

Defective Harness Buckle

During the use of a LINQ H101-QR harness it was found that the chest strap buckle was defective.

Prior to use a buddy check was carried out, and no issues were noted. Once at height, the person wearing the harness leaned forward and the buckle released. The buckle was tested a number of times by the user and his colleague, and it released each time. The harness was returned to the store and tagged out of service. The harness was last certified on the 9th July 2020, and has had limited use.

Inspection by Bridon Cookes found that all harnesses they have in stock with the same batch number were defective and are being returned to the supplier for further investigation. They are contacting other customers who have been supplied with harnesses from the same batch.

The harness was manufactured in December 2019, and is from batch number NZ-1246



Cause/s of the Incident

The clip on the chest strap buckle was found to be slightly smaller on one side. This manufacturing defect had not been previously identified.

Key Learnings

All LINQ H101-QR harnesses from Batch number NZ-1246 are to be removed from service immediately

- Always ensure buddy checks are carried out before starting work at heights