

# Safety Bulletin



## Petzl Safety Information – Sequoia and Sequoia SRT Arborist harnesses

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### Safety information SEQUOIA and SEQUOIA SRT

**Subject:** risk of partial opening of FAST automatic buckles on SEQUOIA and SEQUOIA SRT tree care harnesses



#### 1. Problem detected

Arborists have recently alerted us to cases of automatic FAST buckles on SEQUOIA and SEQUOIA SRT harnesses opening while they were moving through trees. The automatic buckles that opened were primarily the ones located on the harness leg loops.



#### 2. Cause of the defect

An analysis of the FAST automatic buckles concerned by the defect revealed non-compliance in the size of the buckle hook. The non-compliance can cause partial opening of the buckle, even without pressure being applied to the unlocking button.

#### 3. Risk to users

Petzl has carried out two strength tests on SEQUOIA harnesses:

- the first with three automatic FAST buckles (leg loop and waistbelt) partially open
- the second with a leg loop automatic FAST buckle completely open

**In both cases, harness strength continues to meet EN 813 and EN 358 standards.  
There is no risk to users.**

#### 4. Corrective action taken by Petzl

Following the on-site feedback we received, Petzl set up a reinforced FAST buckle monitoring system in the SEQUOIA and SEQUOIA SRT manufacturing process.

#### 5. If you encounter the problem

Contact your local Petzl distributor, who will be able to carry out repairs on your harness this fall. In the meantime, you may continue using your harness.

With regards to the buckle problem, Petzl guarantees a ten-year customer support period.

Petzl's number one priority remains your safety and satisfaction. We are fully aware of the inconveniences caused by the issue and thank you in advance for your understanding.

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