

Mixing and Matching Different Brands

This technical brief is intended to address the question of compatibility of MSA fall protection products with fall protection products of alternate brands. MSA user instructions may state that any mixing of different brands must be approved in writing by MSA. The stance described in this technical brief supersedes the requirement for written approval by MSA.

It is acceptable to mix fall protection equipment of different brands provided the following requirements are met:

- All fall protection equipment used by an individual must meet the same industry standard or government regulation; either ANSI, CSA, EN or other applicable standard or regulation.
- The fall protection equipment selected must be third party certified or independently verified to comply with the standard/regulation.
- The competent person designated by the user's organization or a qualified person must evaluate the components and determine that they are compatible for use based on capacity, size, strength, and shape of connecting elements.

Contact MSA with any additional questions regarding compatibility of equipment.

Note: This Bulletin contains only a general description of the products shown. While product uses and performance capabilities are generally described, the products shall not, under any circumstances, be used by untrained or unqualified individuals. The products shall not be used until the product instructions/user manual, which contains detailed information concerning the proper use and care of the products, including any warnings or cautions, have been thoroughly read and understood. Specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

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