



**'ENERGY  
ABSORBING  
SYSTEMS'  
For use on Vie Ferrate  
(Klettersteig)**

**Climbing and  
Mountaineering Equipment**

**UIAA  
128**

**Foreword**

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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 Energy Absorbing Systems (EAS) for Use on Vie Ferrate (Klettersteig)

2.1. The UIAA Label can only be granted for energy absorbing systems (EAS) which meet all the requirements of EN 958:2017, with the following exception:

2.1.1. No EN number required.

## 3. Demonstrating that the Requirements are met

3.1 The requirements of section 5 in EN 958:2017 (Tests) shall be satisfied by a test report from a UIAA approved test laboratory.

## 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	Update to contact information British Standards Institution (BSI)
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June 2017	<p>4.1 <u>The information to be supplied:</u> (in accordance with EN 12278:2017) 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>

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