



Regulations for existing and potential UIAA Accredited Laboratories

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This guide defines the affiliation status, presents the conditions for UIAA accreditation and describes the rights and obligations of UIAA Accredited Laboratories.

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Introduction to the UIAA Safety Label

The UIAA label on a piece of mountaineering or climbing equipment attests it to be of the highest international standards for safety. The UIAA started testing ropes in 1960 and now has standards for many different categories of safety equipment, including for example helmets, harnesses and crampons.

The UIAA Safety Label can be awarded for mountaineering and climbing equipment that meets the requirements of the relevant UIAA standard. Climbing and mountaineering equipment, tested to the UIAA standards, is recommended by the UIAA for use by climbers and mountaineers world-wide.

The UIAA Safety Label logo trademark is registered internationally and may only be used for products that have been certified by the UIAA and registered as such.

UIAA recognizes the need to cooperate and collaborate with all parties concerned to standardize the use of Safety Labels. This collaboration promotes safety awareness, good practice and the evolution of quality products for mountaineering and climbing. Partnership is offered to all stakeholders that pursue and support safety in mountaineering equipment.

These UIAA Standards can have additional requirements over and above those specified in EN Standards.

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1 Definition of the UIAA Safety Label

The UIAA Safety Label is a certification that is awarded to mountaineering and climbing equipment that meets the requirements of the relevant UIAA Safety Standard. The UIAA Safety Label demonstrates that a product meets relevant standards as determined by the UIAA Safety Commission in collaboration with the Safety Label Holders. Such equipment is strongly recommended by the UIAA for use by climbers and mountaineers world-wide.

The UIAA Safety Label trademark is registered and copyright protected internationally under the Madrid Protocol (WIPO International registration number 949706).

2 Definition of the UIAA Safety Standards

The UIAA was the first organization to create standards for mountaineering and climbing equipment in the world.

Today, the UIAA standards are based on the CEN standards in order to avoid the confusion of multiple standards. The Safety Commission experts (most of them also CEN experts), in cooperation with manufacturers, keep improving the existent UIAA standards as well as create new ones.

The UIAA has to this date 20 standards. These standards sometimes imply higher and/or additional requirements above those in the CEN standards. These extra-requirements are clearly specified in the standards.

3 Definition of the UIAA Safety Label Partners

3.1 UIAA Safety Label Holder (SLH)

A UIAA Safety Label Holder is defined as a company or an organization that produces climbing equipment (e.g. manufacturer) or has it manufactured to its own specifications and has been awarded a UIAA Safety Label certification for at least one of its product.

3.2 UIAA Accredited Test Laboratory

A UIAA Accredited Test Laboratory is a laboratory where testing of equipment is done in accordance with the UIAA standards for mountaineering and climbing equipment or sub-contracts to a laboratory where such testing is done. All laboratories approved by the UIAA as in **Annex A** are allowed to use the title "UIAA Approved". A maximum of two (2) representatives from each laboratory have a right to attend the UIAA Safety Commission Plenary meetings but without any voting rights. An approved laboratory shall re-apply for certification at the end of its three (3) year term.

3.3 UIAA Safety Commission

The UIAA Safety Commission works in order to minimize accidents in mountaineering and climbing by developing and revising technical safety standards for equipment (the UIAA standards). It accredits the laboratories which test the equipment according to the UIAA standards. The Commission also gives advice and recommendations to climbers and mountaineers on how to treat their equipment, and how best to use it to avoid accidents.

3.4 UIAA Safety Label Observer

On approval of the UIAA Safety Commission President non Accredited Laboratories can participate in Safety Commission activities as Observers without any voting rights.

To participate in the Safety Commission activities and meetings as an 'Observer' a request must be addressed to the UIAA Safety Commission along with the payment of 500 Euros for a current calendar year.

4 Administration of the UIAA Accreditation for Laboratories

4.1 Procedure for obtaining the Accreditation

In order to become an UIAA accredited laboratory the way to proceed is described below:

Step	Description
1	The applicant laboratory contacts the UIAA office and submits the application form as provided in the Annex B .
2	At the discretion of the UIAA the applicant laboratory facilities may be visited by the UIAA Safety Commission delegate.
3	Eventual comparative test at the request of the Safety Commission done by the applicant and one/two other laboratories.
4	Based on the success of these comparative tests, the UIAA Safety Commission will accredit the applicant as UIAA laboratory.
5	The Safety Label Administrator shall issue an invoice (accreditation fee + travel expenses) to the applicant, as well as the Agreement to be signed as in Annex C .
6	After the fee and the signed agreement have been received, the Safety Label Administrator will issue a UIAA Accreditation certificate (Annex D) and send it to the applicant. The applicant will be then published as an accredited laboratory on the UIAA website.

4.2 Delivery of the UIAA Laboratory Accreditation

If all the conditions specified in Section 4.1 have been met, the UIAA Safety Label Administrator shall issue a certificate from the following 1st January or 1st July as per **Annex D** to the applicant laboratory who will then become a UIAA Accredited Laboratory.

The newly certified laboratory will be published as 'accredited' on the UIAA website simultaneously with the delivery of the certificate.

4.3 Validity of the UIAA Laboratory Accreditation

The UIAA Laboratory Accreditation is valid for 3 (three) years from the date of issue. A UIAA Laboratory Accreditation is only valid for the laboratory whose 'name' is on the certificate and for the 'equipment' as stated on the certificate.

4.4 Renewal & Termination of the UIAA Laboratory Accreditation

- a. Renewal:** The UIAA Laboratory Accreditation must be renewed at the end of a three-year term if continuity is to be maintained. After 3 years the laboratory has to ask for accreditation certificate again with the list of products that it can test.

- b. Termination:** If the accredited laboratory wants to terminate the relationship, the Safety Label Administrator must be informed through a termination form as in **Annex B TWO MONTHS** in advance.

4.5 Withdrawal of the UIAA Laboratory Accreditation

The UIAA Safety Commission shall withdraw an existing UIAA Lab Accreditation from the applicant in the following conditions:

- E. Non-compliance**
 - If the laboratory is no longer able to check the relevant UIAA safety standard on a product(s) it will lose accreditation for that (those) product(s).

- b. Default in renewal of certificate**
 - A reminder shall be sent by the Safety Label Administrator TWO MONTHS before expiry of accreditation.
 - If the application for renewal of certificate is not received within time schedule a SECOND reminder will be sent. Persistent inaction may lead to withdrawal.

In case of a withdrawal, an appropriate notice will be published on the UIAA website.

5 Rights and Obligations of UIAA Accredited Laboratories

5.1 Rights of UIAA Accredited Laboratories

- To use the title “UIAA approved” on their official documents and laboratory website;
- To conduct equipment testing according to the UIAA standards and report about their results;
- To be mentioned on the UIAA website and in the list of Accredited Laboratories included in the UIAA Accreditation Regulations document;
- To participate in the UIAA Safety Commission Plenary meetings;
- To appeal in writing to the UIAA Safety Commission President. In case of a dispute arising out of matters related to accreditation, a Board of Appeal comprising of the Safety Commission President, a Safety Commission Delegate (who can not be from the country of the complainant) and the Safety Label Administrator will be convened.

5.2 Obligations of UIAA Accredited Laboratories

- To comply with the rules in the UIAA Accreditation Regulations and resolutions decided by the UIAA Safety Commission;
- To specifically implement the additional test requirements as required by the relevant UIAA safety standards;
- To reject samples if they don't fulfil the UIAA requirements;
- To inform the UIAA Safety Label Administrator in case of failure of a tested product through test reports;
- To participate free of charge in a Round Robin Test to the Safety Commission's request;
- To reapply for accreditation at the year of its three-year term.

E Fee structure for a UIAA Accredited Laboratories

A UIAA Safety Accredited Laboratory has to pay:

a.	Initial Accreditation fees	1000 EUR
b.	Accreditation for additional equipment during the 3 years period.	200 EUR
c.	Travel expenses incurred by the UIAA Safety Commission member's visit to the laboratory.	As expended
d.	Renewal Fee (every 3 years)	500 EUR

The UIAA Safety Commission decides the above mentioned fees. If the commission plans to raise the fees more than the rate of inflation, it shall inform the accredited laboratories as soon as possible.

These regulations were approved by the UIAA Executive Board on 6th February 2010 and become effective immediately.

UIAA President
Mike Mortimer


UIAA Secretary General
Nico de Jong

President Safety
Commission

Annex A:

UIAA Approved Test Laboratories

http://www.theuiaa.org/safety_labels_manufacturers.php

UIAA Safety Commission (UIAA = Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme)		
	<p>List of UIAA-Approved Test Laboratories</p>	<p>June 2011</p>
Country	Laboratory	Approved for testing of:
Austria	<p>Technische Versuchs- und Forschungsanstalt (TVFA) der Technischen Universität Wien Karlsplatz 13 A-1040 Wien Austria www.tvfa.tuwien.ac.at</p> <p>Contact : Martin Kappel phone +43 (0)1 – 588 0143 001 fax +43 (0)1 – 588 0143 099 email ka@tvfa.tuwien.ac.at</p>	UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cord 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 121 Connectors (Karabiners) 123 Rock Anchors 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices 152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers)
Austria	<p>Sicherheitstechnische Prüfstelle (AUVA) Adalbert-Stifter-Straße 65 A – 1200 Wien Österreich – Austria www.auva.at/stp</p> <p>Contact: Renate Waglechner phone +43 (0)1 – 33 111 516 fax +43 (0)1 – 33 111 901 email stp@auva.at</p>	UIAA-104 Slings 105 Harnesses 121 Connectors (Karabiners) 128 Energy Absorbing Systems

<p>Czech Republic</p>	<p>SZÚ Engineering Test Institute Tovární 5 CZ-46621 Jablonec nad Nisou Czech Republic www.szutest.cz Contact : Petr Hajek phone +420 483 348 237 fax +420 483 710 768 email hajek@szutest.cz</p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cord 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 106 Helmets 107 Low stretch Ropes Connectors 121 (Karabiners) 122 Pitons 123 Rock Anchors 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices 151 Ice Anchors 152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers) 153 Crampons 154 Snow Anchors (Dead Man)</p>
<p>Czech Republic</p>	<p>VVUU, a.s Zkušební laborator Pikartská 1337/7, 716 07 Ostrava Radvanice Czech Republic www.vvuu.cz , www.cai.cz Contact: Ing. Jiří Šorf phone +420 596 252 332 fax +420 596 252 147 email sorfj@vvuu.cz</p>	<p>UIAA –101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory cords 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 107 Low stretch Ropes Connectors 121 (Karabiners) 122 Pitons 123 Rock Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices</p>
<p>France</p>	<p>APAVE Sudeurope – Centre d'Essais de Fontaine 17, Av. Paul Langevin F-38600 Fontaine France www.apave.com Contact : Vincent Maillocheau phone +33 (0)4 7653 5222 fax +33 (0)4 7653 3240 email vincent.maillocheau@apave.com</p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cord 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 106 Helmets 107 Low stretch Ropes Connectors 121 (Karabiners) 122 Pitons 123 Rock Anchors 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices 151 Ice Anchors 152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers) 153 Crampons 154 Snow Anchors (Dead Man)</p>



	<p>Laboratoire de l'UTAC – Autodrome de Linas Monthlery BP 212 F-91311 Monthlery France</p> <p>www.utac.com phone +33 (0) 169 8017 00 fax +33 (0) 169 8017 17</p>	<p>UIAA-106 Helmets</p>
Germany	<p>Institut für Fördertechnik (IFT) der Universität Stuttgart Holzgartenstraße 15B D-70174 Stuttgart Germany www.uni-stuttgart.de/ift/</p> <p>Contact: Björn Ernst phone +49 (0)711 685 83755 fax +49 (0)711 – 685 83769 email bjorn.ernst@ift.uni-stuttgart.de</p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cord 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 107 Low Stretch Ropes 121 Connectors (Karabiners) 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices</p>
Germany	<p>TÜV SÜD Product Service GmbH TEC SPORT Ridlerstraße 65 D-80339 München Germany www.tuev-sued.de</p> <p>Contact: Volker Kron phone +49 (0)89 – 50084 191 fax : +49 (0)89 – 50084 316 email volker.kron@tuev-sued.de</p>	<p>UIAA-102 Accessory Cord 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 106 Helmets 121 Connectors (Karabiners) 122 Pitons 123 Rock Anchors 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices 151 Ice Anchors 152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers) 153 Crampons 154 Snow Anchors (Dead Man)</p>
Italy	<p>CSI Spa Viale Lombardia 20 I-20021 Bollate (MI) Italy www.csi-spa.com</p> <p>Contact: Chiara Banfi phone +39 023 8330311 fax : +39 023 503940 email chiarabanfi@csi-spa.com</p>	<p>UIAA-106 Helmets</p>

<p>Italy</p>	<p>Dolomiticert s.c.a.r.l. Zona Industriale Villa Nova 1 I-32013 Longarone Italy www.dolomiticert.it</p> <p>Contact: Tommaso Morandin phone +39 0437 – 573157 fax : +39 0437 – 573131 email tommaso.morandin@dolomiticert.it</p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cords 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 106 Helmets 121 Connectors (Karabiners) 122 Pitons 123 Rock Anchors 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices 151 Ice Anchors 152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers) 153 Crampons 154 Snow Anchors</p>
<p>Italy</p>	<p>Newton Srl Via G. di Vittorio 2/D, 20017 Mazzo di Rho (MI), Italy www.newtonlab.it</p> <p>Contacts: Luca Cenedese (Director)& Maurizio Castiglioni phone +39 (0)2 93906088 fax: +39 (0)2 93906075 email maurizio.castiglioni@newtonlab.it</p>	<p>UIAA-106 Helmets</p>

<p>United Kingdom</p>	<p>SGS United Kingdom Limited Unit 202B, Worle Parkway BS22 6WA Weston Super Mare United Kingdom www.uk.sgs.com</p> <p>Contact: Mike Christie phone +44 (0) 1934 522917 fax +44 (0) 1934 522137 email mike.christie.uk@sgs.com</p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cord 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 106 Helmets 107 Low stretch Ropes 121 Connectors (Karabiners) 122 Pitons 123 Rock Anchors 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 129 Braking Devices 151 Ice Anchors 152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers) 153 Crampons 154 Snow Anchors (Dead Man)</p>
<p>United Kingdom</p>	<p>SATRA Technology Centre Wyndham Way, Telford Way, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN16 8SD United Kingdom www.satra.co.uk</p> <p>Contact: Pete Doughty phone +44 (0) 1536 410000 fax +44 (0) 1536 410626 email peted@satra.co.uk</p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cord 103 Tape 104 Slings 105 Harnesses 106 Helmets 107 Low stretch Ropes Connectors 121 Connectors (Karabiners) 122 Pitons 123 Rock Anchors 124 Chocks 125 Frictional Anchors 126 Rope Clamps 127 Pulleys 128 Energy Absorbing Systems 129 Braking Devices 151 Ice Anchors 152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers) 153 Crampons 154 Snow Anchors (Dead Man)</p>
<p>Switzerland</p>	<p>EMPA St. Gallen Lerchenfeldstraße 5 CH-9014 St.Gallen Switzerland www.empa.ch</p> <p>Contact: Rolf Stämpfli phone +41 (0)71 – 274 7473 fax +41 (0)71 – 274 7762 email rolf.staempfli@empa.ch</p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes 102 Accessory Cords 103 Tape 104 Slings 106 Helmets 121 Connectors (Karabiners)</p>

Climbing and mountaineering equipment tested to the
 UIAA's standards is recommended by the UIAA
Designed by climbers for climbers

ANNEX B:

	UIAA ACCREDITATION Application for Laboratories	
Please fill in the form completely and <u>do not forget to sign it</u> . You can either scan this form and subsequently e-mail it, including the required attachments, to the UIAA Safety Label Administrator: safetylabel@theuiaa.org OR fax it to: +41 (0)31 370 18 38		

Equipment you would like to be accredited for UIAA testing:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Ropes
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Cord
<input type="checkbox"/> Tape
<input type="checkbox"/> Slings
<input type="checkbox"/> Harnesses
<input type="checkbox"/> Helmets
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Stretch Ropes
<input type="checkbox"/> Connectors
<input type="checkbox"/> Pitons
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Anchors | <input type="checkbox"/> Chocks
<input type="checkbox"/> Frictional Anchors
<input type="checkbox"/> Rope Clamps
<input type="checkbox"/> Pulleys
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Absorbing Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Anchors
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Tools
<input type="checkbox"/> Crampons
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Anchors
<input type="checkbox"/> Braking Devices |
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Laboratory details	
Laboratory name	
Address, postal code, city, country	
General phone and fax number	
General e-mail address	
Website address	

Information on the contact person	
Your full name	
Your position	
Your e-mail address	
Direct phone	
Other contact	
Title and full name	
Job title/position	
E-mail address	
Direct phone	

CERTIFICATION DETAILS:

- Are you an EU notified body?
- Are you ISO 17025 accredited?
- Any other Quality Management System accreditation? _____

Please send us the copy of your certificate along this application form.

Please tick what is applicable:

- New application for accreditation: I accept responsibility for the information on this form and confirm that we accept that a member of the UIAA Safety Commission can visit our testing facilities on an agreed date in the near future. Our laboratory will comply with the UIAA Regulations for the Laboratory Accreditation.
- Termination: I accept responsibility for the information on this form and confirm that we no longer want to be UIAA Accredited Laboratory.

Date:

Your signature:

Thank you for your application!

ANNEX C:

AGREEMENT on the rights and obligations of the UIAA Accredited Laboratories

Concluded between

UIAA
Monbijoustrasse 61
Postfach CH – 3000 Bern 23
Switzerland

Referred to hereafter as UIAA

And

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Referred to hereafter as UIAA Test Laboratory

On

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The UIAA Test Laboratory supports the mission of the UIAA Safety Commission to help climbers manage the risk that is inherent in climbing and mountaineering:

- by testing climbing and mountaineering equipment according to UIAA standards;
- by working to minimize accidents caused by equipment failure or unsafe design;
- by informing about the UIAA safety standards to the climbing and mountaineering community and;
- by encouraging the exchange of ideas and knowledge about testing of equipment.

All questions and disputes arising from this agreement will be judged on the base of Swiss Law, and the courts of Bern, Switzerland will be the final court of decision.

For UIAA



Mike Mortimer
UIAA President



Jean Franck Charlet
UIAA SAFCOM President

For UIAA Accredited Laboratory

(Name, signature & stamp)
(Designation)

ANNEX D:

CERTIFICATE

To

Berne,2010

The UIAA has the pleasure to accredit the above-mentioned laboratory as a UIAA Accredited Laboratory for the following equipment:

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This certificate is valid from 1st January 20..... until the 31st December 20..... .



Mike Mortimer
UIAA President



Jean Franck Charlet
UIAA SAFCOM President

Accredited Laboratories Regulations, Art. 3.2 UIAA Accredited Test Laboratory

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ANNEX E:

UIAA TEST REPORT TEMPLATE

Laboratory name:

Product references:

Reference of tests reports:

UIAA standards:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Ropes (UIAA 101) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chocks (UIAA 124) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Cord (UIAA 102) | <input type="checkbox"/> Frictional Anchors (UIAA 125) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape (UIAA 103) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope Clamps (UIAA 126) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slings (UIAA 104) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulleys (UIAA 127) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harnesses (UIAA 105) | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Absorbing Systems (UIAA 128) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helmets (UIAA 106) | <input type="checkbox"/> Braking Devices (UIAA 129) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Stretch Ropes (UIAA 107) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Anchors (UIAA 151) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connectors (UIAA 121) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Tools (UIAA 152) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pitons (UIAA 122) | <input type="checkbox"/> Crampons (UIAA 153) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Anchors (UIAA 123) | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Anchors (UIAA 154) |

The laboratory.....certifies that the products (see test report attached) were tested according to the UIAA requirements and test methods.

Date:

Signature and stamp:

Last Updated	Remarks
<i>September 20, 2010</i>	Inserted a new laboratory : CSI from Italy
<i>January 14, 2011</i>	Inserted a new laboratory : AUVA from Austria
<i>January 31, 2011</i>	Corrections data of new laboratory : AUVA from Austria
<i>June 1, 2011</i>	Corrections data of new laboratory : Newton from Italy
<i>June 20, 2011</i>	Corrections data of laboratory : Dolomiticert from Italy
<i>August 25, 2011</i>	Corrections data of laboratory : Satra from UK and Dolomiticert for dynamic ropes

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