



COMPATIBILITY OF FALL PROTECTION COMPONENTS

ANSI and OSHA standards emphasize compatibility of components within a personal protective system. As described in our instructions, Miller® and Titan® brand products are designed for use with Miller/Titan components only. Substitution or replacement with non-approved components will endanger the compatibility within the system and may affect the reliability and safety of the total system.

The end user is responsible to ensure that components not integral to the system are compatible.

OSHA 1926, Subpart M, Appendix C states:

(c) "Component compatibility considerations." Ideally, a personal fall arrest system is designed, tested, and supplied as a complete system. However, it is common practice for lanyards, connectors, lifelines, deceleration devices, body belts and body harnesses to be interchanged since some components wear out before others. The employer and employee should realize that not all components are interchangeable. For instance, a lanyard should not be connected between a body belt (or harness) and a deceleration device of the self-retracting type since this can result in additional free fall for which the system was not designed. Any substitution or change to a personal fall arrest system should be fully evaluated or tested by a competent person to determine that it meets the standard, before the modified system is put in use".

Miller Fall Protection controls the design, manufacture and quality of our products, and tests the compatibility of the components used in our products. We do not control the design, manufacture or quality of other supplier products, so cannot accept liability as a result of their use with Spierian Fall Protection products.

Our instructions state that to minimize the potential for accidental disengagement, a competent person must ensure system compatibility (per OSHA).