

CERTIFICATION Notice

An Urgent Bulletin from CSA Group

Occupational Health & Safety Products No. 125

Effective Date: July 6, 2020

Date: September 20, 2019

Apply Before January 6, 2020

Announcing: Publication of ANSI/ASSP Z359.12-2019 Connecting Components for Personal Fall Arrest Systems

Class No: 7211 31, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PRODUCTS
Components – Connecting Components for PFAS-Fall Protection Devices - Certified to U.S. Standards

Who is affected?

Manufacturers of Connecting Components for Personal Fall Arrest Systems.

What do you do?

1. CSA Group Service Delivery staff will contact you to address compliance with each revision as applicable to the product designs covered in your affected Certification Reports. In addition to updates to your Certificate(s) of Compliance & Report(s), testing may be required to comply with these revisions.
2. Please respond within thirty (30) days of receiving CSA Group's "Application for CSA Certification Services" and "Quotation" communication. You must respond no later than

January 6, 2020 in order to guarantee the update to your certification is completed by June 6, 2020. If testing is needed, we will inform you of the samples required.

Approvals:

This standard was developed by the Z359 Committee functioning under the procedures of the American National Standards Institute, with the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) as secretariat. It was approved on June 5, 2019, published in June 2019.

Major Revisions:

See attachment 1

For questions specific to your file or products contact your CSA Group technical staff associate.

Go to <https://www.csagroup.org/testing-certification/product-listing/> and enter your Master Contract # and the class numbers associated with this Notice to determine which of your products are affected.

For technical questions on this Certification Notice

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The standard edition or amendments announced in this Notice may be used for certification as of the date of issue of this Notice. The "Effective date" in this Notice is the date on which the current requirements, applicable to Certified products listed in the affected class numbers, expire and the standard edition or amendments announced in this Notice become the only requirements that may be used for certification.

In the event that currently certified products do not comply with the latest requirements outlined in this Notice after the "effective date", the certification of such models may be discontinued.



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ATTACHMENT 1

Major Revisions

Clause(s)	Changes
2. Definitions	Added new definitions: Dynamic Test, Soft Loop Attachment Element, Static Strength and Transverse Body Loading
3.1 Component and Element Requirements	Clause 3.1.3.1 revised the text 'or distortion sufficient to release the gate" in Clause 3.1.1.3 of ANSI Z359.12-2009' to 'or separating from the nose of the snaphook or carabiner body by more than 0.125 in. (3.1mm)'.
	Clause 3.1.3.5 added the static transverse body loading performance requirement for the snaphook or carabiner where there is a gate opening larger than 1 in. (25mm). (See Clause 4.2.1.1.5 for the test method)
	Clause 3.1.3.6 added the dynamic performance requirement for the snaphook or carabiner where there is a gate opening larger than 1 in. (25mm). (See Clause 4.2.3.4 for the test method)
	Clause 3.1.7 revised the text 'this deformation is not sufficient to release the gate" in Clause 3.1.1.7 of ANSI Z359.12-2009' to 'this deformation is not sufficient to release the gate by more than 0.125 in. (3.1mm) from the nose of the hook'.
4.1 Test Equipment and Test Specimens	Clause 4.1.3.2 added the specifications of the test lanyard to be used for static transverse body loading.
	Clause 4.1.8 Determination of Free Fall Distance, added 'When determining the free fall distance to be used for the dynamic test for the transverse body loading an arrest force of between 3,600 lb (16kN) and 3,888 lb (17kN) shall be reached'.
	Clause 4.1.10.2 added the specifications of the test fixture of 4.2.1.1.5 Static transverse body loading test and 4.2.3.4 Dynamic test procedure for transverse body loading test.
4.2 Component, Constituent and Element Testing	Added Clause 4.2.1.1.5 Static transverse body loading of snaphook and carabiner with gate openings greater than 1 in. (25.4mm).
	Added Clause 4.2.3.4 Dynamic test procedure for transverse body loading of snaphooks and carabiners with gate openings larger than 1 in. (25.4mm).
5.2 Specific Marking Requirements	Clause 5.2.1 was revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to clarify 5.2.1 is applicable for connectors listed in 3.1.6, requiring proof loading as per this standard, i.e., snaphooks, carabiners, D-rings, O-rings and oval rings - to add a new requirement for connectors that are non-integral part (non-captive eye), "ANSI Z359.12-XX" ("XX" denotes year of standard) is required. - to add Clause 5.2.2 marking requirements for connectors used as adjusters
5.3 Specific Instruction Requirements	Clause 5.3.1 Connectors, was revised to clarify that for connector components supplied separately to the user which are not integral to the product (i.e., are removable from the product) shall include the information listed in Clause 5.3.1.