Harness Failed During Rescue Training

A Line Mechanic was attending a training course and his harness failed whilst on a concrete pole simulating a rescue.

The rescuer clipped the worker's harness to the rescue equipment and removed the worker's pole strap when the worker's harness failed. The failure occurred in both latches on the straps that connect the back and front of the harness.

ZERO branded harness, model HTP1679, serial number 23062285. Date of manufacture: January 2023.



Figure 1 – Latches position highlighted.



Figure 2-Failure of the latches on the straps of the harness.

Immediate actions

No injury occurred and the worker descended from the pole.

Do not use any ZERO branded Tower Harness, model SKU: HTP1679SML-HTP1679UNI-HTP1679XXL manufactured between October 2022 and February 2024. There is a safety recall due to an assembly error of the shoulder strap adjustment buckle on the harness. If the product falls within these manufacturing dates, please return it either to the place of purchase or the manufacturer for inspection.

All harnesses of this type should be closely inspected prior to use.

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