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Question:

Compared to the requirements of EN 361:2002, 4.2, can a Full Body Harness be made of a smaller webbing width for primary straps?

Solution:

Reference documents: CEN/TC 160 WG2 N0772 and CEN/TC 160/WG2 N884 (prEN 361:2024), 4.2.2

Based on the above references, the following would be acceptable for a Full Body Harness.

a) Elements that exert pressure on the torso dummy when suspended by the sternal or dorsal attachment points are PRIMARY straps. The overall minimum width of these primary straps (e.g., made of more than 1 strap, incl. padding) must be 40mm. The overall minimum width of inguinal parts (groin area) and the back connection between waist belt and leg-loops, even if considered to be an element that exert pressure on the body, can be less than 40mm but at least 20mm. The textile fall arrest attachment elements are not considered to be primary or secondary straps.

All other elements (e.g., holding the primary straps in place and/or for user comfort) are SECONDARY straps and the overall minimum width (e.g., made of more than 1 strap, incl. padding) must be 20mm.