

Inspection Notice V-EDGE™ Leading Edge Self-Retracting Lifeline

November 30, 2020

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Dear MSA Fall Protection Customer,

MSA is issuing this Inspection Notice to inform you that MSA has received field reports of a limited number of MSA V-EDGE™ Leading Edge Self-Retracting Lifelines (SRL) that are missing the external shock absorber. **MSA has not received any reports of injuries associated with this condition. However, we are requesting that you perform the inspection outlined in this notice.**

In the event of a fall, a V-EDGE Leading Edge SRL without an external shock absorber may not correctly absorb the energy created, which may result in greater fall arrest distances that could exceed the published fall clearances. In extreme circumstances, there may be insufficient internal energy absorption to prevent the cable from being severed by a leading edge.

Our investigation has determined that potentially affected SRLs part numbers 63406-00A, 63406-00ACA and 63406-00AEU that were manufactured between June 30 and September 8, 2020.

MSA is advising all customers to confirm the presence of an external shock absorber for MSA V-EDGE Leading Edge SRLs of part number 63406-00A, 63406-00ACA or 63406-00AEU that are marked with a manufacturing date from 06/20 through and including 09/20.

Inspect per the Instructions in this Notice. Remove from service any SRL that does not pass the inspection.

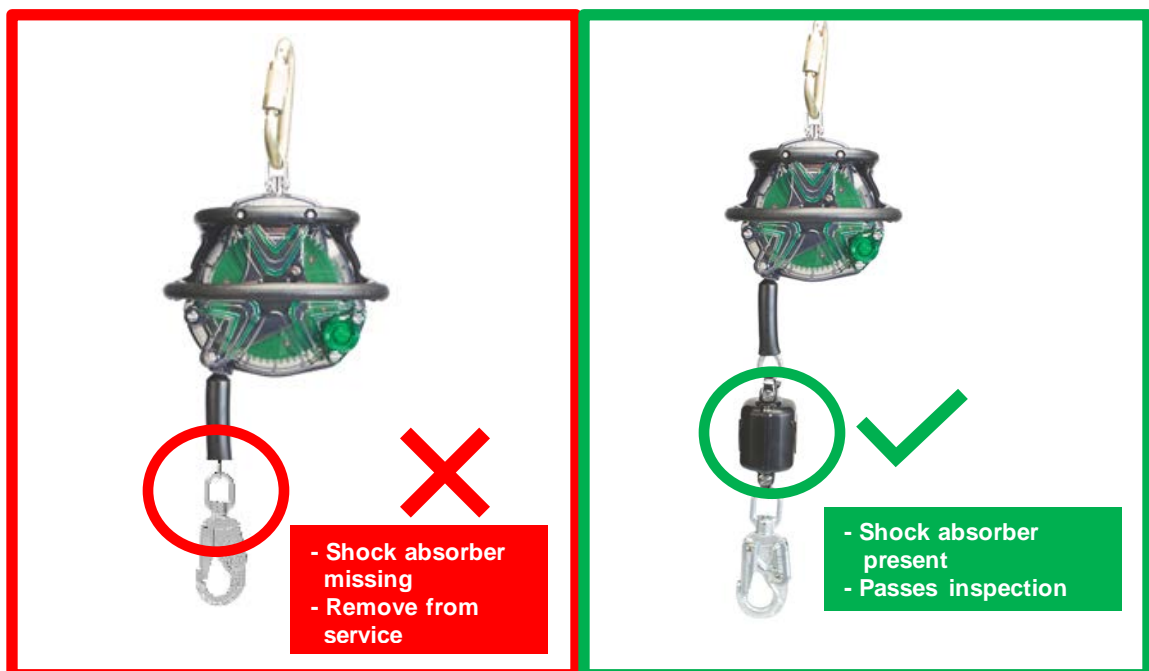


Figure 1 – Shock Absorber Inspection

Inspection Instructions

Perform the following inspection to determine whether or not your SRL needs to be taken out of service.

- 1) Confirm that the part number is 63406-00A, 63406-00ACA or 63406-00AEU. Reference Figure 2. If your SRL is **not** one of these part numbers, no further action is needed. If your SRL is one of these part numbers, proceed to step 2.
- 2) Confirm that the manufacturing date marked on the unit is 06/20, 07/20, 08/20 or 09/20. If the manufacturing date is **not** in this range, no further action is needed. If the manufacturing date is in this range, proceed to step 3.
- 3) Inspect for the shock absorber per Figure 1. If the shock absorber is not present, remove the SRL from service.



Figure 2

Replacing Affected V-EDGE Leading Edge SRLs

We recognize that this is an inconvenience and in an effort to minimize any disruption, we pledge to take any replacement actions as expeditiously as possible.

If you are in possession of V-EDGE Leading Edge SRLs that do not have a shock absorber, we will replace them free of charge.



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To receive a replacement, please complete the enclosed *MSA V-EDGE Leading Edge SRL Return/Replacement Form* and e-mail it to MSA Customer Service at the appropriate e-mail address below. Replacement SRLs will be shipped to you and we will forward you instructions for returning the affected SRLs.

MSA Customer Service Contact Information:

If you have any questions regarding this Inspection Notice, please contact MSA's Issue Resolution Group by phone at 1-866-672-6977 or by e-mail at IRG@msasafety.com.

We apologize for any inconveniences that this may cause; however, your safety and continued satisfaction with our products is important to us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Andrulonis".

Nathan Andrulonis
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MSA V-EDGE™ Leading Edge SRL Return/Replacement Form

Please complete this form and email it to MSA Issue Resolution Group at IRG@msasafety.com

Multiple orders can be placed by submitting additional copies of this form.

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Shipping Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

MSA V-EDGE Leading Edge SRLs you are Replacing – Free of Charge

Part Number	Quantity
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

MSA will ship the replacement SRLs and forward instructions for returning to MSA an identical quantity of affected SRLs.