

Mountaineering equipment — Rope clamps — Safety requirements and test methods

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EN 892	BS EN 892 : 1997 <i>Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods</i>

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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 136, Sports, playground and other recreational equipment, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard supersedes EN 567 : 1992.

The text is based on UIAA-Standard L (Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme), which has been developed with international participation.

This standard is one of a package of standards for mountaineering equipment, see annex A.

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive 89/686/EEC.

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative annex ZA, which is an integral part of this standard.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies safety requirements and test methods for rope clamps for use in mountaineering including climbing.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 564	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Accessory cords — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
EN 892	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods</i>

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

3.1 rope clamp

Mechanical device which, when attached to a rope or an accessory cord of appropriate diameter, will lock under load in one direction and slip freely in the opposite direction.

3.2 locking mechanism

Mechanism which prevents movement of the rope clamp on the rope or accessory cord in one direction.

3.3 locking device

Device for automatically preventing the rope or accessory cord from slipping out of the rope clamp.

4 Safety requirements

4.1 Design

4.1.1 Rope clamps shall have a locking device or similar mechanism to prevent a single rope or an accessory cord with a diameter within the range marked on the rope clamp (see clause 7) from slipping out of the rope clamp.

4.1.2 Rope clamps shall be designed to lock automatically in one rope or accessory cord direction and to slip freely in the opposite direction.

4.1.3 When tested in accordance with 5.3, rope clamps shall not completely break the rope or accessory cord.

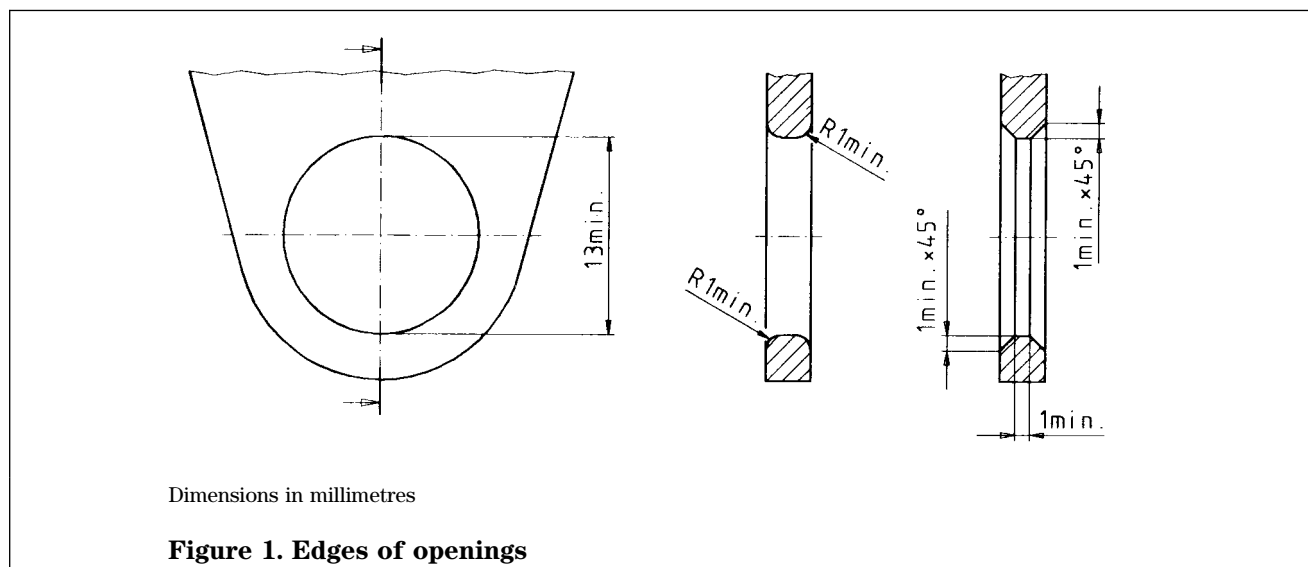
4.1.4 Rope clamps shall have an attachment opening of at least 13 mm. The edges of all openings for handles and connectors or sling attachment shall be as shown in figure 1.

4.1.5 All edges of a rope clamp which can come into contact with the user's fingers shall be free of burrs.

4.2 Strength

4.2.1 When tested in accordance with 5.3, rope clamps with a rope of diameter within the range marked on the rope clamp (see clause 7) attached shall show no visible signs of damage or deformation which can impair its function.

4.2.2 When tested in accordance with 5.3, rope clamps with an accessory cord of diameter within the range marked on the rope clamp (see clause 7) attached shall show no visible signs of damage or deformation which can impair its function.



5 Test methods

5.1 Conditioning

Carry out the tests at a temperature of $(23 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

5.2 Examination of design

5.2.1 With the locking device closed and a rope or accessory cord of maximum diameter, as marked on the rope clamp, check that the rope or accessory cord cannot be removed sideways. Check also, by pulling by hand, that the rope clamp locks in one direction and can slip in the opposite direction. Repeat the checks using a rope or accessory cord of minimum diameter as marked on the rope clamp.

5.2.2 Test by tactile examination that the edges of the rope clamp are free of burrs.

5.2.3 Determine the dimension of the attachment opening (see 4.1.4) by measuring with a bar of $(13^{+0,01}_0)$ mm diameter.

5.3 Determination of strength

Attach a rope in accordance with EN 892 or accessory cord in accordance with EN 564 of maximum diameter, as marked on the rope clamp, to the rope clamp and a connector in the opening of the rope clamp, as specified by the manufacturer. Fix the system in a tensile testing machine and subject it to a force of $(4 \pm 0,1)$ kN, five times in succession, using a test speed of (100 ± 50) mm/min.

Move the rope clamp between application of each force, so that the locking force is applied to a previously unloaded point of the rope or accessory cord in each case.

Repeat the procedure using a rope or accessory cord of minimum diameter, as marked on the rope clamp.

Note any visible signs of damage or deformation which can impair its function.

6 Information to be supplied

- a) The name or trademark of the manufacturer, importer or supplier;
- b) the number of this European Standard: EN 567;
- c) the meaning of any markings on the product;
- d) the use of the product;
- e) how to insert and extract the rope or accessory cord;
- f) how the locking device works;
- g) where and how to attach to the rope clamp;
- h) how to choose other components for use in the system;
- i) how to maintain and service the product;
- j) the lifespan of the product;
- k) the effects of chemical reagents and temperature on the product.

7 Marking

Rope clamps shall be marked with at least the following information:

- a) the name or trademark of the manufacturer, importer or supplier;
- b) the range of rope or accessory cord diameters, in millimetres, to the nearest whole number, with which the rope clamp can be used. The symbol \varnothing shall be used as a prefix to indicate the diameter, e.g. $\varnothing 7$ mm to 11 mm.
- c) a pictogram showing the direction of use.

Annex A (informative)

Standards on mountaineering equipment

Table A.1 List of standards on mountaineering equipment

No	Document	Title
1	EN 892	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
2	prEN 12275	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Connectors — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
3	1)	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Ice-tools — Safety requirements and test methods (00136012)</i>
4	prEN 12277	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Harnesses — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
5	1)	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Safety helmets — Safety requirements and test methods (00136076)</i>
6	EN 564	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Accessory cord — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
7	EN 565	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Tape — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
8	EN 566	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Slings — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
9	prEN 12276	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Frictional anchors — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
10	prEN 12270	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Chocks — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
11	EN 567	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Rope clamps — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
12	EN 958	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Energy absorbing systems for use in klettersteig (via ferrata) climbing — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
13	EN 959	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Rock anchors — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
14	EN 568	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Ice anchors — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
15	EN 569	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Pitons — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
16	prEN 893	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Crampons — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
17	1)	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Descenders — Safety requirements and test methods (00136079)</i>
18	prEN 12278	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Pulleys — Safety requirements and test methods</i>
19	prEN 12492	<i>Mountaineering equipment — Climbers' safety helmets — Safety requirements and test methods</i>

1) In preparation.

Annex ZA (informative)

Clauses of this European Standard addressing essential requirements or other provisions of EU Directives

This European Standard supports essential requirements of the EU Directive on personal protective equipment (PPE) 89/686/EEC.

WARNING. Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.

The following clauses of this standard are likely to support requirements of Directive 89/686/EEC.

EU Directive, Annex II	Clause/subclause of this standard
1.2.1 Absence of risk and other factors	4.1; 4.2
1.4 Information supplied by the manufacturer	6; 7
3.1.2.2 Prevention against falling from heights	4.2

Compliance with the clauses of this standard provides one means of conforming with the specific essential requirements of the Directive concerned and associated EFTA regulations.

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