



Light-weight, back-country rope rescue systems

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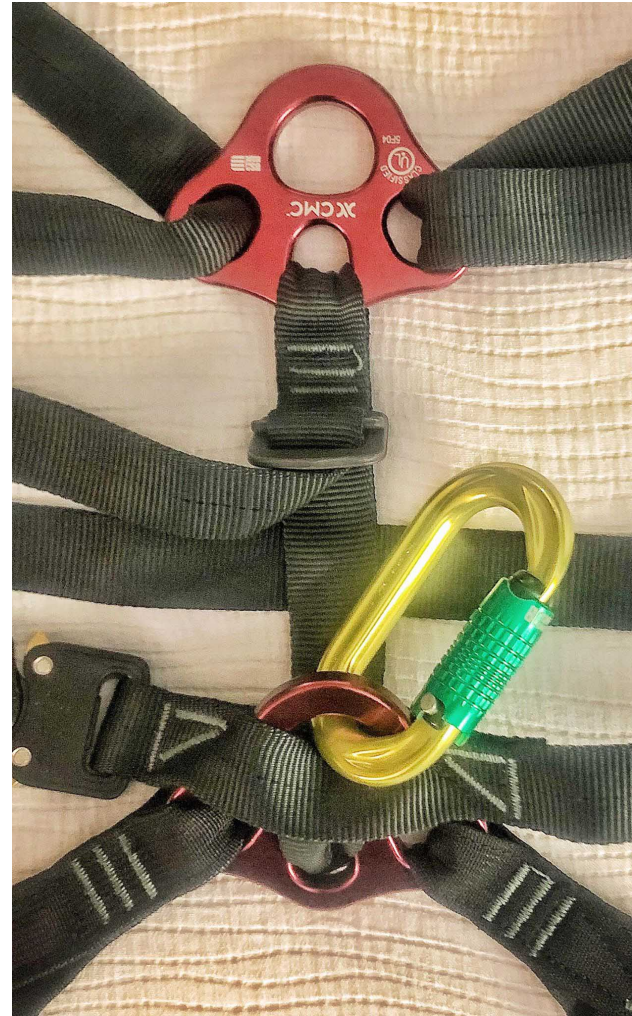


Introduction: Richard Delaney

- University qualified engineer
- Rock climbing instructor, canyoning guide, volunteer rescuer, Rope Access technician since 1992
- Vertical Rescue team leader with New South Wales State Emergency Service (NSW SES)
- RopeLab
- No commercial links to any equipment

Fall prevention for search teams

- Uniform belt with small kit bag
- No need to remove backpack or lift feet
- Add simple leg loops
- 20m of 8mm rope plus belay device
- Petzl RollClip and TibLoc for self rescue



Fit-for-task justification

- Must be easy to use
- 8mm rope?
- Strength
- Abrasion resistance
- Function of belay device
- TibLoc on 8mm rope



Personal descent system

- One size fits all full-body harness
- Helicopter lift point
- 8mm doubled rope – isolated strands
- Conterra Titanium Scarab
- Petzl Shunt (variable friction and rope size)



Team rescue system

- Decide whether to raise OR lower
- Lowering system is the same as the personal descent system
- Raising system: dual 3:1 haul (Petzl ProTraxions, TibLocs, RollClips)

Lower OR Raise





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75kg, lower & raise, 20m natural cliff

