

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR BLUE WATER SPOTTING ROPE

WARNING: Failure to follow these instructions and / or improper care of your spotting rope can result in serious injury or death. Only properly trained instructors should use this rope for overhead spotting on properly conditioned and trained athletes. Know your limitations and the limitations of this equipment. Never use this spotting rope for anything other than its intended purpose.

INSPECT THIS SPOTTING ROPE REGULARLY:

Prior to use, this spotting rope must meet the following conditions:

- 1) The rope is NOT visibly damaged.
- 2) The rope has not been exposed to heat or direct flame impingement or abrasion.
- 3) The rope has not been exposed to liquids, solids, gases, mists or vapors of any chemical or other material that can deteriorate the rope.

If there is ANY doubt about the safety of the rope, it must NOT be used.

WHEN TO RETIRE YOUR SPOTTING ROPE:

The following are general guidelines that can assist you in deciding when to retire a rope. If your spotting rope has ANY of the following characteristics, it must be retired.

Abrasion / Sheath Wear: The core of the rope is exposed or more than half of the outer sheath yarns are abraded.

Fraying indicates broken or damaged sheath bundles, which indicates abrasion or overloading.

Glazing and / or Glossy Marks or hard, stiff areas, which signify heat damage.

Discoloration: a change in the original color of the rope is an indication of chemical damage or overexposure to the elements of nature including UV radiation.

Exposed Core Fibers indicate sever sheath damage and possible core damage.

A Lack of Uniformity in Diameter or Size indicates core damage. This is noted by a depression in the diameter of the rope, lumpiness of the rope or exposure of white core fibers protruding from the sheath.

Flexibility and / or inconsistency in texture including, but not limited to, stiff or soft areas signify possible core damage.

Use / Age – The spotting rope is simply worn out from use. The manufacturer recommends that a low elongation / static rope (like the Blue Water NFPA Certified Static Rope) be removed from service after 10 years under IDEAL use and storage conditions.

Loss of Faith – If you feel uncomfortable for any reason or suspect there may be a problem with your spotting rope, it must be retired and destroyed.