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# CONSTRICTOR® TEXTILE ROPE CLUTCHES





Release lanyard in

'gripping' position



Design optimisation





Release lanyard in 'open' position





Structural integration model



Release lanyard knob



**CONSTRICTOR®** 

## **TEXTILE ROPE CLUTCH**

Unlike conventional clutches, the Constrictor® does not crush the rope between two metal surfaces. Instead, the loaded rope is held securely in a textile sleeve, itself attached to a base unit. The rope runs freely through the sleeve in one direction, but is gripped instantly when running out in the opposite direction. This patented "constrictor effect", provides greater holding power as the load increases.

# ANATOMY OF THE CONSTRICTOR®

## **Bi-conical titanium ring**

The patented textile sleeve element is locked in place between a titanium ring and the base unit. The unique conical geometry allows easy insertion of the rope, and ensures that the sleeve is perfectly integrated with the alloy base unit in supporting the applied load.

## **Controlled holding power**

Pulling on the Dyneema<sup>®</sup> lanyard retracts the sleeve, relaxing the grip on the rope and allowing it to run freely in either direction. The lanyard can be fixed in the V-notch of the base unit to hold the Constrictor<sup>®</sup> in the open position. Releasing the lanyard allows the sleeve to be drawn to its extended position by a shock cord, constricting the rope in a firm, secure grip.

### Technora® aramid textile sleeve

- Braid Orientation: Cousin Trestec's experience and expertise in rope manufacture guided the development of the critical braiding angle to maximise grip and minimise slippage.
- Fibre Assembly: Extensive knowledge of fibres combined with laboratory and field testing has resulted in an optimum fibre balance and density for unmatched strength.
- Treatment: A specialised surface treatment plays a critical role in extending the product life, UV protection, boosting grip and reducing abrasion in stress areas.

### Stronger and lighter

Twice the holding power and a third of the weight of conventional rope clutches.

#### **Release under load**

The line can easily be released under load without the use of a winch simply by pulling the lanyard.

#### Non destructive

The textile sleeve closes like a constrictor on the line. The extraordinary grip is the result of fibreto-fibre contact that is far less aggressive and much more effective than a traditional metal cam.

#### Structural integration

The Constrictor® is also available in a version suitable for structurally integrated installations. Instead of the notched alloy base unit, the sleeve is supplied with an alloy mounting collar that can be built into a suitably reinforced bulkhead or a customised base fitting.

#### **Remote release**

The Dyneema® lanyard can be extended for remote release; for example, to lock a halyard or reefing line to reduce spar compression and minimise rope creep.

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\*1 For nominal rope diameter. \*2 Minimum total deck length required for installation. Includes Constrictor® alloy base unit, textile sleeve and elastic loop.