

PRODUCT RECALL / STOP USE NOTICE

3M™ Series Self Retracting Lanyards

AFFECTED MODELS IDENTIFIED ON PAGE 2

Manufacture Date Range on Products November 01, 2011 to June 25, 2012



June 29, 2012

Dear 3M Customer:

3M is recalling the THOR family of Self-Retracting Lanyards units manufactured by IKAR from November 01, 2011 to June 25, 2012 (M-, RLD- and 205G- Series) as result of concerns with the brake pad material found in this family of retractable lanyards.

3M was recently informed by IKAR GmbH, that their supplier of the brake pad material used in the THOR family of 3M Self-Retracting Lanyards had experienced a process quality issue in the manufacture of the brake pads that could potentially affect the performance of those units. Specifically, the affected units may fail to properly arrest a fall, and ultimately, in a small number of instances, lead to the total disengagement of the lifeline assembly from the drum and housing assembly.

IKAR, in conjunction with the supplier of the brake pad, has determined that a relatively small number of defective brake pads may have been received by IKAR and used in cabled and web self-retracting lanyard units manufactured by IKAR from November 01, 2011 to June 25, 2012. See the list of affected product numbers on page 2. Additionally, IKAR has advised 3M that this brake pad material is also present in competitive products that IKAR produces and distributes globally. IKAR has confirmed notification of all appropriate distributors that may have purchased equipment demonstrating this potential issue.

Given the extreme applications requiring the use of this equipment, and the high expectations that 3M has for the performance of these products, 3M and IKAR have concluded that an involuntary recall is required to recover potentially affected product from the field.

Users of the affected models listed in the table should stop using the product immediately.

We request that the following steps be implemented by your company:

1. Immediately stop use and quarantine all inventory of affected products identified on page 2 of this document.
2. Return all units directly to the 3M Fall Protection Product Distributor where you purchased the affected units.

Upon distributor confirmation to 3M that the units returned are affected by this notice, 3M will priority ship a new replacement unit of equal or greater value at no charge.

3M remains committed to providing quality products and services to our customers. We apologize for any inconvenience that this situation may cause you.

Thank you for your continued support and use of 3M products and services.

Robert Weber
Global Quality and
Regulatory Manager

Jack Cardwell
US Sales and Marketing Director

AFFECTED PRODUCT MODEL NUMBERS

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SERIES	UPC No.	3M Stock No.	Product No.
M Series	10078371003521	70071527074	M-15
	10078371003552	70071527108	M-20
	10078371631243	70071605573	M-20NIH
	10078371003590	70071527157	M-30
	10078371010062	70071527173	M-30NIH
	10078371003606	70071527199	M-40
	10078371009103	70071527306	M-40NIH
	10078371003620	70071527314	M-50
	10078371009110	70071527322	M-50NIH
	10078371003644	70071527348	M-75
	10078371003415	70071526944	M-100
RLD Series	10078371003439	70071526969	M-130
	10078371642423	70071527595	RLD-10
	10078371008274	70071527587	RLD-10-0241
	10078371013568	70071527611	RLD-10S
	10078371003736	70071527629	RLD-20
	10078371010277	70071527637	RLD-20NIH
	10078371003750	70071527652	RLD-30
	10078371010284	70071527660	RLD-30NIH
	10078371003767	70071527678	RLD-40
	10078371003774	70071527686	RLD-50
Retrieval Devices	10078371003781	70071527694	RLD-65
	10078371002210	70071525292	205G-50
	10078371652958	70071611787	205G-50-SS
	10078371002227	70071525300	205G-75
	10078371652965	70071611795	205G-75-SS
	10078371002203	70071525284	205G-100
	10078371652972	70071611803	205G-100-SS

SAMPLE LABEL DATA

Self Retracting Lanyard
Model#: M-40
3M ID: 70071527199
Serial#: 588428
Length: 40 Ft
Date of Mfg: 07/02/12
Weight: 12.9 Lbs

SRL UNIT RECALL RETURN SHIPMENT FORM

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THIS FULLY COMPLETED DOCUMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH EACH RETURN SHIPMENT IN ORDER FOR PROCESSING

**PLEASE SHIP ALL SRL UNIT RETURNS VIA UPS GROUND SHIPPING
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0553WV**

Date SRL Units Were Returned to 3M: _____

Distributor Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Customer Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Product Information

Quantity Shipped: _____ Model Numbers: _____

Serial Numbers: _____

Please use reverse side of this page to record additional quantities, models and serial numbers.

SHIP THIS FULLY COMPLETED FORM AND ALL 3M SRL AFFECTED UNDER RECALLED PRODUCTS TO:

**3M COMPANY
ATTN: BOBBIE KLUTTZ – SRL PRODUCT RECALL
4451 RACEWAY DRIVE SOUTH WEST
CONCORD, NC 28027**