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your fall protection equipment

In this period of COVID 19 health crisis, fall protection equipment is no exception to the rule of strict and rigorous cleaning.

Safety being paramount in everything we do, Tractel® recommends a few rules to apply.
For each risk situation, Tractel® advises you on the method to adopt.

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To clean Tractel® equipment, you must comply with the advice given in the operating manuals for each product. Before cleaning or disinfecting your products it is important to wear clean clothes disposable gloves and a face mask to reduce the spread of contaminants to you and your equipment.

Wash your hands before you start cleaning and after you're done.

Tractel® recommends a personal protective equipment kit be provided for each operator. This ensures personalized maintenance for each individual and minimizes any spread.

Tractel® has many options to personalize every kit, individual bags and our catalog or website can be used to select the appropriate equipment per user.

Individual & personalized equipment:

When your equipment is per individual, it is used only by 1 operator. Nobody else uses or touches this equipment. For cleaning your products, you must respect the advice given in the technical manuals for each product.

You can still choose to clean or disinfect your equipment following the protocol below.

Cleaning recommendations

- Just like every other product, fall protection equipment must be handled with care.
- **Simply clean** the product according to the procedure indicated in the manual: Wash with water (86°F / 30°C max) with mild soap or detergent for delicate textiles. If you need to scrub, use a synthetic brush.
- Let the product dry, respecting good storage conditions: ventilated, dry place, in the shade, without direct contact with a heat source.
- Store it in a Tractel® bag.

Disinfection of the equipment

- **Immerse the products** (except automatic fall arresters) for 30 minutes in 140°F / 60°C max water
- For automatic fall arresters devices / mechanical devices, **clean with a product containing ethanol or isopropanol.**
- Let the product dry, respecting good storage conditions: ventilated, dry place, in the shade, without direct contact with a heat source.
- Store it in a Tractel® bag.

Please note, this washing temperature at 140° F / 60° C and the use of special products for automatic fall arresters have to be done exceptionally - For any other washing, respect the washing temperature at 30° C and the protocol indicated in the operating manual. The person responsible for cleaning must be equipped with gloves, a mask and goggles certified in accordance with the recommendations of the Government.



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Individual & personalized equipment:

If you have multiple quantities of equipment, and multiple employees using the same products, you can isolate the products after each use or exceptionally disinfect your equipment following the protocol below.

Isolation of the equipment.

- **Isolate the product for 7 days** in a closed plastic bag respecting good storage conditions (ventilated, dry place, in the shade, without direct contact with a heat source).
- **Simply clean** the product according to the procedure indicated in the manual: Wash with water (86°F / 30°C max) with mild soap or detergent for delicate textiles. If you need to scrub, use a synthetic brush.
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Additional Info:

Under conditions conducive to survival, the virus could survive, in the form of traces, for several days on a surface (source : <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/how-long-will-coronavirus-survive-on-surfaces/>)

As Tractel® products are made with different types of material, we recommend isolating the product for 7 days.

During this period of health crisis, Tractel® recommends wearing a mask when using fall protection equipment.

Do not use hydroalcoholic gel on Tractel® products: this product can damage Tractel® equipments. No chemicals are tolerated on our products as they may damage plastic materials or textile fibers.

The only products tested and recommended are soap and water.

Be sure to inspect your washed products thoroughly before use

Maintenance and storage: general information

MAINTENANCE:

- Your equipment should be cleaned on a regular basis.
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STORAGE:

- To properly care for your harnesses, it is important to keep them in a clean, cool and dry place.
- Ensure that your storage area is not in direct sunlight or exposed to a heat source.
- It's better to hang up your harnesses, so they don't get crushed, bent, or torn by other objects in the storage area.
- During stocking and transport, protect the equipment against any danger (cutting edge, direct heat source, chemical substances, UV, etc.).

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