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Article: Annex: Clause: 4.4.2

Key words:
Guided type fall arrester including a flexible anchor line; static strength

Question:
How should the static test be carried out under EN353-2 ?

1/ Should the static test include the whole system (e.g flexible anchor line specified by the manufacturer and the fall arrester)?

2/ Should the device be loaded through the fall arrester attachment eye/lanyard/connector?

3/ What is the static strength a guided type fall arrester including a flexible anchor line shall resist, if it is provided with a connector only, no lanyard?

Solution:

1/ Yes – The test should be carried out to provide a strength test of the whole system (using the flexible anchor line specified by the manufacturer). If the fall arrester slips on the flexible anchor line during the static load, apply a stopper device, for example as end stop or as described in EN 12841:2006

2/ Yes – The device should be loaded through the attachment eye/lanyard/connector as per normal use

3/ The guided type fall arrester together with its connector shall withstand a strength of 15 kN. The testing shall be carried out in accordance with EN 353-2:2002, clause 5.2.2.2, but without a lanyard.