

These instructions are only for use with rope terminations: RT-16-K / RT-16-D / RT-24-K / RT-24-D complying with the requirements of EN1891:1998.
Please read these instructions carefully before use. Failure to follow these instructions may endanger life.
These instructions do not replace the Original Cordage Manufactures Instructions but are in addition to them and only refer to the rope termination.

Before use, a detailed risk assessment must be carried out by a competent person to establish that this is the correct product suitable for the type of work being undertaken; your anchor point conforms to industry standards and meets the requirements of CE EN795 (B), potential fall distance, obstructions, and rescue systems have been addressed.

Purchasers and users should seek professional training from a fully qualified and competent instructor prior to engaging in any activity using this equipment. If you are not able, or not in a position to assume this responsibility, do not use this product. The manufacturer its distributors and retailers do not accept any liability if users do not follow the instructions correctly. Prior to each use a complete risk assessment must be carried out to ascertain that this product configures with and is appropriate to the work being undertaken.

Description & Application

The RT-16-* and RT-24-* termination has been specifically designed to replace the need for creating a knotted termination in Low Stretch rope to which a connector can be attached. Low stretch lines are designed for use as general-purpose positioning, restraint & rescue lines. They are not for use in a personal fall arrest system and should always be used in conjunction with ascending, descending and safety hardware and devices for positioning work meeting relevant CE Standards.

Periodic examinations and service

- Before every use, the user shall inspect the equipment following the inspection guidelines below.
- The safety of the user depends upon the continued efficiency and durability of the equipment, therefore an additional thorough periodic inspection is required by an independent competent person familiar with inspecting this type of equipment. The frequency of examination and inspection must take into account legislation, equipment type, frequency of use and environmental conditions. Through examinations must be carried out by a competent person minimum every 6 months and the results and date of the inspection must be recorded.
- The equipment must be totally retired from use after a maximum of 3 years after the date of first use. This date is for guidance purposes only. By misuse it is possible to destroy this product during its first use

Storage

- The cordage should be stored as recommended by the cordage manufacture (refer to the cordage user information leaflet)

Cleaning

- The cordage should be cleaned as recommended by the cordage manufacture (refer to the cordage user information leaflet)

Inspection

- check for cuts, tears, abrasion, scorch marks, burns, chemical attack or severely discoloured patches. Local abrasion, distinct from general wear is often caused by passage of the rope over sharp and/or abrasive edges, and may cause serious loss of strength. Slight damage and scuffing to outer fibres may be considered safe, however more serious levels of abrasion to the outer sheaf such as more than 3 broken strands or cut strands are visible on the sheaf or if two adjacent strands are compromised the product should be retired from use. Reduction in width or thickness or serious distortion of the weave pattern must lead to immediate retirement from use.

Product marking

- Check that the product markings are clearly legible. Immediately retirement from use if not present..

Modification & repair

- This equipment must never be modified or repaired as it will compromise the products integrity.

Records

- Ensure that the date of first use is recorded.
- Ensure that the equipment is inspected at regular intervals dependent upon frequency of use.
- It is essential for the safety of the user that if the product is resold outside the original Country of destination that the reseller shall provide instructions in the language of the Country in which the product is to be used.

Product Standard

This product has been independently tested and certified to the BS EN1891:1998 Standard in accordance with section 4.12.2 *Static strength with terminations*.

Type A rope terminations are required to sustain a minimum force of 15kN for a minimum period of 3 minutes. (Tested in accordance with section 5.10 of the BS EN1891:1998 standard)

Explanation of Product Markings

1	Cordage Type: RT-16-K
2	Cordage Name: (Cordage name)
3	Length & Diameter: 0.0m / 0.0mm
4	Manufacture Date: **/**/****
5	Serial Number: **_*****
6	Manufacturer: FLETCHER STEWART
7	Standard: BS EN1891:1998 A
8	Approving Body: CE0321 (Article 11A)

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6	Manufacturer
7	Harmonised Standard
8	Article 11A approving body

General Guide

- (1) Users are warned that certain medical conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, vertigo, epilepsy, drug or alcohol dependence, could affect the safety of the user in normal and emergency use.
- (2) This equipment must only be used by suitably trained personnel who are competent in its safe use.
- (3) Ensure before use that there is a suitable rescue plan to enable the retrieval of the user to a place of safety in the event of a fall or injury
- (4) Never attempt to modify or repair this product.
- (5) The intended purpose of this product is as a Positioning Device. Never use for any other purpose other than that for which it is intended.
- (6) This product is recommended for personal issue.
- (7) Ensure that any connectors used with this equipment are suitably CE approved and compatible with this product.
- (8) Also be aware of any possible dangers, which may arise through use of combinations of items of equipment in which the safe function of any one item is affected by or interferes with the safe function of another.
- (9) Before use, the user must be suitably qualified to carry out a pre-use check (see section on inspection)
- (10) It is essential for safety that the equipment is withdrawn from use immediately should:
 - any doubt arise about its condition for safe use or if the equipment shows excessive wear or damage to any part or
 - if it has been used to arrest a fall
- (11) Ensure that all anchor points and devices are compatible with this equipment and meets industry standards.
- (12) Dynamic loading or shock loading constitutes excessive wear and voids normal working loads. Retire from use immediately should this occur.
- (13) To prolong the life of the product it is essential to keep the product clean and away for dirt. Avoid impact, sharp edges or abrasive surfaces, contact with strong acids or alkali, solvents, chemicals, excessive heat and/or sparks, UV exposure.
- (14) Do not operate or carry this device near electrical power lines as it conducts electricity. Contact with power lines may result in injury or death. Never use in weather where there is a risk of lightning strikes.
- (15) Once used this product should never be re-sold to another person or organisation.

It is recommended that this product undergoes an in-depth inspection before it is used, periodically during use, and after each use. Do not hesitate to retire a product showing signs of wear which might affect the strength, or restrict its operation. For your own safety we advise you adopt an inspection criteria for this product by a competent person. If you are not able, or not in a position to assume this responsibility, seek professional advice.

Serial Number	Date	Reason for entry	Examination Notes	Name	signature
Purchase Date					
Date first used					
Purchased from					

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

The manufacturer herewith declares that this product is in conformity with the provisions of the following

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Article 10 of PPE Directive.
Article 11 of PPE Directive.

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