



1

Continue the climb.



2

Transitions down are similar. Verify all connections and adjustments before removing the secondary lanyard from over the obstacle.

Climb freely. Climb carefully with the Patriot.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The Patriot is tested to ASTM F887 Type A/B applications and may be used in icy poles.

It also meets all arc flash requirements.



The compression fitting should have no signs of stress, nor movement of the line.



The red wear indicators should not be visible on either line.



The Patriot must be inspected before each use. All the hardware must be checked for any signs of stress, cracks, indications of electrical contact, or extreme wear.



The carabiners, connector slot and connector latch should be free from debris, open easily and close completely.

**IF YOUR PATRIOT HAS ANY OF THESE DISCREPANCIES,
IT MUST BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE.**

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