



THE CORRECT CHOICE OF CARABINER FOR USE WITH THE LOCKJACK

Dear ART Retailer,
we just learned about an accident in France involving a Lock-Jack Sport. An experienced climber took an about 15 m fall because the wooden toggle of his LockJack got caught in the carabiner. This prevented the LockJack from turning automatically into its locking position as it would usually do. The climber suffered some serious injuries but fortunately is on the way to recovery.

The reason for this accident was that the climber had replaced the required carabiner which was originally supplied by the retailer by another one of a different shape which isn't approved in this application.

In light of this recent event we would like to point out to all retailers the importance of consulting and the correct choice of carabiners:

Important Notice:

The LockJack must be used with appropriate carabiners only. The carabiner connecting to the harness (lower carabiner) has to have a slim design in order to prevent the wooden toggle from clipping into the carabiner under any circumstance! In case of the toggle being stuck the LockJack will not be able to lock on the rope!

The carabiners listed below meet the criteria requested by the users manual: ISC Gator, DMM Zodiac, DMM Shadow, DMM Ultra-O, Petzl Am'D, Petzl OK, CT D Shape (Civetta D #JB71 in the Freeworker catalog).

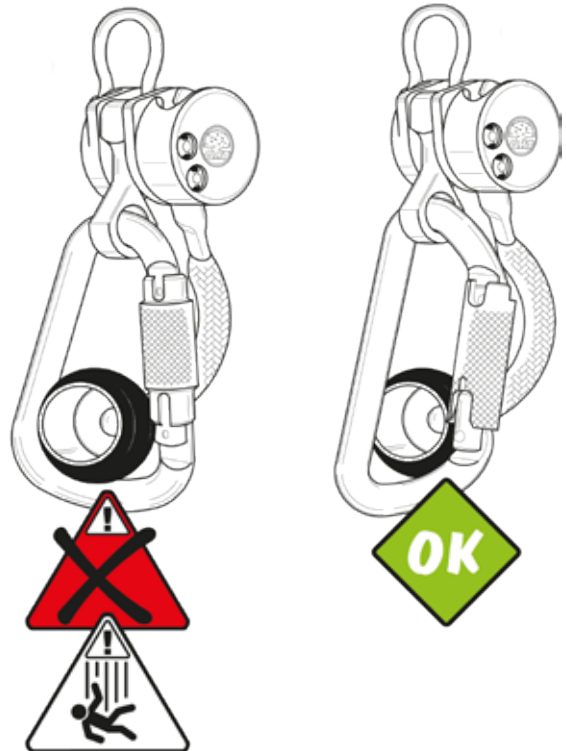
In the accident mentioned above the user had exchanged the carabiner not in compliance with the instructions given in the manual [see illustration].

Urgent Recommendation

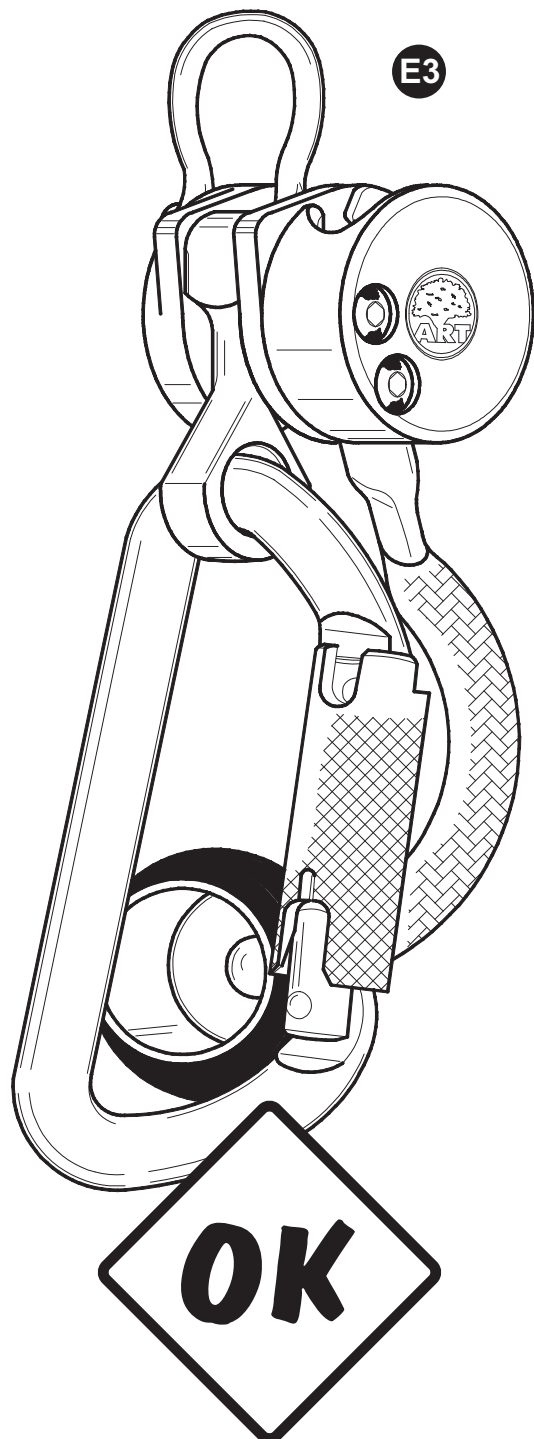
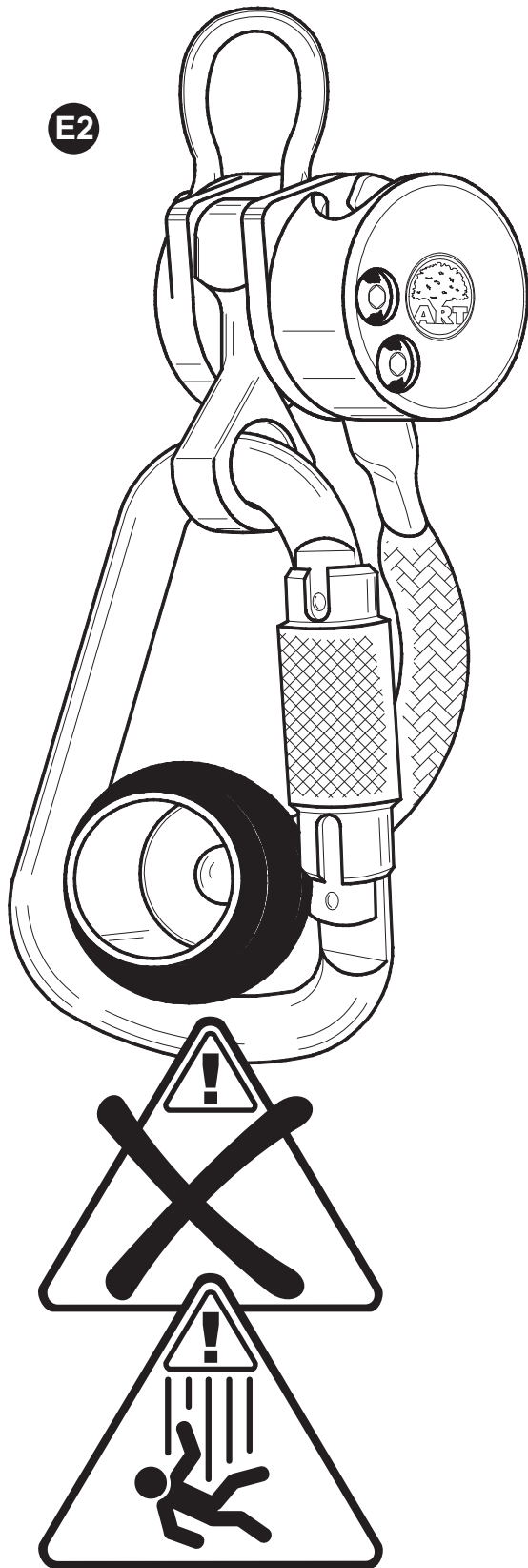
For the upper connection between LockJack shackle and the rope's eye every safelock carabiner can be used. Still it is highly recommended to fixate the upper as well as the lower carabiner in order to prevent them from twisting. This on one hand prevents a not permissible transverse loading while on the other it helps to avoid the lower carabiner's locking sleeve from getting stuck in the eye of the LockJack swivel. Convenient parts are: Pinch (Beal), Fast Clip (Kong) or rubber fixings.

Appeal

Of course every user is obliged to read instructions carefully before climbing with an ART product. Nevertheless we do appeal to all retailers, to address the problem described above in customer consulting.



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