

PRODUCT SAFETY NOTICE
FR Escape Tether – 203500, 202730
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Dear Valued Customer,

Our records indicate that you have purchased one or more Escape Artist Systems (certified to NFPA 1983), Survivor Escape Artist Systems or FR Escape Tethers with a 7-mm oval screw link that attaches the tether to the Escape Artist.

We have recently learned of one instance of the handle of the Escape Artist becoming temporarily caught in the oval screw link. We have not been able to duplicate this condition with the system under load; however, to eliminate any risk of this as a safety concern, we are offering replacement tethers with a different screw link free of charge to those who have purchased systems or tethers.

For purchasers of certified systems, the new assembly retains the system certification to NFPA 1983 when assembled in accordance with the simple instructions provided with the replacement tether.

Thank you for your continued support and trust!

Steve Boothby

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User Responsibility

While the instructions for replacing the tether are simple, it is imperative that they be followed correctly. Please sign below to acknowledge that you accept responsibility for proper installation of the replacement tether, and return by e-mail to safety@cmcrescue.com or by fax or mail. If you have any concerns about replacing the tether, please contact Customer Support at 800-235-5741 or 805-562-9120.

Name and Agency

Phone

E-mail

Address

Signature

Date

Qty Required



FR ESCAPE TETHER REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Part number 203500 and 202730

To replace the tether that connects the Escape Artist to your harness, please follow the steps below.

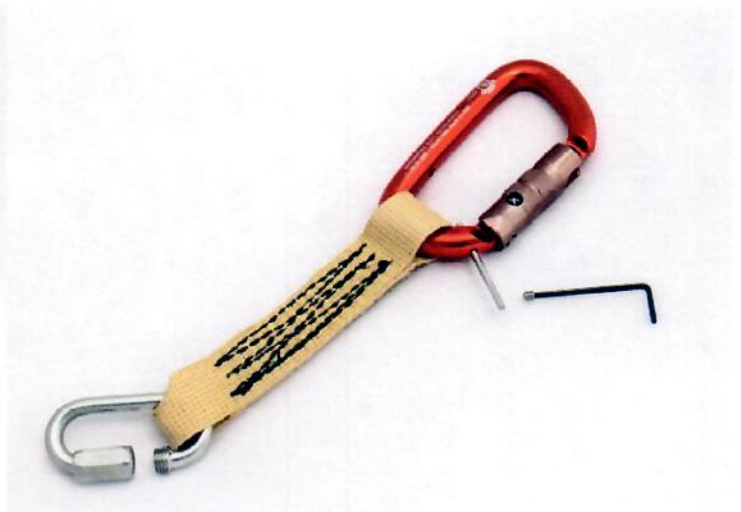
If you purchased an Escape Artist System that is UL classified to NFPA 1983, following these steps will maintain the system certification. If you purchased an older Survivor Escape Artist System or you purchased an individual tether for use in some other system, this replacement tether will not confer NFPA certification to your system. Contact Customer Support at 800-235-5741 or 805-562-9120 if you have any questions.

You may need the following tools:

- 5/64" hex wrench (we have included this with the replacement tether)
- 9-mm and 12-mm open end wrenches, or an adjustable end wrench
- Pliers



1. Remove the original tether by opening and removing the 7-mm oval screw link from the Escape Artist. You may need to use a wrench (12-mm or adjustable end) for this.



2. Using the included 5/64" hex wrench, remove the set screw and keeper pin from the carabiner in the original tether. Occasionally the keeper pin gets pressed in fairly tightly, so you may need to loosen it with pliers to remove it.

Be careful not to lose the screw or pin!



3. Remove the carabiner and install it in the replacement tether opposite the included 5-mm screw link.
4. Replace the keeper pin and set screw securely in the carabiner, making sure to capture the web below the keeper pin.



5. Install the replacement tether onto the Escape Artist with the new 5-mm stainless steel oval screw link. The smaller screw link is intentionally a tighter fit on the Escape Artist, so you may need to squeeze the side plates of the Escape Artist together in order to slide the screw link on. CMC recommends using a wrench (9-mm or adjustable end) to tighten the nut of the screw link. We also recommend periodic checks of both the screw link and carabiner to ensure that they are closed and locked prior to use.

⚠ CAUTION

TO MAINTAIN SYSTEM CERTIFICATION TO NPFA 1983, THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED, USING BOTH THE REPLACEMENT WEBBING AND SCREW LINK. SIMPLY SWAPPING THE SCREW LINK ONTO THE ORIGINAL TETHER VOIDS THE CERTIFICATION. THE SEWN NARROW END OF THE REPLACEMENT WEBBING IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE REQUIRED PERFORMANCE WITH THE 5-mm SCREW LINK.

Please contact CMC Rescue Customer Support at 800-235-5741 or 805-562-9120 or visit our website at www.cmcrescue.com/safety.php if you require any assistance.