



**'CHOCKS'**

**Climbing and  
Mountaineering Equipment**

**UIAA  
124**

**Foreword**

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UIAA Standards are the only 'globally recognized' standards for mountaineering equipment. In order to prevent multiplicity, the UIAA collaborates with its partner in standardization CEN; and bases UIAA standard 124 on the European Standard EN 12270:2013. The EN Standards in turn are based on the original UIAA Standards, the first of their kind in the world. Additionally the UIAA publishes pictorials for each of the standards in a user-friendly way. This UIAA Standard 124 also has additional requirements over and above those in EN 12270:2013.

Owing to copyright restrictions, this UIAA Standard does not state the full requirements of EN 12270:2013 to which it refers. Hence it is necessary to obtain a copy of EN 12270:2013. The procedure for purchasing the EN Standards is included at the end of the text of this standard. The UIAA Standards are reviewed at intervals to see whether they meet the latest technical requirements and revised if necessary.

The UIAA invites manufacturers of mountaineering and climbing equipment worldwide to become members of the UIAA Safety Commission as Safety Label Holders. Members can participate in discussions on standard requirements, test methods and revisions thereof (see the "General Regulations for the UIAA Safety Label").

A [complete list of UIAA Standards](#) for mountaineering and climbing equipment can be found on the UIAA website.

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## 1. General Remarks on the UIAA Trademark and UIAA Label

- 1.1. The UIAA Trademark (see section 5.1.) is copyright protected internationally. The UIAA Label is only given to items of mountaineering and climbing equipment upon approval of prospective label holder's application from the UIAA.
- 1.2. The procedure to be followed by a manufacturer, when applying for a UIAA Label, is laid down in the "General Regulations for the UIAA Safety Label Certification".

## 2. Requirements for Chocks

- 2.1. The UIAA Label can only be granted for chocks which meet all the requirements of EN 12270:2013, with the following exception:
  - 2.1.1. No EN number required.
- 2.2. For the award of the UIAA Label, the following additional safety requirements shall be met:
  - 2.2.1. Safety Requirements  
If there is a textile means of attachment, whose strength is dependent on the integrity of the stitching, and then at least 50 % of the visible area of the stitching shall contrast with the background colour.
  - 2.2.2. Test Method  
Check by visual examination that the requirements according to 2.2.1 are met.

## 3. Demonstrating that the Requirements are met

- 3.1 The requirements of section 2.1 shall be satisfied by a test report from a UIAA-approved test laboratory.
- 3.2 The requirements of section 2.2 shall be satisfied by the manufacturer certifying on the Safety Label Test Template Form that the product meets this particular requirement.

## 4 Information to be supplied

- 4.1 The "information to be supplied" shall be given in Standard English and, if required, in the official language(s) of the country in which the product is made available on the market. As an alternative to a printed form, the information may be provided via an electronic or other data storage format link (e.g. a QR code) allowing the downloading of the information. The information link shall be preceded or surmounted by an icon showing an open booklet; the information link and icon may be directly printed on the product in a clearly visible and accessible place.

### 5 Attachment of the UIAA Label

5.1 For any model of mountaineering equipment, which has been awarded the UIAA Label, the UIAA recommends that the UIAA Trademark (see below) or the four letters "UIAA" be marked clearly and indelibly on each item sold in accordance with the branding guidelines specified in the "General regulations for UIAA Safety Label".



5.2 In addition, the UIAA Trademark or the four letters "UIAA" may be included in the instructions for use and/or on a swing ticket as well as in catalogues and other publications of the manufacturer. In the last case, the illustration and/or the text must clearly apply only to the equipment which has been awarded the UIAA Label.

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Feb 2018	EN 12270:1998 updated to EN 12270:2013
June 2017	<p>4.1 The information to be supplied: (in accordance with EN 12270:1998) shall be given in English, or at least in the language of the country in which the product is sold.</p> <p><b>Has been updated with:</b> The "information to be supplied" shall be given in standard English and, if required, in the official language(s) of the country in which the product is made available on the market. As an alternative to a printed form, the information may be provided via an electronic or other data storage format link (e.g. a QR code) allowing the downloading of the information. The information link shall be preceded or surmounted by an icon showing an open booklet; the information link and icon may be directly printed on the product in a clearly visible and accessible place. Unanimously approved Safecom Worden June 2017</p>
March 8, 2013	Corrections in point 3

\*Copies of the EN Standards can be purchased from [EN website](#)