

**Carabiners** Instructions for Use

# **Pirate HMS** rockD D Shaped rockO Oval

**CE 0120** EN12275 EN362 **UIAA121** 

Patent Pending

# WARNING!

#### For expert use only!

- . These activities are inherently dangerous and carry a significant risk of injury or death that cannot be eliminated.
- It is the user's responsibility to obtain specific training and to use it safely. These instructions DO NOT tell you everything you need to know.
- . Do not use unless you can and will understand and assume all risks and responsibilities for all damage/injury/death that may result from use of this equipment or the activities undertaken with it.
- · Any device is subject to failure-carefully check before and after each use
- You must always have a backup-never trust a life to a single tool.
- · Everyone using this equipment must be given and thoroughly understand the instructions and refer to them before
- You must have a rescue plan and the means to implement it. Inert suspension in a harness can quickly result in death!
- . Do not use around electrical hazards. moving machinery or near sharp edges or abrasive surfaces.
- We are not responsible for any direct, indirect or accidental consequences or damage resulting from the use of our products.

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# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing this Rock Exotica carabiner. Our carabiners are designed with a combination of features no other manufacturer offers: Special Keylock with higher strength and very high inward sleeve strength, angled gate for bigger gate opening, locked/unlocked warning icons, pull-down autolock, exclusive manual lock and all parts anodized for smooth action and long life. They are designed and manufactured in the USA using domestic and foreign materials.

# All carabiners are individually tested to half their rated strength.







	Pirate	rockD	rockO
kN ⇔	26	29	24
Minor 🗳	11 Screw 12 Auto/Manual	9 Screw 11 Auto/Manual	9 Screw 11 Auto/Manual
Open <⊐∰⇒	7	9	6
Gate Opening	1.0" (25.4mm)	.96" (24.4mm)	.93" (22mm)
Height	4.2" (107mm)	4.5" (114mm)	4.4" (111mm)
Width	2.8" (71mm)	2.7" (68mm)	2.5" (64mm)
Weight, Screw	2.85 oz (80gm)	2.61 oz (73gm)	2.61 oz (73gm)
Auto/Manual	3.09 oz (87gm)	2.85 oz (80gm)	2.85 oz (80gm)
Inward against sleeve	6kN	6kN	6kN

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# Screw Lock

Sleeve must be all the way up & tight.

Skull & Crossbones indicates it is unlocked.

Contact with an object, wrapping of the rope or vibration can unlock the sleeve and open the gate. Position carabiner carefully and check frequently.

Do you always remember to lock it? Be sure to double check!

**Manual Lock** 

lock and must be locked manually.

Twist as indicated to quickly lock it.

To unlock, pull sleeve down & twist.

If something contacts the sleeve it can unlock and open the gate.

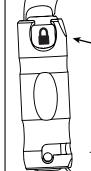
Position accordingly and always

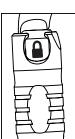
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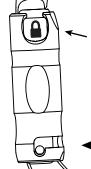
check frequently.

unlocked.

This is an alternative to a screw







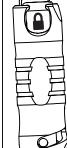
# (3-Stage)

Always verify gate is closed, sleeve is locked & the lock icons are visible.

**Auto Lock** 

Position carabiner so that nothing can accidentally open the sleeve and check it frequently.

To unlock, pull sleeve down & twist.



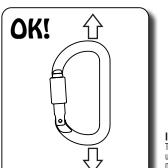
# **Twist Lock** (2-Stage)

To unlock, just twist the sleeve.

Note: The 3-stage, if properly positioned, is more secure & should be used.

The 2-stage is sometimes chosen if the carabiner must be quickly opened many times per day, but must only be used if nothing can wrap around or rub against the sleeve and open it.





Intended Use This Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used to connect two or more pieces of equipment together. It can be used in Personal Fall Arrest Systems (PFAS), work positioning. restraint and rescue systems. It can also be used for climbing and mountaineering. It is intended for use by medically fit, specifically

to achieve full strength.

# trained and experienced users. Limitations On Use

It is impossible to imagine all the ways this equipment can be misued. It must be used only for the specific purpose it was designed for: it must not be used for any other. Only the loading in the "OK" box is allowed.

#### Loading & Force

Carabiners achieve full strength only when loaded near the back of the frame. Any other position reduces its strength. Strength will also be reduced by wide webbing or clipping over large objects.

A carabiner must be able to move freely and stay properly aligned with the load. Any restraint is dangerous.

# An Inward Force on the Gate is Verv Dangerous

Because the sleeve can be broken, causing catastrophic disconnection. This can result from a descent device, anchor, buckle or other object levering against the gate

### Compatibility

A connector must be compatible with the equipment to which it is attached (shape, size, etc.). An incompatible connection can cause accidental disconnection, breakage, or affect the safety function of another piece of equipment. You must verify the suitability of this equipment for use in your application with regard to applicable governmental regulations and other standards on occupational safety. Carabiners must never be connected to each other or to snaphooks.

# Inspection Before & After Each Use

Check all parts for cracks, deformation, corrosion, wear, etc. Verify that the gate and sleeve close and lock and function properly in every respect. The Keylock slot must not be blocked by foreign matter and the sleeve function must not be impaired by dirt. ice, corrosion, etc.

# Inspection During Use

Regulary inspect and monitor your system. confirming your carabiners are locked and positioned properly with respect to your other gear.

# Responsibility

1. Visually confirm the carabiner is locked. 2. Push in on the gate/sleeve to confirm by touch that it is locked.

ing - always confirm! You may forget to lock a manually locking sleeve-always double check!

You must faithfully do the following **every time** you clip a locking carabiner:

You must understand how the sleeve works and know what it looks like when it is locked and unlocked.

Thorough and specific training is absolutely essential before use.

Do not allow ropes or objects to rub or twist the sleeve because this could unlock it. Vibration can also unlock a sleeve. Regularly check that the carabiner is locked and positioned properly and always do so if items contact it or anything unusual occurs. If the biner cannot

be kept in sight, use something else, such as a screwlink. Carabiners should be doubled-up when possible. Sleeves must be locked

Being at height is dangerous and it is totally up to you to reduce the risks as much as possible but the risks can never be eliminated. You must personally understand and assume all risks and responsibilities of using this equipment. If you cannot or do not want to do this, do not use this equipment.

# Ancorage Requirements

The anchor should normally be above the user's position and conform to the applicable standard. You are responsible to verify the suitability of this equipment and your anchor and other gear with regard to government and all other other applicable standards. The clearance under the user must be sufficient to prevent him from striking an obstacle in case of a fall (the length of the connector can influence the height of a fall)

# Retire from Service & Destroy if the Equipment:

1. Arrests a fall or is significantly loaded. 2. Does not pass inspection or there is any doubt about its safety. 3. Is misused, altered, damaged, exposed to

harmful chemicals, etc. Consult the manufacturer if you have any doubts or concerns.

# CE 0120 **EN Type & Classification is**

marked on the back of the frame: EN 362: 2004 - Connector

EN12275 - Locking Carabiner Type B (Base) Type H (For Munter Hitch Belay) Type K (Via Ferrata)

Notified body which performed EC type examination: VVUU, a.s., notified body No. 1019. Pikartska 1337/7. Ostrava-Radvanice. Czech Republic.

Notified body controlling the manufacturing of this PPE: SGS United Kindom Ltd. (CE 0120). 202B Worle Parkway, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 6WA UK.

10 years maximum, but will often be much less depending of conditions and frequency of use: it could even be a single use in some

Moisture, ice, salt, sand, snow, chemicals and other factors can prevent proper operation or can greatly accelerate wear.

## Maintenance & Storage

Clean if necessary with fresh water, then allow to dry completely. Light surface corrosion may be removed with a wire brush (no power tools). Retire if corrosion is heavy. A light lubricant may be applied. Store in a dry place away from extremes of heat and cold and avoid exposure to chemicals.

#### Principal Material Aluminum alloy, anodized,

## Renairs or Modifications to Equipment

Are only allowed by the manufacturer or those authorized in writing by the manufacturer.

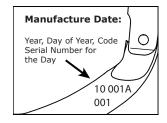
#### Detailed Inspection

In addition to inspection before, during and after each use, a detailed inspection by a compentent inspector must be done at least every 12 months or more frequently depending on amount and type of use. Make a copy of these instructions and use one as the permanent inspection record and keep the other with the

It is best to issue new gear to each user so they know its entire history.

# Stay Up To Date!

Regularly go to our website and read the latest user instructions.



PURCHASE RECORD			
Model			
Complete Batch #			
Year of Manufacture			
Purchase Date			
Date of 1st Use			
User			

DATE	CONDITION	INSPECTOR

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