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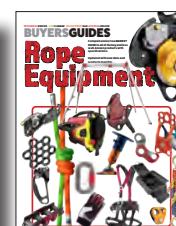
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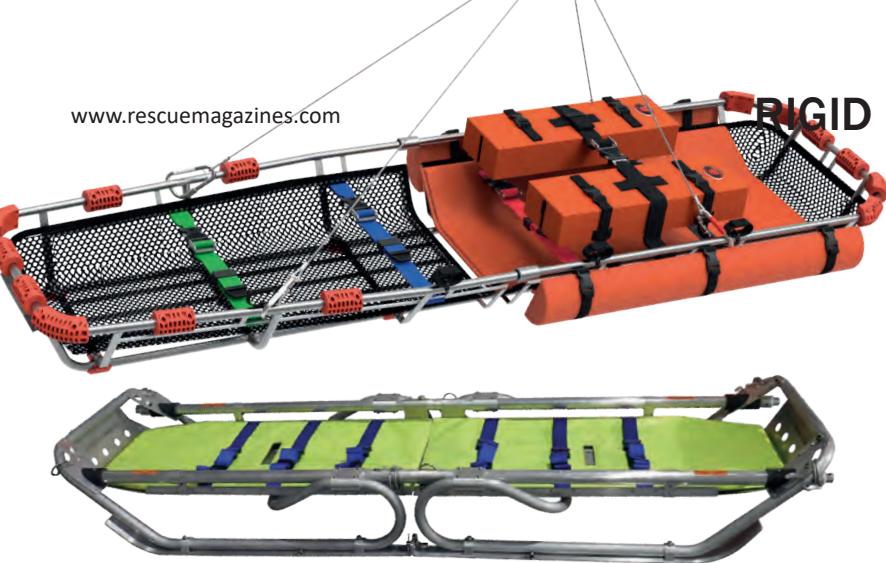
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RIGID FRAME STRETCHERS /LITTERS



We'll start this GUIDE with a quick word about terminology because this can catch us out from the start. Firstly, by 'basket' we are not referring to the US Helicopter winch baskets, square frames in which the casualty sits, this Guide is only for stretchers that allow fully prone casualties. In Europe all hand-carry, casualty transportation is called a stretcher whether it is the classic Furley-two poles and a canvas sheet or a complex assembly of metal tubes fashioned into a basket. In the US, there is a noticeable differentiation between stretchers as simple pole and canvas style designs used for ground-carry and 'Litters' as a basket with raised sides. The US military started using a stretcher with raised edges to help keep the casualty more safely secured and these were called 'litters'. These were further differentiated as Stoke's litters because US Navy Surgeon General Charles Stokes invented a specific design in around 1915 that was widely adopted, especially within the US military and it therefore gained a 'Hoover' style right to be a generic name for all basket stretchers/litters. But basically, they're all stretchers and for rescue including helo/rope rescue use they're either *Basket stretchers* or they're a platform-style *stretcher*. We haven't included the pure sleds or Ackja intended ONLY to be used on snow and ice without any true lift-capability or any stretcher with wooden poles held together by canvas.



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the 'modern' rescue era, beginning in the changed much and has spawned a whole load of similar designs. Meanwhile, for metal baskets, galvanised steel turned to stainless steel which is still the standard but there are now many options in aluminium and latterly in titanium and carbon-fibre. The original mountain rescue designs like MacInnes and Bell stretchers are still in use now although the 'companies' themselves have gone and that would be the case with many of the models used 40 or 50 years ago - they would still work perfectly well today if you didn't mind the weight and looked after them. Indeed, Lyon Equipment in the UK make and service the *Bell Tangent* (exclusive to Mountain Rescue England & Wales) and updated *MacInnes Mk6* shown above, with a batch having recently been delivered to Scottish Mountain Rescue. The problem with so many of the early designs is that they were invariably 'made-in-the-garage' products, often made to order and most of these have long since disappeared or been swallowed up by a large company. Which is often the best way to ensure not only survival of the product but development or evolution of a design that had stagnated. Think *Cascade* now owned by *Harken Industrial* and *Traverse* now owned by *Ferno*, great products with a more secure future. We had a GUIDE to Stretchers way back in issue 3 of **TECHNICAL RESCUE** from 1993/4 and it's amazing to see the similarities, with the metal-frame baskets, *Troll's* (now *SAR Products*) *Alphin* and *Ferno's* type 71 and *Paraguard* all in there and looking very similar.



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BASIC DESIGN

There are five distinct design types with all except the rotomoulded available as one or two piece/split:

- Metal frame basket
- Metal frame basket with shell insert
- Meta flat-top/platform
- Plastic-Rotomoulded shell (one-piece only)
- Metal/carbon-fibre combination Sled

This last group is only included if it is also a hand-carry or suspension-capable model and not a dedicated ground-sled - that's a separate GUIDE.

It didn't take long for the traditional rectangular shape of stretchers/litters to be modified to take account of the human shape with a wider upper body tapering to narrower legs - ala coffins! Rectangular is still favoured by many because it maintains symmetry for sliding and offers extra storage space for oxygen etc. Some, like *Junkin*, take body-ergonomics even further and offer rounded dividers for the legs though that hasn't caught on across many other brands. Apart from the *D90* and any rotomoulded stretchers we might have missed, all of the basket stretchers in this GUIDE

have a metal tubular framework - no carbon-fibre frames yet. Even the 'plastic' shell stretchers like the *Ferno71* have their shell supported by at least a top rail if not some cross-members as well. The exposed bottom of an open-weave basket frame is invariably covered by a wire mesh (which can be a literal pain in the ass when strands break) or by a nylon mesh which is softer and more easily removed for cleaning or renewal.

Some may have a PVC-covered thin mattress like the *Spencer Dakar* above. Others, including metal baskets by *Cascade*, *CMC/Traverse* and *Junkin*, also have a kind of short backboard protecting the torso area.



The biggest decision is whether to use a one-piece or two piece frame. Being able to split the frame into two can mean a weak-point which all manufacturers obviously seek to address but in its favour is smaller stowage and transport size. Mil-Spec manufacturer *LifeSafety Corporation* uses a threaded screw-collar to secure the two halves which they claim to be the strongest split coupling in the world. A



variation on this is the *Locsafe* sprung-locking collar (above-left) by *Traverse*. *Tyromont* have taken a different approach with this hinge or release option (above-right) using locking pins originally seen on the *SAR Products Alpine and Lite* (left) shown here with its two hinged parts but these can be divided into two.

Most split stretchers also divide completely into two so that each half can be carried by a different person. A carrybag, often with rucksack style straps like the *SAR* products above, is a product that most companies offer as an option or as standard. Not all 'split' stretchers divide in half across the waist section - some have stuck to the principles of the old pole and canvas design and break down into longitudinal sections like the *Kong Lecco* where the side rails come apart from transverse support bars.

GROUND-TRANSPORT, CARRYING & SLIDING



The advantage of a full-weave basket frame is that it can be carried at any point along the top rail making passing ground obstacles like boulders more convenient not to mention the rigid support and easy sliding afforded by the bottom rails or skids. Full height plastic shells like the

Spencer top-left, limit the handholds to specific points though these are numerous. However, these openings are designed to be held from above with the hand around the rounded edge of the top rail so pushing and pulling over obstacles is not quite as comfortable or even advisable because you will be pulling against a thin shell rather than the supporting tubular frame. Lower height shells like this *Junkin*, sit lower down leaving access to the full circumference of the top rail.



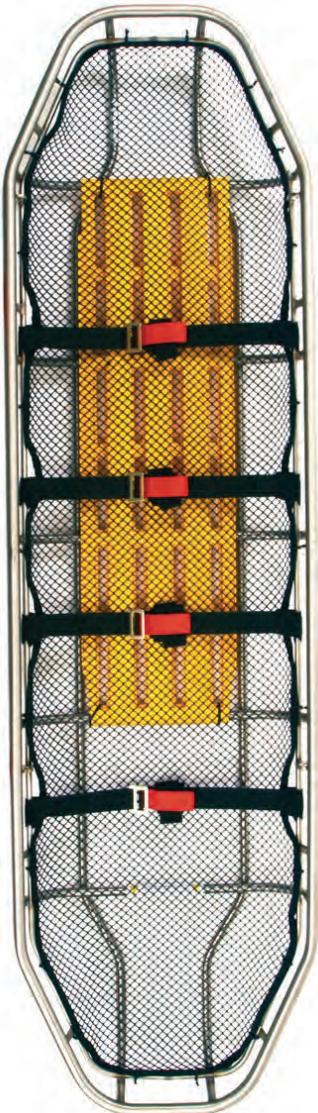
Despite being around as long as there have been stretchers, retro-fitted wheels became the new black in Covid times and are often used in conjunction with extension handles. This not only makes transport less arduous it distances rescuers from possible infection. A number of companies including *Cascade*, *Lyon*, *Kohlbrat* and *Traverse* make a retro-fit wheel system. The *Cascade Advance* and the 'fatter' wheeled *TerraTamer* systems (usefully shown in their ad on page 57, even have an integrated braking system.



Technical rescue professionals around the world rely on the **Traverse Titan Series Rescue Litters** for missions ranging from challenging trails and difficult terrain to over-the-edge access or helicopter rescue.

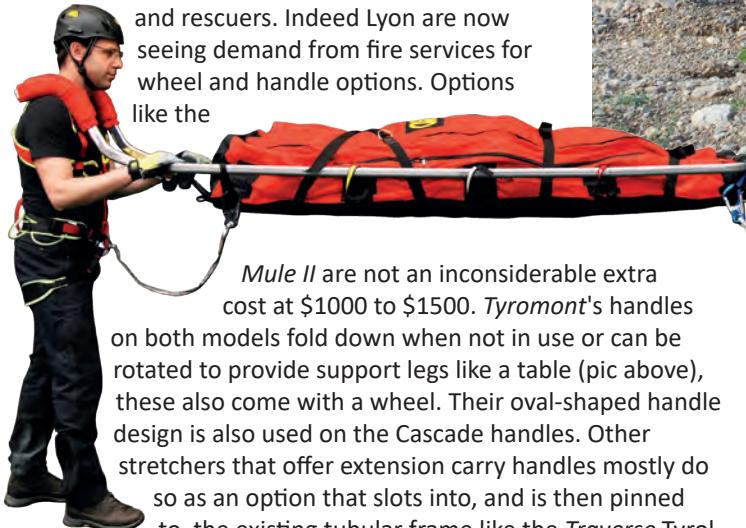
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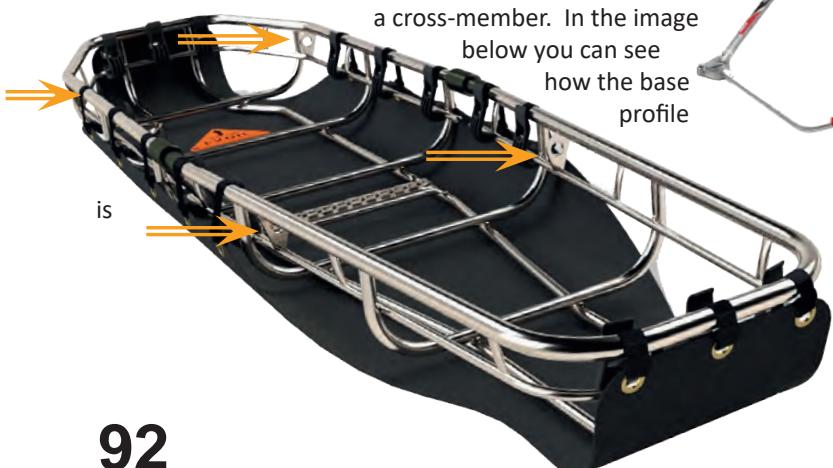
Titan Series Rescue Litters

The *Spencer Dakar* (opposite) has telescoping handles and integral wheels enabling it to be wheeled by one or two persons as well as carried horizontally and/or suspended. Most rigid baskets can utilise systems like *Cascade's Advance* and *Traverse's Tyrol* system (below) while others like *Traverse's Porter* (opposite) and *Mule II* (fatter off-road wheel) are specific to the *Traverse* and *CMC* models. Such systems have single and/or twin wheels and optional carry arms that rotate to any position including being able to create a stand which makes tending to the casualty more comfortable for patient and rescuers. Indeed Lyon are now seeing demand from fire services for wheel and handle options. Options like the



Mule II are not an inconsiderable extra cost at \$1000 to \$1500. *Tyromont's* handles on both models fold down when not in use or can be rotated to provide support legs like a table (pic above), these also come with a wheel. Their oval-shaped handle design is also used on the *Cascade* handles. Other stretchers that offer extension carry handles mostly do so as an option that slots into, and is then pinned to, the existing tubular frame like the *Traverse Tyrol* system shown below-right, *Cascade TerraTamer*, *Ferno's Paraguard* and *Kong's Lecco* and *911*. The *Kong* models are interesting because their extension handles are standard, not an option and have a padded curved handle to allow them to be comfortably carried on the rescuer's shoulders.

Most metal-frame baskets will be constructed so that the base longitudinal supports protrude enough to double as skids but this doesn't work quite so well in tapered designs and of course, an open weave is prone to acting more like a snow plough than skids once a small amount of ice accumulates on a cross-member. In the image below you can see how the base profile



relatively limited with two tubes that are thinner than the top rail and provide relatively inefficient runners. A great many stretchers never get dragged along the ground so this isn't necessarily a problem but for those that want the option, *Lyon Equipment* (below) and *Traverse* (right) have an ancillary skid-sheets that can be strapped to any *Titan* basket to facilitate easier sliding and greater casualty protection from below.

Cascade specialise in the ultimate style of sled/pulk or *Ackja* stretchers but also have a ski-plate available as an option for their metal-frame baskets. *SAR Products Alpine/Lite* have a skid-pan as standard on their *MR* variants (as well as coming with extension handles as standard). Many stretchers have skids on the base to facilitate easier sliding across the ground and to negotiate boulders, walls etc. The first image top-right shows wooden skids on the *Ferno 71*, perhaps the *only* wooden skidded model still functioning. The *SAR Products* stretchers together with the *MacInnes* stretcher and the *Tyromont Tyral* have side rails that extend to the ground as skids, reinforced by a metal 'ski' attachment in the case of the *MacInnes* and with a flattened profile on the *Tyral*. Similarly, the third image above is the *Kong Lecco* which also has the two side rails extending to the ground as runners and then

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protects the patient underneath with two aluminium sheets so this slides well, is durable and very protective of the patient. Interestingly, *Spencer's* flat-top *Dragger* can be being pulled on its skids or flipped upside-down and hand-carried with the rails acting as side protection like a basket stretcher. The *UT2000* offers actual skate attachments as an option for use on snow and ice. In the image above of Ukrainian rescuers in the Carpathians, a dedicated sled stretcher is being used to transport an injured skier. This type of stretcher, also called an *Akja* or *Pulka* is NOT lift-capable but you'll note that the common sled handle design has been adopted by some of



the hybrid stretchers like the *Tyromont* and *Cascade* models. The second image above shows the moulding detail of the *Traverse Advantage*'s shell. This provides great protection for the casualty and slides well over all kinds of surfaces but lacks the durability and strength of metal runners or the efficiency of a *Cascade* style smooth-bottom sled. The fourth example here is *Alp Design's* *Speleo* stretcher which isn't dealing with snow and ice so much as rock and grit so it needs to be protective, supportive and durable. They've opted to use a full length sheet of carbon-fibre composite of Kevlar and Bakelite plastic.



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SUSPENSION, HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL LIFT

For rope and winching operations you have to be very careful to **ONLY** use the specified lift points which is **NOT** the same as using anywhere along the top-rail although the

UT2000 and *Ultramedic's Mining* can specifically be loaded anywhere along the top rail. Others can too like the Traverse ranges but they do also have specified tie-in points. Specified load points may be required because of the load angles and may be an isolated section of rail (**Isolated Rail Eye** in our tables) or an obvious eye, perhaps with a reinforced grommet or an extra reinforced weld-point. For horizontal lift these will be located at the strongest part of a stretcher to rule out folding or buckling under load; roughly the $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ length points at the shoulders to mid torso area and the lower leg to thigh area. Rarely, if ever, will a stretcher have horizontal suspension points at the obvious extremities - head and foot. A number of models have separate load-eyes on the inside of the shell like *Traverse's Stratload* eyes above which are oriented slightly differently on the Pinnacle because it is aimed more at vertical extractions. Others have eyes that swivel around the top rail like *Cascade's ALPs* and some *Traverse* tactical variants. This model from China's *EMSS* shows (left) a quite odd addition of a swivelling eye plate right next to the traditional reinforced grommet-eye. This might be to improve the load angles on the carabiner which can be subjected to some torquing when clipped to rails and through some eyes but backing up via those grommet eyes might not be a bad idea.

ALWAYS FACE CARABINER GATES INWARDS TOWARDS THE CASUALTY

Our definition of 'Vertical' for this article refers to the 90 degree orientation of the stretcher into a complete head-up, feet-down position which is only ever used to negotiate an opening or vertical tube/passage/ cave that won't allow the stretcher to be raised in the preferred horizontal orientation. The Vertical lift point for a head-up extraction may use the regular head-end attachment eyes or there may be a special separate attachment above the head to ensure that any straps don't end up being loaded across the casualty's face.

We could fill an entire GUIDE with stretcher bridle options (and probably will quite soon) but for the purposes of simplicity we will confine this discussion to the three basic options:

1) Fixed length wire or webbing straps

Like *Junkin's* quite 'rustic' but robust yellow set (right) and *Kong's* more refined *Orion* straps (left). There may be 4,6 or even 10 straps (or wires in the case of this *Tyromont* set on their *Tyroll* stretcher



(right), which is not a rigid-frame so not in this GUIDE). These will be fixed, non-adjustable lengths with two or more being shorter than the rest to allow the

stretcher to orientate level (due to higher upper body weight), slightly head down (preferred for trauma) or slightly head up (preferred for head-injuries). Helicopter litters use their own very specific straps or stainless wire bridles tested and approved as a package. *LSC* has an interesting magnetic-D-rings version (top-right) where the two D-rings separate for storage and loading and magnetically snap together readily for clipping to the winch cable hook. A modification of fixed-length straps is *AlpDesigns*

cableway or tyrolean rig (below) using a web spacer

between to two connection points to keep the stretcher on the trajectory of the track-line rope.

2) Adjustable Length Straps, again 4, 6 or more but each can be adjusted for length for perfect orientation. Some

will allow the orientation of a stretcher to be changed mid-lift to

allow negotiation of a narrow section or entrance but this can be difficult with the straps loaded. In the *Alp design* model above the arrow shows the tail of the strap that can be pulled to bring the head upright as in the main cave-rescue photo far right. Some teams will use a mini pulley system to provide this temporary change in orientation.

3) Vertical 'Yoke' Straps at the head -end sometimes with a spreader bar but adjustable straps can often be modified for the same purpose. This *Alp Design Speleo* (shown on the right with the casualty's protective cover unfurled) has an





ancillary yoke connecting into both the stretcher and the casualty harness (arrowed) but the stretcher does also have its own single point attachment which you can see in red between the two black yoke straps.

The *Petzl NEST* (right) has a similar head-end 'yoke' attachment (arrowed). Such straps are also very useful for dragging stretchers through restrictive passageways or along the ground and for many teams are probably more frequently used for that purpose than for a vertical-orientation lift.

Before we leave attachment points it's worth mentioning control lines and tag-lines. These are ropes connected to the head and or foot-end of a stretcher to assist in positioning and direction of lift during a raising or winching operation or on a tyrolean. In general a tag-line is for orientation, positioning and obstacle negotiation while a control line maintains a constant lowering speed and/or braking action in a more horizontal plane such as a tensioned diagonal/tyrolean traverse. Where such control or obstacle negotiation is required only temporarily, having ropes attached to the extremities of the stretcher throughout the raise can be a pain, if not a hindrance so consider *Kong's* idea of a remote bomb-release (pic top) running from the tag-line attachment eye via a short length of cord/webbing to the stretcher handler.

PATIENT SECURITY

Most stretchers utilise webbing straps that run to and from each side of the frame. This simple transverse strapping is fine for flat and low-angle ground transport with no exposure of the casualty to a fall other than being tipped too far to one side. Heli-ops and more extreme vertical operations call for something more substantial. Most transverse straps can be crossed to create shoulder and thigh straps or you can use bespoke straps. *CMC* offer two enhanced tie-in systems costing around



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\$300 to replace the age-old "lashing" of casualties using webbing, often a single length, which was tied backwards and forwards, weaving in and out of the frame in a mystical, passed-down-through-the-generations method that not only takes hours but can end up being too loose or too tight. The two-strap system below replaces the traditional lashing for secure ground transport while below that is a more secure, integrated harness with pelvic and shoulder straps which can be used with a spine board. Any at-height risk to the casualty should ideally be mitigated with a harness style restraint which includes shoulder straps, cross-torso, pelvic and leg-restraints. However, you MUST be sure not to over tighten straps. Wait for the patient to inhale before tightening across the torso, ensure that the brachial and femoral arteries aren't occluded etc.

Casualties in a vertical orientation for extended periods are particularly prone to extreme discomfort and any padding of sensitive areas is welcome. Where time allows, time spent making the casualty more comfortable as well as secure is time well spent. In addition to securing casualties with strapping, some have enhanced safety which doubles as 'environmental' protection in the form of large PVC 'wings' that Velcro right across the casualty's torso and upper legs as seen in the Paraguard, ResQMate, Petzl Nest and to some extent, Alp Designs Speleo. When it comes to casualty size, we will deal with bariatrics (oversized) separately except to say that a rigid frame basket will only safely fit a casualty that actually does fit within that basket. Shorter casualties need to be properly secured so that they don't slide and submarine under standard transverse stretcher straps. This is easily achieved by extending the foot strap(s), creating a figure of 8 and looping this over the feet and firmly securing to the side, preferably to an eye or a transverse frame bar just forward of the feet. Many stretchers have a dedicated foot plate like the *Junkin* and *Spencer* on p48 and some shell frames have additional tie-in points offered by rope that runs in and out for the circumference of the shell.

CAVES & CONFINED SPACES

The *Nest* and *Speleo* on these pages are obviously ideally suited to manoeuvring in very limited space confines of a cave. However, not all 'confined spaces' are small. Except





CAVE RESCUE / CON-SPACE REGULAR BARIATRIC

for mines and the largest cave systems, rigid frame basket stretchers are rarely the first choice for confined space rescue. The Mines Rescue version of the *Ferno 71* isn't a con-space stretcher because mines are often large, spacious areas, it's a regular sized stretcher that has intrinsic safety thanks to wooden runners and no metal fittings that might cause a spark. True confined-space doesn't come more confined than cave rescue which often uses rollup stretchers (featuring in the next issue's GUIDE). However, although probably driven by industry, baskets started striking back against roll-ups a while ago when it was realised that width was often the only problem with a solid frame which otherwise slides well and provides better patient protection in a cave or confined space. So with models like the *Titan Pinnacle*, 'thinner' became the alternative for con-space stretchers to the flexibility of something like the old *Neil-Roberston* style, incidentally still produced today mainly for use in ships. Small-footprint stretchers like *Ferno's Paraguard Excel* which has been around almost as long as the *Neil Robertson*, the updated *Resqmate* are aimed more at industry and are great for operating in limited space while providing good back support and the ability to slide easily but patient arms and legs are a little more exposed (even with the wraparound 'wings')

than the protection afforded by a basket frame and their entire design is a little complex with numerous nooks and crannies that need to be cleaned post-incident. We have not included the half-board 'stretchers' like *FAST*, the *SpecPack* by *Yates*, *UltraMedic's ConRest* (right), *Actsafe's HS Skopan* and the *LSP* because although they have a rigid torso component and are excellent options for confined space rescue they don't offer full length protection for the purposes of this GUIDE so will be included in a separate GUIDE to Con-Space Stretchers in **TECHNICAL RESCUE** magazine but some may be in next issue's GUIDE to Flexible/Roll-up stretchers in **WSAR**#10 with similar designs like *Tyromont Tyroll's CS*. These models are otherwise well enough equipped to be considered truly capable all-round stretchers though better for rope rescue than for carry-outs! Perhaps the only dedicated cave rescue stretchers designed

purposely for caves are the *Petzl NEST* and the *AlpDesign Speleo* (red stretchers top-left). Both are low-profile, platforms with integral casualty protection, integrated body harness and in the case of the *AlpDesign*, a full length -sled style base while the *NEST* uses removable square section alloy tubing to provide extra rigidity, or not if you need to perform a tight manoeuvre around a bend. These are light, narrow and with a height profile limited only by the casualty's nose! In fact, they have all the attributes of a really good mountain rescue and SAR stretcher not much heavier or bulkier than the universally versatile lightweight roll-ups we're looking at next time but sturdier and with significant enhancements. Our teams used *SKEDs* for most types of Technical Rescue but if I was to choose again I'd definitely want one of these two as my alternate addition to a full rigid basket.

BARIATRICS

At the other end of the spectrum are

bariatric stretchers for super-

sized casualties. Before they

became a manufactured item

we had great success using

the platform style *Bell*

Mountain Rescue stretcher

for bariatric 'rescues'

which were often no

more than 50 feet from

a room in a house to

an ambulance. But

the *Bell* and *Macinnes*

were/ are solid

metal frames

well able to

carry the kinds of

load we were getting - 50

to 70 stone (320kg/700lb

to 445kg/980lb) at that time and even higher these days!

The 'platform' style enables body fat to be contained by 'soft' measures like blankets and strapping that would otherwise

NOT fit in any standard basket. We were able to have Peter Bell

produce a bariatric version - super-wide and flat-topped which

suit the great outdoors but was not so great for the urban

environment and any doorways that needed to be negotiated.

Sadly, most of these types of 'rescue' involved individuals

too large to go through the door anyway and taking out a

window was the only option! Dedicated wilderness rescuers

won't generally be dealing with such large immobile casualties

but any casualty still has the potential to be VERY large, so

oversized or wide baskets like the *Traverse Titan 32* above

left and *UltraMedic's 82cm/32"* wide *XXL* (right) are available.

Some regular baskets are wider than others like the *D90* (p52) at 68cm/27" wide so can deal with larger casualties. The *UT200*

has an option for frame extensions on the sides and ends

which could function to better contain a larger patient in what

is otherwise a fairly narrow stretcher but its load-rating would

preclude true bariatrics.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

This is often most vital in wilderness rescue where the casualty could be in your charge for several hours and subject to exposure and/or hypothermia, or hyperthermia. All Mountain and Cave rescue teams use some form of exposure protection in their stretchers, whether it be dedicated like a waterproof/padded bed, thermal blankets, sleeping bags, waterproof covers or incidental such as a vacuum matress or all of the above. All-encompassing bags are favoured by many

Tyromont's Injury Protection Bag (inset-left) is an enhancement of many vacuum mattresses which provide thermal protection as well as immobilisation and splinting. This model is a true 'bag' than can be sealed up around the

casualty and can also be carried as kind of 'soft' stretcher separate from the basket. *Kong* have taken this to the next level with an all-encompassing capsule (right) which seals like a drysuit and has a clear face shield with breathing valve. In some instances your protective measures are to stave off heat-stroke and sun burn. You might actually want to use water poured over a casualty's clothing to cool them down and liberal application of a simple sun-block.

HEAD GUARD / DEBRIS PROTECTION

The *Kong Capsule* (pic top right) is perfect for complete protection from cold-water inundation as might occur in canyon rescue with the very real dangers of negotiating a waterfall but there are simpler options for head-protection like the *Kong Visor* (opposite) which attaches to their optional head-foam/cervical management system. Being strapped to a stretcher face up, partway down a crumbly cliff face is a very scary prospect with very real dangers from falling rock, soil and debris and being poked by branches or thorny twigs. In the

old days a pair of glasses or goggles were the real minimalist approach but *CMC* broke the mould when they introduced their comprehensively protective clear Lexan Litter-Shield shown on the left in it's alternative, larger, taller format that will fit most stretchers, not just *CMC*'s. This thing is as good today as it was when it was introduced in the 80s able to deflect sizeable chunks of rock that might



Tyromont's Injury Protection Bag (inset-left) is an enhancement of many vacuum mattresses which provide thermal protection as well as immobilisation and splinting. This model is a true 'bag' than can be sealed up around the



defeat lighter-weight counter-measures. Indeed Jim Frank says he knows of at least two saves from rockfall thanks to this Lexan Shield. As you might expect, it's not cheap at \$470 but a lot cheaper than a new face! Similarly this *MacInnes* cover by *Lyon* (right-which is a modern, tougher version of the original genius pram-style canvas/PVC cover that folded down), uses adherence to the EN Mountaineering Impact standards as the basis for design. This degree of solid protection might be bulky to store and carry were it not for the fact that both designs can simply flip over the end of the stretcher for patient access and during transport or inverted inside the stretcher for storing. The simplest option of a face visor like this *Kong* model, can sit flat in the stretcher for



storage and this 'build-your-own' shield from *Kohlbratt* also stores flat until formed into a sturdy plastic dome but there's a lot to be said for clear screens like the *Tyromont* in the picture opposite-top-left, giving the casualty insight into what's going on. Not always a good thing!

HELICOPTER-USE

The Heli and offshore marine rescue areas of wilderness Search & Rescue tend to be differently equipped to mountain and cave rescue teams often with heavier-duty, Mil-Spec systems and components. One of the key players in this is Life Saving Corporation (LSC) of Florida who produce the iconic 406 Medevac II (below in its 'F' for Flotation variant discussed shortly) and 402 models (left) in stainless steel or Titanium. Despite its 'slight' appearance the 402 is a true multi-role stretcher that floats, slides and can get into pretty narrow spaces which is why it's favoured by many helicopter crews. The open-weave design of metal baskets



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can disrupt airflow from the downdraught and induce spin just as easily as more enclosed shell structures. The 402 for instance, is a

helicopter winch op stalwart and is effectively a solid, flat surface that doesn't allow air through at all so you clearly can't over-simplify aerodynamics. As we'll see next time, Tyromont have designed a kind of air-rudder that sits atop one of their stretchers to counter the spin imparted by the rotors on their design. Any stretcher's aerodynamics can be altered by the way you package your casualty so even those listed in this GUIDE as Heli-compatible may become affected by rotor-wash and rotor-spin under certain conditions. What is vitally important is that only the bridles and accessories specifically made for your heli-stretcher are used - **there should be no mix and matching of slings and components from other manufacturers when it come to heli-ops.** Interestingly Peter Bell's early work with the RAF seemed to indicate that a slight tilt to head up reduced spin as it shed air more readily.



FLOTATION

With just a few exceptions, like the 402 far-left, the Kong Canyon and the D90 (below-left), most of these stretchers will either sink like a stone or at best, remain on the edge of being neutrally buoyant so will require additional flotation in order to function safely in inland water. This can be quite a convoluted process to fit so if you're a land-based team, don't expect to rock up and deploy within a couple of minutes like coastal and offshore crews can with pre-rigged systems. Pre-planning is necessary. Most of those that offer some form of flotation use round float tubes that strap around the outside of the frame. The *Junkin* and *Cascade* examples above surround the majority of the frame but some are a horse-shoe-shape at the head/torso end only. The *UT200* (below) has a foam-tube option but also offers inflatable supports for those operating in caves and canyons that might not have the space for 6 cubic feet of flotation foam. Priority for placement of floats is the head end, or more particularly, the heaviest part of the body- the upper torso, so most stretchers will orientate slightly or in the case of marine/offshore rescue stretchers having to contend with waves and chop, substantially, feet down. The *UT2000* offers what can only be described as an inflatable upper body lilo for enhanced buoyancy at the vital head-end. (right).

One of Heli-rescue's top models, the Medevac II & IIA 406-F variant shown above left, has a number of flotation aids including a foam torso pad, two lower-profile semi-circular foam tubes on the outer rails and life-jacket style torso pads. Unlike the horse-collar and full circumference flotation offered for stretch-



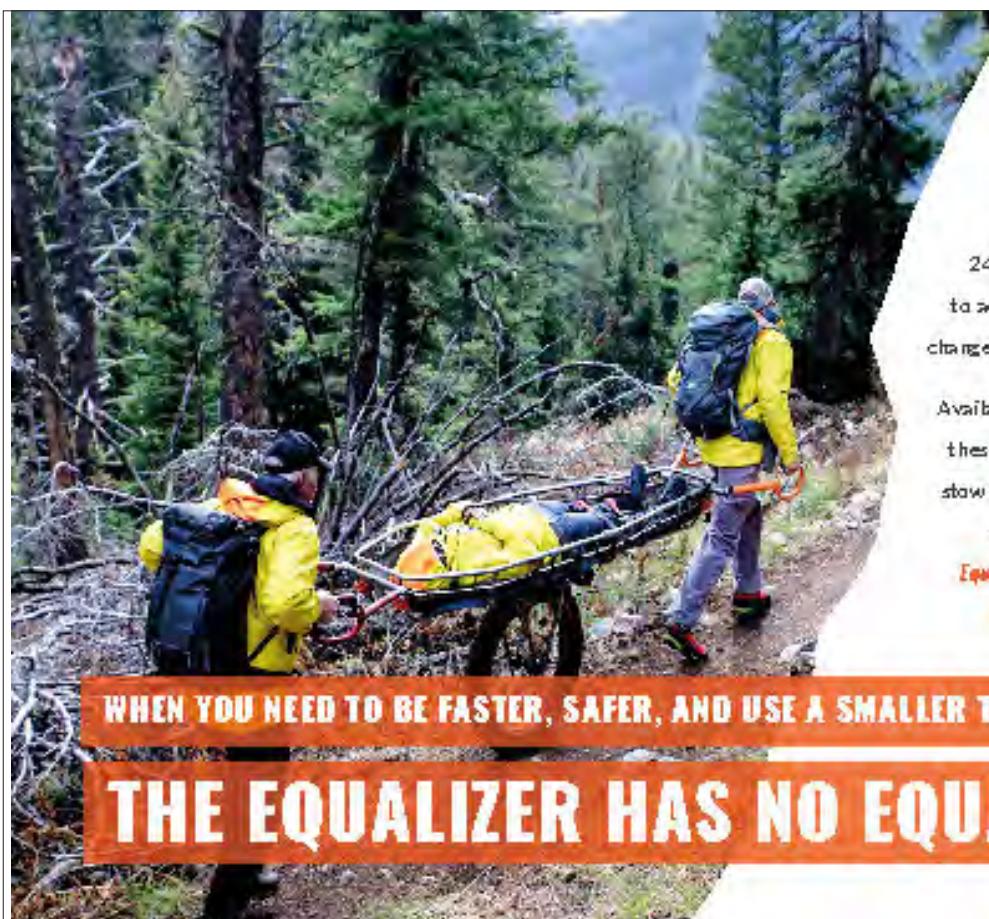
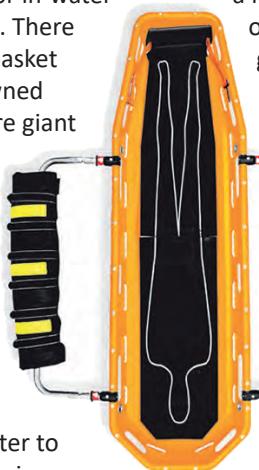
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ers only used for water rescue occasionally in relatively level inland and flood waters, the offshore models are more permanently rigged to orientate the casualty to 'bob' rather than sit like a raft on the top with the risk of waves washing over an upturned face. There are a number of rail attachments around the 406 frame which act as protective buffers but don't increase buoyancy. Nevertheless, this is a feature that many a cliff-rescuer's scraped knuckles would appreciate on ALL basket stretchers.

As mentioned in the PATIENT SECURITY section, straps can be a questionable addition in water. The *D90* is designed for in-water loading and while in or over water, no straps are used. There have been instances of patients strapped into metal basket stretchers during watercraft transport who have drowned after the craft has capsized! While all metal baskets are giant colanders that drain feely, some plastic shells are giant drogue anchors that will retain water. High altitude specialists like the *Cascade* range are more concerned with snow than liquid water so are designed specifically without drain holes so that they function better as a sled able to slide freely on snow and ice. The *UT200* does have drain holes in its plastic shell but these are too small to shed water fast enough in a raising operation out of water - you could initially be lifting hundreds of extra pounds. Better to remove the shell altogether for water ops but this requires tools. For inland rescuers, if you want to combine optional

flotation with patient comfort and security, the *Kong Mattress* (right) might be the way to go. It pumps up (by hand/foot pump) and can secure to the bottom of any basket stretcher providing handles and an assortment of securing straps. Of course any rotomoulded spine board will also provide flotation and an easier transition from casualty loading at the site of injury to loading into the stretcher - it just won't be as comfortable.

Italian company, Spencer Italia, have taken a leaf out of Polynesian technology and have flotation outriggers (left) which guarantee the stability of the casualty while in the stretcher. In the standard collar designs, if the float profile is too narrow there is always a danger of capsizing which this system negates.. It also overcomes a patient access problem that may be caused by float add-ons that are too wide - with these outriggers, rescuers can still get direct access to the casualty's airway should a problem occur.



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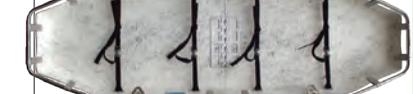
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208x54.6x14cm 82x21.5x5.5"	Stainless Steel Glass Composite 4x Swivel Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	●*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*None supplied but states not needed with rigid shell? Also optional Snowmobile tow-bar	cascade-rescue.com
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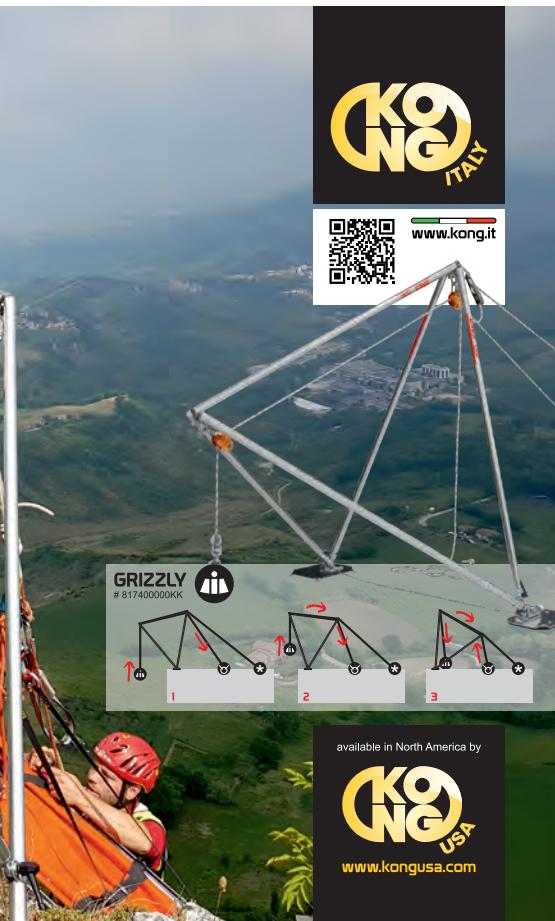
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	Model 71S Split	FERNO		\$1055 €1539	■	-	■	◆	-	-	11kg 23 lb	272kg 600 lbf
	Res-Q-Mate	FERNO			-	■	■	■	-	■	17.5kg 38.5 lb	180kg 397 lb
	Paraguard Excel	FERNO		£1950	-	■	■	■	-	■	11.5kg 18 lb	136kg 300 lb



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218x61x19cm 86x24x8" 110cm/43.3"	Aluminum HDPE Shell 4 Grommet Eyes	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
185x28x10cm 73x11x4" 100cm/39.5"	Stainless Steel PVC 4 Web Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	-	■	●	-	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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BABY RESCUE BAG

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Size: 80x45x35 cm

Weight: 3300 g

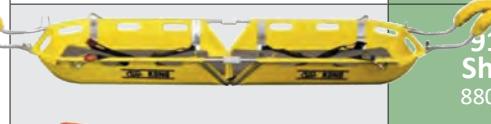
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					BASKET	FLAT/PLATFORM	TAPERED RECTANGULAR	ANODIZED POWDER-COAT		
	D90	HONOR SAFETY	■	n/a	■	-	-	◆	■	17kg 37.5 lb 270kg 595 lb
	JSA200	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$819	■	-	-	■	-	14kg 31 lb 544kg 1200 lb
	JSA200-B	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$1070	■	-	■	■	-	14.5kg 32 lb 544kg 1200 lb
	JSA300	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$350	■	-	-	■	□*	■ 14kg 31 lb 680kg 1500 lb
	JSA300-B Break Apart	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$775	■	-	■	■	□*	■ 15.4kg 34 lb kg 1500 lb
	JSA300-A Civil Defence	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$383	■	-	■	■	□*	■ 15.4kg 34 lb kg 1500 lb
	JSA300-CS	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$409	■	-	■	■	-	■ 10.4kg 23 lb kg 1500 lb
	MILITARY BASKET MIL-8131/WM	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$791	■	-	-	■	□*	■ 13.6/ 14.5*kg 30/32*lb 1136kg 1500 lb
	MILITARY BASKET SPLIT MIL-8131B/WMB	JUNKIN SAFETY	■		■	-	■	■	□*	■ 13.6/ 14.5*kg 30/32*lb 1136kg 1500 lb
	MILITARY Type II BASKET MIL-7767	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$977	■	-	-	■	■*	■ 14.5kg 32 lb 1136kg 1500 lb
	MILITARY Type III BASKET MIL-0452/SPLIT	JUNKIN SAFETY	■	\$899	■	-	■	■	-	■ 13.6kg 30 lb 1136kg 1500 lb
	UT 2000	KOHLBRAT & BUNZ	■	£2380	■	-	■	■	-	■ 8kg 17.6 lb 160kg 352 lb
	911 Canyon	KONG	■	\$9150	■	-	■	■	-	■ 23kg* 50.7 lb 1500kg 3300 lb (450kg* 990 lb*)

RIGID FRAME STRETCHERS/LITTERS

DIMENSIONS L x Wx H/D SPLIT/ROLLED LENGTH (longest section)	MATERIALS: FRAME BASE/LINER SUSPENSION POINTS	USES												NOTES	WWW.						
		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCH	LR GROUND-CARRY	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE	EXTREME CONSPACE	BARIATRIC	HEAD IMMOBILISATION	SPINE IMMOBILISATION	FACE GUARD	WEATHER PROTECTION	BRIDLE ADJUSTABLE	BRIDLE FIXED LENGTH	BODY HARNESS	EXTENSION HANDLES	WHEEL / 2-WHEELS	FOOT-PLATE / SUPPORT	PADDLED BASE / MAT	CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK
227x68x21cm 89.6x26.8x8.3"	Stainless Steel Reinforced HDPE 10 Handle/Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	●	-	-	-	-	□	-	-	-	□	■	■	■
215x61x19cm 84.5x24x7.5"	Stainless Steel HDPE 10 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	■	■	■	■	■
215x61x19cm 84.5x24x7.5" 128cm/50.4"	Stainless Steel HDPE 10 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	□	□	-	■	■	■	■	■	■
208x62x21.6cm 82x24.5x8.5"	5/8" top rail Steel Steel Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	-	□	□	□	■	■	*plastic (Plastisol) coated frame (shown)& with or without leg dividers
208x62x21.6cm 82x24.5x8.5" 112cm/44"	5/8" top rail Steel Steel Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	-	□	□	□	■	■	*plastic (Plastisol) coated frame & with or without leg dividers
208x62x21.6cm 82x24.5x8.5" 112cm/44"	5/8" top rail Steel Steel Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	□	□	□	■	■	*plastic (Plastisol) coated frame & with or without leg dividers. With Footrest
204x46.7x20cm 80.5x18.4x7.75" ?	5/8" top rail Steel Steel Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	■	-	□	□	□	-	□	□	■	■	junkinsafety.com
214x61x19cm 84.25x24x7.5"	19mm/¾" Top Rail Stainless Steel Steel Mesh All Along Top Rail	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	■	-	-	-	□	-	■	■	*plastic (Plastisol) coated frame *tapered model weighs 2lb less than rectangular model
214x61x19cm 84.25x24x7.5" ?	19mm/¾" Top Rail Stainless Steel Steel Mesh All Along Top Rail	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	■	-	-	-	□	-	■	■	*plastic (Plastisol) coated frame *tapered model weighs 2lb less than rectangular model
214x61x19cm 84.25x24x7.5"	19mm/¾" Top Rail Stainless Steel Steel Mesh All Along Top Rail	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	■	-	-	-	□	-	■	■	* plastic (Plastisol) coated frame as standard
214x61x19cm 84.25x24x7.5" ?	19mm/¾" Top Rail Stainless Steel Steel Mesh All Along Top Rail	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	■	-	-	-	□	-	■	■	junkinsafety.com
180-200*x44x12cm 71-79*x17.3x4.4" 94-104*cm/37-41"	Aluminium Plastic* All Top&Lower Rail	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Shell can be removed *Length with frame extenders. *+Trailer coupling for quadbike towing etc. *Free draining as frame-only
218-320*x60x_cm 85-126*x24x_"	Aluminium Kevlar??Fibre-Glass 8 Reinforced Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	●	■	-	-	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Length with extension handles * Weight and load with detachable handles

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					BASKET	FLAT/PLATFORM	TAPERED RECTANGULAR	ANODIZED POWDER-COAT		
	911 Net Full	KONG	■	\$1890 €1660	■	-	■	■	■	18kg* 39.7 lb*
	911 Shell 880.03	KONG	■	\$4950	■	-	■	■	-	18kg* 39.7 lb*
	Lecco 2.0	KONG	■	\$4510 €3200	-	■	-	■	-	16kg* 35.3 lb*
	Lecco XL	KONG	■	\$7625	-	■	-	■	■	16kg 35.3 lb
	402	LSC	■	\$1801	-	■	■	■	-	14.5kg 32 lb
	402TI	LSC	■	\$2856	-	■	■	■	-	10.8kg 24 lb
	404 Medevac II	LSC	■	\$1137	■	-	-	■	-	14.5kg 32 lb
	406 Medevac IIA	LSC	■	\$1330	■	-	■	◆	-	15.4kg 34lb
	406 D Medevac IIA	LSC	■	\$1291	■	-	■	◆	-	14.3kg 31.6 lb
	406 TI Medevac IIA	LSC	■	\$3594	■	-	■	◆	-	9.98kg 22 lb
	406 D TI Medevac IIA	LSC	■	\$3668	■	-	■	◆	-	9.25kg 20.4lb
	MacInnes Mk6 LMK6-ST	LYON EQUIPMENT	■	£3300	-	■	■	■	-	25kg 55.1 lb
	Bell Tangent Split MR	LYON EQUIPMENT	■	n/a*	-	■	■	■	-	25kg 55.1 lb

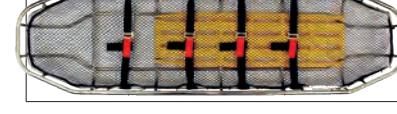
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DIMENSIONS L x W x H/D SPLIT/ROLLED LENGTH (longest section)	MATERIALS: FRAME BASE/LINER SUSPENSION POINTS	USES														NOTES	WWW.						
		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCES	LR GROUND-CARRY	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE	EXTREME/CONSPACE	BARIATRIC	HEAD/IMMOBILISATION	SPINE/IMMOBILISATION	FACE GUARD	WEATHER PROTECTION	BRIDLE ADJUSTABLE	BRIDLE FIXED LENGTH	BODY HARNESS	EXTENSION HANDLES	WHEEL / 2-WHEELS	FOOT-PLATE / SUPPORT	PADDLED BASE / MAT	CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK		
218-320*x60x_cm 85-126*x24x_"	Aluminium HDPE Mesh 8 Reinforced Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	-	□	□	□	□	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	□	*Length with extension handles * Weight and load with detachable handles	kong.it
218-350*x60x_cm 85-138*x24x_"	Aluminium Fibre-Glass 8 Reinforced Eyes	■	■	-	■	■	-	-	-	□	□	□	□	■	■	□	□	□	■	■	■	*Length with extension handles * Weight and load with detachable handles	kong.it
198-310*x47x11cm 78-122*x18.5x4"	Aluminium Nylon 8 Reinforced Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	●	■	□	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	* Weight with detachable handles	kong.it
198-310*x75x11cm 78-122*x30.5x4"	Aluminium Nylon 8 Reinforced Eyes	■	■	-	■	■	-	-	■	■	□	□	□	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		kong.it
203x42x19cm 80x16.5x7.5" 16.1cm/41"	Stainless Steel Nylon/Cordura 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	-	-	■	■	-	■	■	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Integral foot plate	lifesavingsystems.com
203x42x19cm 80x16.5x7.5" 16.1cm/41"	Titanium Nylon/Cordura 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	-	-	■	■	-	■	■	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Integral foot plate	lifesavingsystems.com
213x61x18cm 84x24x7"	Stainless Steel HDPE mesh 10 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	■		lifesavingsystems.com
213x61x18cm 84x24x7" 109cm/43"	Stainless Steel HDPE mesh 10 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	■		lifesavingsystems.com
198x61x18cm 78x24x7" 102cm/40"	Stainless Steel HDPE mesh 10Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	■		lifesavingsystems.com
213x61x18cm 84x24x7" 109cm/43"	Titanium HDPE mesh 10 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	■		lifesavingsystems.com
198x61x18cm 78x24x7" 102cm/40"	Titanium HDPE mesh 10 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	■		lifesavingsystems.com
220x66x30cm 86.6x26x11.8"	Aluminium PVC 6 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	●	-	□	□	■	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	□	* WLL if using 4 instead of 6 lift eyes. Mk7 discontinued	lyonequipment.co.uk
220x66x30cm 86.6x26x11.8"	Stainless Steel	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	●	-	■	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Only available via MR England & Wales but cost is similar to MacInnes	lyonequipment.co.uk

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	Keswick	PERFORMANCE MANUFACTURING	CA	\$4500	- ■ -	■	■	■	■	19.9kg 44 lb	1200kg 2647 lb 30kN 6744 lbf
	Nest	PETZL	FR	£2174 €2050	- ■ ■ ■	■	■	■	■	13.1kg 28.8 lb	150kg 331 lb
	DX030/032	PROTEKT	DE	£998	■ - ■	■	■	■	■	16kg 35.3 lb	1000kg 2200 lb
	DX031G	PROTEKT	DE	€912	■ - -	■	■	■	■	17kg 37.5 lb	1000kg 2200 lb
	DX031/033	PROTEKT	DE	€813	■ - -	■	■	■	■	15kg 33 lb	1000kg 2200 lb
	RSBSA01 RSBSS01	ROYAX	CZ	€557 €532	■ - -	■	◆ ■	■	■	7.7kg 17 lb	700kg 1543 lb
	Alpine CR Civil Rescue	SAR PRODUCTS	UK	£1477	- ■ ■ ■	■	◆ ■	■	■	13.45kg 29.7 lb	300kg 661 lb
	Alpine Light CR Civil Rescue	SAR PRODUCTS	UK	£2013	- ■ ■ ■	■	◆ ■	■	■	11kg 24.25 lb	300kg 661 lb
	Alpine MR Mountain Rescue	SAR PRODUCTS	UK	£1785	- ■ ■ ■	■	◆ ■	■	■	18.42kg 40.6 lb	300kg 661 lb
	Alpine Light MR Mountain Rescue	SAR PRODUCTS	UK	£2275	- ■ ■ ■	■	◆ ■	■	■	14.95kg 32.95 lb	300kg 661 lb
	Boston Pro ST04302B	SPENCER	GB	€1050	■ - -	■	◆ ■	□	■	17kg 37.5 lb	360kg 794 lb
	Boston Pro ST04303B	SPENCER	GB	€722	■ - -	■	◆ ■	□	■	26kg 57.3 lb	360kg 794 lb
	Boston Tec ST04310B ST04311B	SPENCER	GB	€687 €709	■ - -	■	◆ ■	□	■	14-23kg 31-51 lb	360kg 794 lb

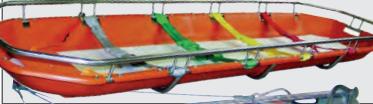
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DIMENSIONS L x Wx H/D SPLIT/ROLLED LENGTH (longest section)	MATERIALS: FRAME BASE/LINER SUSPENSION POINTS	USES												NOTES	WWW.						
		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCH	LR GROUND-CARRY	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE	EXTREME/CONSPACE	BARIATRIC	HEAD/SPINE IMMOBILISATION	FACE GUARD	WEATHER PROTECTION	BRIDLE ADJUSTABLE	BRIDLE FIXED LENGTH	BODY HARNESS	EXTENSION HANDLES	WHEEL / 2-WHEELS	FOOT-PLATE / SUPPORT	PADDDED BASE /MAT	CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK	COLOUR OPTIONS
208.5x61x28cm 82x24x11.8" 104cm/41"	Aluminium Nylon 4 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	□	-	□	-	□	* Partially anodized	perf-mfg.ca
200x50x5cm 78.7x19.7x2"	Nylon/Aluminium Polyethylene 4 Web Extensions	■	■	-	●	●	-	■	-	-	■	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	petzl.com	
212.5x58.5x18.5cm 84x23x7.3" 106cm/42"	Stainless Steel Polyester mesh 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	-	■	-	-	-	■	-	-	■	protekt.pl	
212.5x58.5x18.5cm 84x23x7.3"	Stainless Steel Aluminium Bed 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	-	■	-	-	-	■	-	-	■	protekt.pl	
210x41.5x18.5 cm 83x16.3x7.3"	Stainless Steel Polyester mesh 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	-	■	-	-	-	■	-	-	■	protekt.pl	
215x66x20cm 84.6x26x8"	Aluminium Stainless Steel PVC Netting 5 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	-	□	-	-	■	□	□	□	-	-	-	-	■	Also available in Steel cost €472 weight 16kg/35.2 lb	royax.eu	
210x60x12cm 83x23.6x4.7" 105cm/41.3"	Steel Polyethylene bed 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	●	□	-	●	●	-	□	■	■	■	□	■	■	■	sar-products.com	
210x60x12cm 83x23.6x4.7" 105cm/41.3"	Steel Polyethylene bed 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	●	□	-	●	●	-	□	■	■	■	□	■	■	■	sar-products.com	
210x60x12cm 83x23.6x4.7" 105cm/41.3"	Aluminium Polyethylene bed 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	●	■	-	●	●	-	□	■	■	■	□	■	■	■	Mountain Rescue version is with Handles and skid-pan.	sar-products.com
210x60x12cm 83x23.6x4.7" 105cm/41.3"	Aluminium Polyethylene bed 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	●	■	-	●	●	-	□	■	■	■	□	■	■	■	Mountain Rescue version is with Handles and skid-pan	sar-products.com
211x65x25cm 83x25.6x9.8"	30mm top rail Aluminium or Steel Polyethylene Board 4 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	□	■	-	-	-	-	■	■	Titanium version of Pro weighing 9kg available to order	spencer.it
211x65x25cm 83x25.6x9.8"	30mm top rail Stainless Steel Polyethylene Board 4 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	□	■	-	-	-	-	■	■	*The integral Rock Spine board offers buoyancy but float tubes available as an option	spencer.it
211x65x18.5cm 83x25.6x7.3"	Aluminium or Steel Polyethylene Bed 4 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	□	-	-	■	□	-	-	-	-	-	■	■	Back board has a lever to maintain adjustment angle. Titanium version of this weighing 8kg available to order	spencer.it

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					BASKET	FLAT/PLATFORM	TAPERED RECTANGULAR	ANODIZED POWDER-COAT		
	Boston Light ST04320B ST04321B	SPENCER	■■■	€676 €698	■	-	-	◆	■	12-22kg 27-49 lb
	Dakar	SPENCER	■■■	€1070	■	-	-	◆	-	16.5kg 36 lb
	Dakota	SPENCER	■■■		■	-	-	■	■	16.5kg 36 lb
	Dakota Lite ST04006	SPENCER	■■■	£370 €430	■	-	-	■	■	14.5kg 32 lb
	Dragger	SPENCER	■■■		-	■	-	■	■	7kg 15.4 lb
	Spencer Shell	SPENCER	■■■	£780 €570	■	-	-	◆	-	12.5kg 27.6 lb
	Twin Shell	SPENCER	■■■	£900 €825	■	-	■	◆	-	13.8kg 30.4 lb
	Advantage 2073	TRAVERSE	■■■	\$999 €2527	■	-	-	■	-	15.6kg 34.4 lb
	Gazelle 0105/6	TRAVERSE	■■■	£558	■	-	-	◆	■	15kg 33 lb
	Gazelle Con-Space 0107	TRAVERSE	■■■		■	-	-	■	■	14kg 31 lb
	Spartan Split 2076	TRAVERSE	■■■		■	-	■	■	-	16kg 35 lb
	Spartan Titanium Split 2076S	TRAVERSE	■■■	€2825	■	-	■	■	-	11kg 25 lb
	Titan 2070 / 2070T	TRAVERSE	■■■	€2135	■	-	-	◆	■	13.6kg 30 lb
										1136kg 2500 lb

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DIMENSIONS L x Wx H/D SPLIT/ROLLED LENGTH (longest section)	MATERIALS: FRAME BASE/LINER SUSPENSION POINTS	USES												NOTES	WWW.							
		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCH	LR GROUND-CARRIES	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE	EXTREME/CONSPACE	BARIATRIC	HEAD IMMOBILISATION	SPINE IMMOBILISATION	FACE GUARD	WEATHER PROTECTION	BRidle ADJUSTABLE	BRidle FIXED LENGTH	BODY HARNESS	EXTENSION HANDLES	WHEEL / 2-WHEELS	FOOT-PLATE / SUPPORT	PADDED BASE / MAT	CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK	COLOUR OPTIONS
211x55x18.5cm 83x21.6x7.3"	Aluminium or Steel Polyethylene Bed 4 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	-	■	□	■	-	□	■	□	□	□	-	-	-	-	■	■	Back board has a lever to maintain adjustment angle. Titanium version of this weighing 7kg available to order	spencer.it
224x64x19cm 88.2x25.2x7.5"	Stainless Steel HDPE shell 4 Grommet Eyes	■	●	-	-	■	□	-	-	□	□	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Handles are telescopic	spencer.it
205x57x19cm 81x22.4x7.5"	Carbon Steel Varnished MarinePly 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	-	■	□	-	-	□	□	□	□	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	spencer.it	
205x48x18.1cm 81x18.9x7.1"	Carbon Steel Varnished MarinePly 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	-	■	□	■	-	□	□	□	□	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	spencer.it	
189x48x21cm	Aluminium 50mm web bed	■	-	-	●	●	□	-	-	□	-	□	□	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	Has 19cm high skids not visible in image	spencer.it
215x64x20cm	Stainless Steel HDPE shell 4 Grommet Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	□	-	-	□	-	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	spencer.it	
214x64x20cm 84.6x25.2x7.5" 118cm /46.45"	Stainless Steel HDPE shell 4 Grommet Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	□	-	-	□	-	□	□	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	spencer.it	
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210x62x18cm 82.5x24.25x7"	Carbon-Steel HDPE Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	□	■	□	-	-	-	-	□	□	-	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	traverserescue.ca
210x46.4x18cm 82.5x18.25x7"	Carbon-Steel HDPE Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	□	■	□	■	-	-	-	■	-	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	traverserescue.ca	
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					BASKET	FLAT/PLATFORM	SPLIT / TWO-PIECE	TAPERED RECTANGULAR	ANODIZED POWDER-COAT	INHERENTLY BUOYANT WATER DRAINING		
	Titan Split 2070S / 2070ST	TRAVERSE	CA	£1766 €2821	■	-	■	■◆	□	■	15kg 33 lb	1136kg 2500 lb
	Titan 32 Wide	TRAVERSE	CA	£1550 €2527	■	-	-	■	□	■	19.2kg 42.4 lb	1136kg 2500 lb
	Titan Titanium 2072 / 2072T	TRAVERSE	CA	£2000 €4277	■	-	-	■◆	□	■	6.3kg 13.9 lb	1136kg 2500 lb
	Titan Titanium Split 2072S / 2072ST	TRAVERSE	CA	£3255 €5277	■	-	■	◆	□	■	7.5kg 16.5 lb	1136kg 2500 lb
	Titan Pinnacle Con-Space 0153254	TRAVERSE	CA	£1135	■	-	-	■	□	■	6.5kg 14.3 lb	1136kg 2500 lb
	Titan Pinnacle Split Con-Space 0153255	TRAVERSE	CA	£2130	■	-	■	■	□	■	7.5kg 16.5 lb	1136kg 2500 lb
	Tyral	TYROMONT	AT	€3800	■	-	■	◆	■	■	15kg* 33 lb	250kg 550lb
	Light*	TYROMONT	AT	€2600	■	-	■	◆	■	■	21kg* 46.3 lb	250kg 550lb
	UltraBasket SAN-0087	ULTRAMEDIC	DE	€899	■	-	-	◆	-	-	12.5kg 27.5 lb	315kg 695 lb
	UltraBasket Twin SAN-0087-2	ULTRAMEDIC	DE	€1242	■	-	■	◆	-	-	15.5kg 34 lb	315kg 695 lb
	UltraBasket XXL SAN-0087-2-XXL	ULTRAMEDIC	DE	€1815	■	-	■	■	-	■	36kg 80 lb	400kg 882 lb
	UltraBasket-M SAN-0087-1-M	ULTRAMEDIC	DE	€1720	■	-	-	■	-	-	12kg 26.5 lb	300kg 661 lb
	UltraMining SAN-0090	ULTRAMEDIC	DE	€1887	■	-	-	■	-	□	20kg 44 lb	200kg 441 lb

RIGID FRAME STRETCHERS/LITTERS

DIMENSIONS L x Wx H/D SPLIT/ROLLED LENGTH (longest section)	MATERIALS: FRAME BASE/LINER SUSPENSION POINTS	USES												NOTES	WWW.							
		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCH	LR GROUND-CARRY	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE	EXTREME CONSPACE	BARIATRIC	HEAD IMMOBILISATION	SPINE IMMOBILISATION	FACE GUARD	WEATHER PROTECTION	BRIDLE ADJ/USTABLE	BRIDLE FIXED LENGTH	BODY HARNESS	EXTENSION HANDLES	WHEEL / 2-WHEELS	FOOT-PLATE / SUPPORT	PADDED BASE /MAT	CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK	COLOUR OPTIONS
212x60x19cm 83.5x23.5x7.7" 116cm/45.7"	25mm/1" top rail Stainless Steel HDPE mesh 4 Strat-points	■	■	■	□	■	□	□	-	-	■	□	□	□	□	■	□	□	□	□	□	
212x81x18cm 83.5x32x7.25"	25mm/1" top rail Stainless Steel HDPE mesh 4 Strat-points	■	■	■	□	■	□	□	-	■	-	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	-	□	□	
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209.5x49.5x19cm 83.5x19.5 x7.7" 106.7cm/42"	25mm/1" top rail Titanium HDPE mesh 4 Strat-points	■	■	■	□	■	■	-	■	-	■	□	-	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	
215x56x25cm 84.6x22x9.8" 108cm/42.5"	Aluminium Trocyclen Bed 8 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	□	□	□	□	■	■	■	□	□	*Includes Integral ext handles	tyromont.com	
200x53x25cm 78.7x20.9x9.8" 100cm/39"	Steel Trocyclen Bed All of Top Rail	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	-	□	□	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	*inc integral ext handles weighing 5kg. *Light' refers to the simpler frame structure NOT the weight.	tyromont.com
214x62x19cm 84.25x24.4x7.7"	Aluminium ASA/ABS Plastic 4 Grommet Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	■	■	■	□	□	□	ultramedic.de	
214x61.5x18.5cm 84.25x24x7.3" 116cm/45.7"	Aluminium ASA/ABS Plastic 4 Grommet Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	-	-	-	□	□	-	■	■	■	□	□	□	ultramedic.de	
214X81.8X19cm 84.25x32.2x7.7"	Aluminium ASA/ABS Plastic 6 Grommet Eyes	■	■	*	■	■	●	■	-	-	■	-	-	□	-	■	■	■	■	■	* Load limit is reduced to 200kg in fully vertical orientation	ultramedic.de
218x59x20cm 85.8x23.2x7.9"	Aluminium ASA/ABS Plastic All of Top Rail	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	-	□	□	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	ultramedic.de	
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CON-SPACE RESCUE STRETCHERS

For the purposes of this article we determine 'Confined-Space' to be taken literally in that it is the extremely limited space within a narrow tunnel or shaft, cave, collapsed structure or man-made structure like a wind turbine or ship. Technically a 'confined-space' is any enclosed area not intended for continual occupancy which could include a Russian salt mine with chambers the size of a small town. This is why so many mine-rescue stretchers and even some cave rescue stretchers like the Kong 911 series are modified but full size rigid baskets - they don't need to manoeuvre through small or tight spaces they just need to be tough and, for industrial sites, meet hazardous atmosphere (ignition) safety considerations. We have included a number of fully rigid stretchers that are specifically marketed as 'con-space' stretchers by virtue of the fact that they are much narrower than their standard size counterparts. But it has to be said that for the majority of 'confined-space' rescues, a regular basket or rigid frame stretcher as listed in our *GUIDE to Rigid Frame Stretchers* in issue 9 of **WILDERNESS SAR** magazine, will do the job and models like the Titan-one piece are as light and tough as it gets. Size restriction could be in relation to height rather than width as in a collapse or an underfloor space in which case width of stretcher wouldn't be an issue. So, because this is a largely technical rescue readership with cross-discipline responsibilities, we have limited the stretchers in this GUIDE to those that can be used for raising and lowering in addition to dragging and carrying in the more confined of confined spaces. Incidentally, standards for stretchers can be oddly lacking in most countries, even the US NFPA only applies to certain applications. In Europe there is the *Medical Device Directive* which in the UK is changing in 2023 and means that some brands/models may not be available for use in future. However, UK and key brands will be covered and anything already in service can still be used until it wears out or reaches its end-of-life date. Some with full harness may meet a standard as a life-support harness rather than a stretcher.

Bear in mind also that many of the stretchers in this GUIDE, particularly the rigid 'chairs', are NOT suitable for children unless a suitable packaging adjunct is used. In case you think we're plagiarising something you've read before, we've used some of the intro from WSAR#9's article.

There are 4 distinct types of con-space stretcher:

- 1 RIGID BASKETS** which are metal frames in either one or two pieces and may have a plastic/glass fibre shell insert. One model, the Fastboard is half of a basket stretcher!
- 2 Rigid-base PLATFORMS**, often with protective wings like the Petzl Nest which doesn't fold down and the Ferno



Paraguard which does fold and pack down to a smaller size for easy transport to the casualty.

- 3 ROLLED** sheets of thin plastic (mostly polyethylene) like the Sked, Rolly, Slix, and Saviour which roll into a small tube the width of the sheet and become rigid when formed longitudinally into a tube or semi-circle. Some are halved.

- 4 HALF-LENGTH STRETCHERS, VESTS & SEATS** like the LSP, Specpack, Conrest and Skogar which provide excellent spinal and hoist packaging but while 'half' the size of a full length stretcher, rarely pack down to less than the deployed length so are on a par with rolled and folded platforms in terms of bulk. Some like the DragNLift right are a cross between a vest and a roll-up while Lyon's LSYNRAS (pic top) is a cross between a roll-up and a seat.

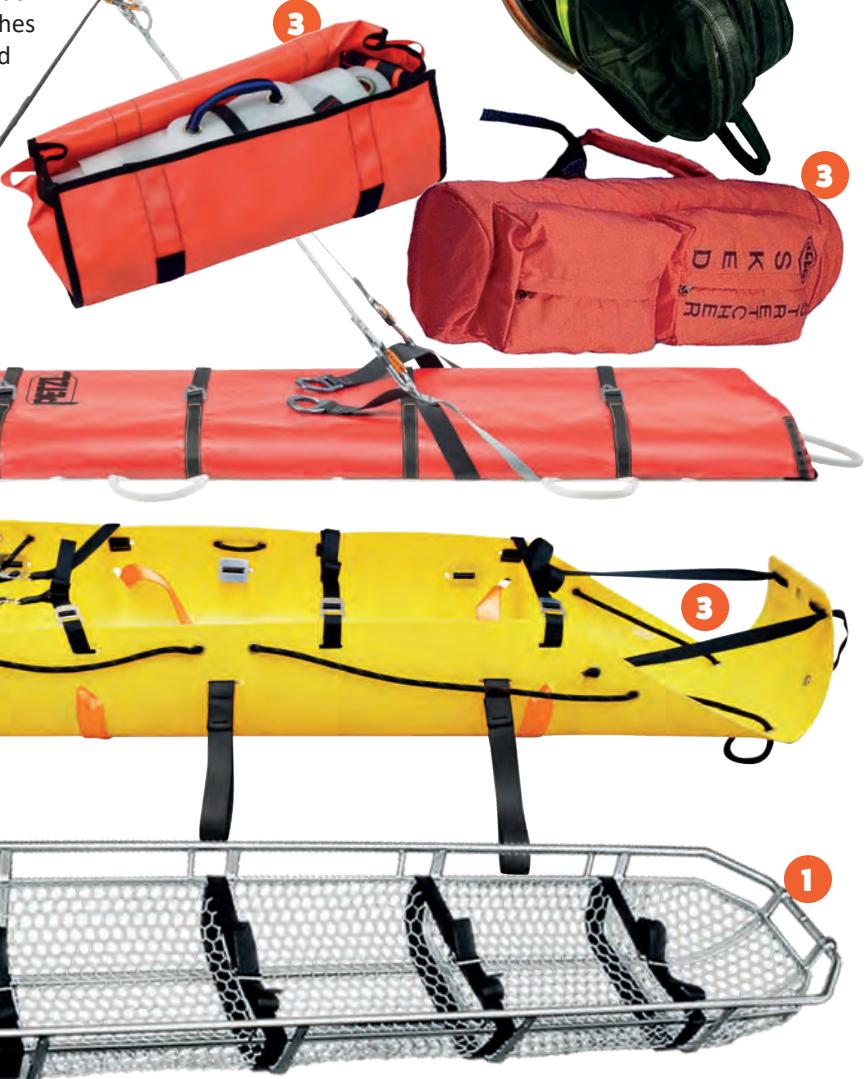
1 BASKET STRETCHERS

Traditional tubular metal construction is used to construct the strongest of all options, the basket stretcher or litter. This can be a one piece construction or a two piece which breaks apart or hinges in the middle making it easier to transport into a confined space. Generally speaking you wouldn't think of a full-length metal basket as the ideal kit for confined space rescue but its rigidity and strength can be a great asset and the models included here have modifications that make them more suitable to con-space - some are thinner than a regular stretcher like Ferno's *Pinnacle*, Junkin's *JSA 300 CS* and Spencer's *Dakota Light* while others are simply suitable for Con-Space by virtue of their existing design parameters or size like the Kohlbrand *UT2000*, SAR *Alpine* and Ultramedic *Ultramining* models remembering that a confined space is not necessarily restricted by width, it can just as easily be a seam or slit a mile

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high. All of these stretchers can negotiate uneven rocks and 90 degree edges without affecting the casualty though the open weave design does not lend itself to dragging over small rocks and gravel and would, in such cases, benefit from the addition of a full skid-sheet of polypropylene which is actually the same as many flexible roll-up stretchers that we'll come to shortly. The combination of the two however would generally be considered too bulky and cumbersome in a confined space rather than the wide-open snow fields its designed for. The FAST model shown at the top is a little unusual because it is a rigid half stretcher adapted with harness, strapping and accessories like float-tubes, protective leg shroud and ballistic protection to operate as a half-board-style stretcher. It even offers LED lighting around its perimeter rail, ingeniously simple.

All baskets/litters can be hoisted horizontally and vertically (with appropriately secure strapping) and offer excellent patient protection because they have a rigid frame all around including high sides

but it's odd that the only 'confined space rescue' versions of conventional basket stretchers are the open weave metal frames - the addition of a plastic shell that we see in the Ferno 71, Junkin, Kong 911 or Spencer basket are only on full width models. Ferno's *Advantage* would perhaps have been an ideal Con-Space Stretcher had it been maintained in their range because it is narrow and the plastic shell offers protection from pooled water that is often found in horizontal tunnels/pipes. Indeed none of the confined space rescue stretchers in this GUIDE protect the casualty from water ingress unless there is the addition of capsule bag like the *Kong*, *AlpDesign* or *Tyromont* options.

2 RIGID PLATFORM

Where a basket stretcher has raised sides so that the casualty lays 'inside' of the stretcher, a rigid platform has the casualty laid on top. However in most cases like the Petzl *NEST*, Ferno *Excel* & *Paraguard* and AlpDesign's *Speleo* there are protective 'wings' that wrap around the casualty and provide environmental protection and security which is reinforced by the usual webbing straps for torso, and legs. Arms/hands can be placed inside the 'leg-wings' if required. Most have head protection/support either in the form of a 'hood' as in the *Nest* or forehead straps like the *Excel* and/or head blocks like the *SpecPac* and *LSC 402*. Some of these have been around as long as there have been stretchers and Ferno have more models than anyone with the *Paraguard* as perhaps the oldest

professional rescue design still in existence. This has been updated of course with the *Excel* version (pic overleaf) and the similar *Res-Q-Mate* both of which can have extension handles not usually associated with confined space rescue. Ferno's lighter *Lifesaver* model (right), which is a variation on the venerable *Neil Robinson* sits between the roll-up model category 5 and the rigid platforms. Two models that deserve special mention are the *AlpDesign Speleo* and the *Petzl NEST*. These have been specifically designed for cave rescue which of course lends itself perfectly to any urban-industrial confined space rescue.

They are both true multi-role stretchers and although we used the original *SKED* for confined space rescue and then the *Traverse/Vertical* from when it was first introduced in Australia there is no doubt that we would have been trying to get our hands on the *Nest* or *Speleo*.. They are rigid platforms by virtue of optional removable reinforcing 'rods' in the case of the *NEST* (pic below and a full length sheet of carbon-fibre composite of Kevlar and Bakelite plastic in the case of the *Speleo* (top right). You can see from the *Excel* and *Lifesaver* stretchers how wings are incorporated into strapping to provide security and protection but the *NEST* and *Speleo* both take protective wings to a new level with full body protection from water and debris (though not ingress but the *Speleo*'s integral sheet would likely provide as good a level of protection as you could get as it is similar to the kind of protective systems you get in Mountain/Heli Rescue stretcher 'Systems' where multiple separate components are used to create the finished stretcher

3 FLEXIBLE/ROLL- UP STRETCHERS

Together with basket stretchers/litters, this category provides the largest range of options and in fact, the GUIDE in WSAR#10 that prompted this GUIDE, features solely flexible and roll-up stretchers.



The venerable Neil Robertson from 100 years ago with bamboo rigid inserts, and hemp/manilla rope and canvas that is a contaminant nightmare in the modern world is still sold for some reason and even has some modern competition despite its tendency to roll during extraction- must be a nostalgia thing! Others like Kingfisher's *Xtract*, modify that basic concept using a full-length specialised fabric and stiffened inserts for rope or winch operations. *SKEDco* were the first to produce a viable modern alternative roll-up stretcher in the late 70's with the iconic orange *SKED* and all others are a variation on that same theme using sheet polyethylene about 3mm thick give or take a mil. We used the *SKED* for 30 years and can certainly attest to its versatility and ability to endure abuse. However, like so many iconic designs, *SKEDco* probably sat on their laurels for too long and it remained a quite basic design that was ripe for improvement. In the early nineties, Brian Joplin of South Wales Cave Rescue and a fabricator friend of ours, *GEMINI* in Hampshire, UK, produced the first real alternative, the *Cocoon* stretcher (right) which replaced the *SKED*'s circumferential lifting slings with grommeted eyelets into which carabiners for a suspension bridle could be clipped. It had integral upper body spine reinforcement with head restraints, an adjustable webbing foot strap and its second version had colour-coded straps so was decades ahead of its time. It also had a metal spreader bar inside the shell at the head end for vertical raising/lowering instead of



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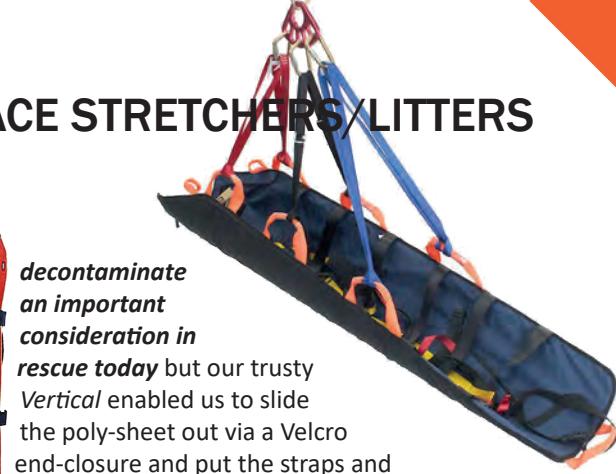
Sked's tedious threading of rope. The spreader needed a bit of refining but this was a great stretcher and probably too well made at that time to be economically viable but it could hold its own against all of the modern variants. In the late nineties, Australian Steve Achilles's *Vertical* (pic above-right) further evolved the *SKED* design by shrouding it in a tough Cordura skin which enabled a full internal body harness with head straps to be added together with six side handles and two vertical lift eyelets. This was also a design element of the more substantial, Welsh-made MIBS much favoured by the UK military in the 90s. Although we maintained *SKEDs* operationally, unless we needed the added strength of a rigid frame for which we used the Bell *Tangents* and a Bell *Bariatric*, the *Vertical* stretcher was, for us, better for rope & con-space rescue with lower bulk than the MIBS and more versatile than the Troll /SAR Products Evac shown overleaf (3M/Miller bought Troll so still sell the original Evac Body Splint [not included in this GUIDE]. The Heightec Chrysalis is also based on this original Dave Allport concept). The design of the *Vertical* and the Evac are largely unchanged today.

The downside with integral straps, and indeed any stitched element, is that they may not be detachable enough to

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decontaminate an important consideration in rescue today but our trusty *Vertical* enabled us to slide the poly-sheet out via a Velcro end-closure and put the straps and cover in a washing machine! Fast forward to the noughties and onwards to more recent times and *SKED* did indeed evolve to meet the challenge of a number of high quality variations on the *SKED* and *Cocoon* designs. Flat polyethylene sheets of varying densities and grommeted eyes plus reinforcing have been adopted by the Task STR range, *Slix* and *Saviour*, Medsled *VLR*, Kohlbrand *Roll-Up* & *UltraRoll*, and Kong *Rolly*. Later models like the Task *STR-plus* below left, incorporates a harness which most roll-ups don't have but very few, if any, can be used for spine-compromised casualties without an adjunct. The original *SKED*'s lack of spinal protection prompted *SKEDco* to introduce the Oregon Spine Splint, (a variation of the confusingly similar but unrelated *KED*/Kendrick Extrication Device invented in 1978), as an additional insert that could also be used as a stand-alone spinal management 'vest' for other forms of rescue. *SKEDco* also quickly saw the need



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for flotation aids to keep the stretcher buoyant in water and initially used simple Cordura-covered foam chest pads and tubes strapped to each side. Latterly systems like the Medsled on the left in its military variant, use velcro-on floats for the torso. Other features of note in specific roll-up models include the spine reinforcement bars of the Kohlbrat and UltraRoll models (top right) because, if there is one

thing you need to be aware of with some flexible sheets is that they become rigid when formed into a tube but can fold or buckle during a horizontal lift if 'point-loaded' either externally or internally across that curve. By that we mean if your stretcher uses a 4-point bridle and you or the casualty either push down on the middle (more or less) of the semi-circular form, or it meets a rail or protrusion underneath, it can buckle as the loaded lift bridle pulls up at the head and foot end. The casualty is in no danger of falling but there could be some discomfort or even injury exacerbation while you try to address the problem, which, of course, you will find very difficult while the stretcher is loaded. This situation can arise when hot-loading a casualty from a ledge for instance and is a good reason why these roll-up stretchers are best loaded while on the ground or a firm surface. The other preventive measure is to insert a spine board. The reinforcement bars of some models overcomes this problem (check the integral spineboard column which, if coloured as a black square, indicates reinforcement but not necessarily full spinal protection without further measures).

Roll-up stretchers ALL benefit from being back-rolled as soon as you take them out of the storage bag - if you roll or bend them against the direction they were rolled in, the whole thing will lay flat on the ground rather than keep curling up. This Slix XL (pic right minus additional side panels for bariatric patients) shows the stretcher laid flat and also the range of grommet attachment eyes and

colour-coded securing straps.

Task, Kohlbrat-Bunz and UltraMedic have all addressed a problem we regularly saw with roll ups; the constriction of the shoulders as the straps are loaded and pull the sides together with resultant occlusion of the brachial artery causing tingling, discomfort and loss of sensation (which is why it is always a good idea to use a rescuer as your casualty during training - get to feel what the patient feels). SKED now have a shoulder board accessory to alleviate this but Task (left) the RL range and UltraRoll models above incorporate transverse spreader bar inserts at the shoulders to stop constriction. The latter two are particularly well specified and also have pelvic and thoracic reinforcement bars. This problem is largely negated in the half-size stretchers we'll mention next, because they are often cut-away at the arms with no constriction (or protection).

For raising/lowering, roll-ups will often have either specified grommet reinforced eyes like the Slix 100 and RL3000 above, the UltraRoll (top) and the Saviour Technical (opposite top) with its noticeably lower 'freeboard', or like the SKED, a sling that passes around the entire underside of the stretcher. In many ways, though cumbersome, this traditional head and foot-end sling support is more full-proof than eyelets cut into the PE sheet because even if the stretcher disintegrated, the casualty would still be supported. The disadvantage is that the slings are exposed to abrasion as they rub over surfaces and the ground and need to be regularly checked and replaced if damaged. Heightec modified this with their POD having webbing that passes under the casualty on the *inside* of the shell.

Vertical lift from the head-end is more common in confined-space rescue, in fact, it is virtually the only occasion that a vertical lift of an injured person can be justified. Our definition of 'vertical' for this article refers to the 80-90 degree orientation of the stretcher into a complete head-up, feet-down position as with the Ferno XT-Pro half-board model pictured on the right.



This orientation is required to negotiate an opening or vertical tube/passage/cave that won't allow the stretcher to be raised in the preferred horizontal orientation. Vertical lift points for a head-up extraction may use the

regular head-end attachment eyes or there may be a separate attachment above the head to ensure that any straps don't end up being loaded across the casualty's face. The original SKED had a rather cumbersome but nonetheless foolproof rope attachment that threaded through eyes along the entire body of the stretcher and terminated in a knotted support for the feet. See later section on suspension for details of bridles and rigging but the next category of stretchers have become masters of vertical lift and rescue from extremely confined spaces.



4, HALF SIZE/HALF- BOARD & SEAT STRETCHERS

Perhaps the best choice for extreme confined spaces which require vertical and horizontal hoisting/lowering are the models which package the upper-torso and head only, leaving the legs free to negotiate tight confines and bends. This



category could be divided into rigid and roll-up as two distinct design variations. We have NOT included the many immobilisation devices like the KED and OSS which could be seen as one step removed from the half-board stretchers we HAVE included especially since Ferno sell a lifting bridle for the KED but this is presumably for short duration raising/lowering with limited exposure to fall from height. The differences are in the complexity and security of the strapping with half-stretchers like the LSP and the Spec-Pac having full-suspension hardware and handles whereas an extrication device and most drag 'stretchers' use plastic and Velcro patient restraint straps



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Left-to-Right: Cresto Skopan, CMC/ SKED Drag'n Lift, Ultramedic Conrest, LSP-Miller, Slix-50, Ferno XT Pro, Tyromont Tyrol CS back-plate (exc stretcher harness), Kong Half Rolly & Task STR-H.

Below-Left: Yates/CMC SpecPac & F.A.S.T. Fatsboard

and buckles to enable simple lifting and shifting from, for instance a car crash, to a properly configured stretcher or ambulance trolley. In the absence of anything else, an extrication device would certainly help in manoeuvring a casualty within and from a confined space but it would be more makeshift than dedicated to the task and couldn't safely be used for vertical lift/ lowering unlike the models in this GUIDE. The *LSP-Miller* was perhaps the first model to take an extrication 'vest' and make it into very capable 'stretcher', something that would enable vertical hoisting/lowering with full strength webbing and hardware and lifting points incorporated into a rigid backboard. It took a while for others to follow the *LSP*'s lead but we did eventually get some quite sophisticated half-board models like the *Spec-Pac* by Yates/CMC and latterly Ferno's *XT-Pro* and Ultramedic/Skylotec's *Conrest*. Unique in this selection is the *Fastboard*, a half-basket stretcher designed to scoop and package a casualty inside a minute with pre-positioned webbing and a single - pull-to-tension and secure harness system. There are also enhanced versions of the more basic metal seats like Cresto's *Skopan* and the *Telson* which use an angled seat to better support the casualty during vertical extraction but this is impractical for traditional horizontal carrying so the other half-boards shown here, use wide, padded leg loops which work in vertical and horizontal orientation.



The *Drag'n Lift* that features as the main picture on our title page is a Sked/CMC collaboration is a half-sized roll-up (a variation of their basic Drag-stretcher below) with enhanced strapping to enable hoisting.. It's not alone in adopting this enhancement of the most basic roll-up drag-stretchers; the *Slix-50*, *Task STR-H* and *Kong Rolly* are also half-sized roll-up

stretchers with enhanced strapping and safety features.

DRAG-ONLY STRETCHERS

Some high-spec roll-ups like the *Saviour Tactical*, *Slix RR* and *SKED-Drag* and *Evac-Pro* are drag and carry-only, NOT lift capable and are therefore not included in this GUIDE but they do everything you might want a con-space stretcher to do. The most basic 'drag-stretchers' have limited means to secure the casualty for a complex extraction beyond transverse straps and maybe leg straps; they are simply a means of dragging and carrying a casualty for short distances quickly from a place of danger to a place of safety. Compare the *SKED-Drag* on the right with the *Drag n'Lift* top-left with red and blue lifting straps and metal d-rings. Since dragging is a common part of any protracted rescue many full-spec rescue stretchers incorporate a drag handle as seen here in the *Conrest*, *Tyromont CS* and *Kong Half Rolly* above. Some drag-only mats are quite complex and full length like the *Albumat* but this too uses Velcro securing so it is suitable for dragging or carrying down stairs and across grass and tarmac but not rocks or rubble or high angles. **One or two like the *Xtract* stretchers are unusual because they have the low bulk and rapid deployment of a drag stretcher and easy to get into tight spaces to package the casualty but are also capable of being hoisted and have a float option.** The ability to fold, roll or pack down small for entry is an important consideration for some types of rescue but it is wise to remember that **your ease of entry and access with a packed stretcher is radically different to exiting with a deployed stretcher.** Some might argue that if they take in a full length stretcher even with the access hassles, they at least know that it will fit all of the tightest spaces during egress. The full length *SKED* for instance rolls down into a cylindrical bag with external pockets which is about 92x23cm /9" x 36".



VACUUM MATTRESSES

We haven't included vacuum mattresses even though some perform a very capable job in a confined space. They would

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nearly always need some form of reinforcing to be suitable for full rope suspension and should they be punctured, all support integrity is lost. A three-day rescue of a caver in South Wales in Autumn 2021 utilised a vacuum mattress on the *outside* of a rigid board/stretcher because it provides excellent insulation and protection and it was dragged over some pretty rough terrain showing how resilient these things are. But again they can't be used for a hoisting unless reinforced. Some otherwise excellent multi-role stretchers like Kohlbunz'e *RED*, Tyromont's *Tyroll* (not to be confused with the very different *Tyroll CS* in this GUIDE), Ferno's *Sauerbag3* and Kong's *Everest* are really a system of components that combine to become an excellent all-purpose stretcher rather than being a stand-alone rescue stretcher and these are often quite bulky so are geared more towards mountain and helicopter rescue than confined spaces.

SUSPENSION, HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL LIFT

For rope and winching operations you have to be very careful to ONLY use the specified lift points - this does not necessarily mean a handle or, in the case of a metal basket or platform stretcher, anywhere along the top rail. Specified load points may be required because of the load angles and may be an isolated section of rail (**Isolated Rail Eye** in our tables) or an obvious eye, perhaps with a reinforced grommet or an extra reinforced weld-point on metal baskets. For horizontal lift these will be located at the strongest part of a stretcher to rule out folding or buckling under load; roughly the 1/4- 3/4 length points at the shoulders to mid torso area and the lower leg to thigh area. Most of the weight is in the head and torso so you will see the roll-up stretchers in particular concentrating their load points in the upper half of the stretcher while half-boards are obviously ONLY loaded at the head and torso. Rarely, will a stretcher have horizontal suspension points at the obvious extremities - head and foot.

BRIDLES AND SUSPENSION-POINTS

The various bridles and lift-strap options are discussed in depth in the article in WSAR#9 which is available free via our

website. Here, we shall simply mention that for confined space rescue it is very useful to have a means of changing the orientation of your stretcher from horizontal to vertical in order to negotiate tight entry or egress points. This is best achieved with a bridle system like the one below that allows you to take in the tail of an adjustable sling to raise the head or with a separate mini-pulley system from the head to the collection

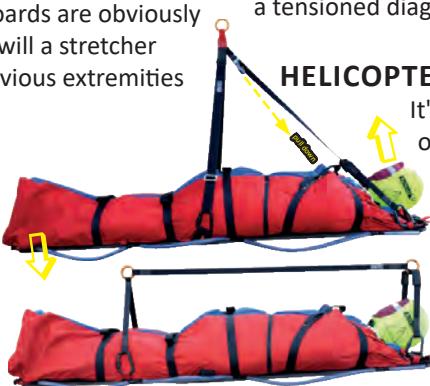
point. You will need to ensure that any strapping can be easily secured when not in use so that it does not represent a snag hazard during egress. Some stretchers have pouches or nooks

and crannies that can keep straps out of the way but if not, use some small tackle bags that can be safely stowed by the patient's feet or next to the O2 cylinder. Before we leave attachment points though, it's worth mentioning control lines and tag-lines. These are ropes connected to the head and or foot-end of a stretcher to assist in positioning and direction of lift during a raising or winching operation or on a tyrolean. In general a tag-line is for orientation, positioning and obstacle negotiation while a control line maintains a constant lowering speed and/or braking action in a more horizontal plane such as a tensioned diagonal/tyrolean traverse.

limit the exposure of carabiners by placing inside the frame where possible and face gates inwards towards the casualty

HELICOPTER-USE

It's not often the case that a winch operation is required following a con-space rescue but it could be, especially from on-board a ship so you need to ensure that your stretcher



is heli-compatible. LSC's 402 models (left) and Zero Height's Heli (right) are, despite their 'light' appearance, true multi-role stretchers that hoist, float (with adjuncts), slide and can get into pretty narrow spaces which is why the 402 is favoured by so many US helicopter crews. Any stretcher's aerodynamics can be altered by the way you package your casualty so even those listed in this GUIDE as Heli-compatible may be affected by rotor-wash and rotor-spin under certain conditions. What is vitally important is that only the bridles and accessories specifically made for your heli-stretcher are used - **there should be no mix and and matching of slings and components from other manufacturers when it come to heli-ops.**

Interestingly Peter Bell's early work with the RAF seemed to indicate that a slight tilt to head up reduced spin as it shed air more readily.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

In most urban-industrial confined spaces, environmental protection is not quite so essential as it is in mountain and cave rescue where cold, winds and running water can conspire to kill off your casualty just as surely as the original injury. That's not to say that thermal protection in particular may not still be an essential component of your casualty packaging just that the measures can be less extensive than is required 6000m up a mountain. You may for instance wish to add a Therma-Rest style self-inflating mattress to your stretcher accessories because it also doubles

as water floatation. For the ultimate protection, Kong have an all-encompassing capsule (right) which seals like a drysuit and has a clear face shield with breathing valve.

HEAD GUARDS/FACE SHIELDS

The Kong Capsule is perfect for complete head-to-toe protection from cold-water inundation but there are simpler options for head-protection like the Kong Visor (above) which attaches to their optional head-foam/cervical management system. Being strapped to a stretcher face up to negotiate a vertical face is a very scary prospect with very real dangers from falling dirt and debris. In the old days a pair of glasses or goggles were the minimalist approach but CMC broke the mould when they introduced their comprehensively protective clear Lexan Litter-Shield shown on the right in its alternative, larger, taller format that will fit most basket stretchers, not just CMC's. This



thing is as good today as it was when it was introduced in the 80s able to deflect sizeable chunks of debris that might defeat lighter-weight counter-measures. Indeed Jim Frank says he knows of at least two saves from rockfall thanks to this Lexan Shield. Not cheap at \$470 but a lot cheaper than a new face! Similarly the MacInnes cover by Lyon (pic right) uses adherence to the EN Mountaineering Impact standards as the basis for design. This degree of solid protection might be bulky to store and carry were it not for the fact that both designs can simply flip over the end of the stretcher for patient access and during transport or invert inside the stretcher for storing. The simplest face visor options including Kohlbratt's build-your-own flatpack model, store flat until formed into a sturdy plastic dome or curve. Some head immobilisation measures provide a limited degree of face-protection and are shown as ● indicating partial protection. (As a side-note, a variation of the usual head immobilisation measures is LSP's Helmet Immobiliser (right) with an extended, elastic top section).



FLOTATION

Strapping a casualty into a stretcher when in or near water is a tricky decision because, with just a few exceptions, most of these stretchers will either sink like a stone or at best, remain on the edge of being neutrally buoyant so will require additional flotation in order to function safely in water or, in this case, flooded tunnels. They can be quite fiddly to fit so don't expect to rock up and deploy within a couple of minutes like water rescue teams might with pre-rigged systems. Pre-planning is necessary. Where available as an option, most use round float tubes that strap around the outside of the frame and/or have a 'thorax' pad to help float the heavy upper body. The UT200 above has foam-tube options but also offers these inflatable supports for those operating in confined spaces who don't have room for 6 cubic feet of solid foam. The UT2000 also offers an inflatable upper body 'lilo' for enhanced buoyancy at the vital head-end also providing warmth and protection as mentioned earlier with the Therma-Rest mattress.

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Any use, feature, accessory or component that is inherent in the stretcher is shown as a solid coloured square ■■■■■. If it's an option it is shown as an outline square □□□□. A circle ● in the 'USE' columns indicates that this feature is only partially present and/or is OK for that purpose but not ideal. NB: we have previously used a diamond to indicate this in our GUIDES but felt a diamond ♦ was better used to show which stretchers were tapered. ALL of these stretchers can be used for short-duration carry-out with varying degrees of casualty comfort and rescuer convenience so **Long Range (LR) Carry-Out** is a separate category. Rope rescue is a feature of ALL of these stretchers but load capacity varies with only the EvacPro+ specifically designed for bariatric casualties.

ORIGIN: The 'manufacturer's country, not necessarily the country of manufacture indicated by an inset flag.

COST: a rough guide only - **includes** local taxes/VAT. Varies with exchange rates, extra taxes etc. We usually round up to the nearest Pound£/US Dollar\$/Euro€. Cost is for basic model with included accessories indicated by a solid square in the appropriate column (optional extras being an outline square).

STRETCHER TYPE

FLAT-FOLDABLE: A flat-topped stretcher with a rigid base that folds for storage. Usually has integrated straps and/or enveloping flexible 'wings' which encapsulate or partially encapsulate the casualty.

FLAT-ROLL-UP: A flexible flat sheet that rolls into a tube for storage - most halve in length for storage but some, like the Petzl Nest, halve in width.

HALF-SIZE ONLY: Half-length stretchers, seats or extrication vests with lift-capability. Some also indicated in the ROLL-UP column.

BASKET: a basin shaped stretcher with raised sides that help retain the casualty within it. May be an open weave frame of tubular metal (or carbon-fibre) or it may be a solid shell, usually some form of plastic, supported by a tubular metal frame.

RIGID: Is for stretchers that are **fully rigid but are not baskets - usually a half board or platform**.

SPLIT: SPLIT Refers to a two-piece stretcher that divides into two separate halves which can be carried by one or two people. Some hinge as well as splitting. Most have the provision of a ruck-sack style harness or suitably equipped carry bag which implies it can be carried by one person but some are better divided between two persons.

STRETCHER ATTRIBUTES:

TAPERED ♦ **RECTANGULAR**■ The general shape. Tapered means it narrows significantly towards the leg end.

CERTIFIED: Not necessarily a specific standard as a stretcher but meets the more generic Medical Device Directives in the UK/EU and/or **USA/Canada**

WEIGHT does not include bag and other options

DESIGN LOAD & MBS: Design load is the weight of person that is intended to use the stretcher akin to Working Load Limit. This may be further defined by horizontal *and* vertical weight limits. Minimum Breaking Strength/Load - **MBS** (in **burnt orange**) is generally 10 or 15 times higher than the WLL.

DIMENSIONS Length by width with some showing a depth/height from ground. Some widths will be the sheet material opened out rather than the width of the stretcher when it is formed. Some half-size models may be wider than they are long. The stored dimensions may be the bag rather than the rolled stretcher which can be rolled tight at half the bag width.

MATERIALS. FRAME - In the case of roll-ups the main sheet

material is often High/Med/Low Density Polyethylene or HDPE/MDPE/LDPE. The **BASE LINER** or padding may not be present in rolled-sheet stretchers or may be an option in some baskets which is further indicated in the **PADDED BASE MAT** column. **SUSPENSION POINTS**- indicates the number and type of specific attachments for horizontal and vertical raising/lowering. This is NOT the same as the handles/hand-holds unless indicated.

USES & FEATURES:

HORIZONTAL RAISE: Can be suspended on rope/winch cable in horizontal/prone orientation. Does NOT refer to hand-carry

VERTICAL RAISE: Suspends in head-up/standing posture

HELICOPTER: Stretcher is approved for use in/from helicopters in its own country.

SKIDS/REINFORCED: The ability to slide over hard surfaces without compressing the stretcher and adversely impacting the casualty. Some have skids, others have rigid inserts

LR GROUND-CARRY: LONG RANGE Ground Carry able to be carried for long distances over mixed terrain. Allows multi-rescuer carry. Has wide, comfortable handles. Supports and protects the casualty when slid over rocks/railings etc.

WATER-CAPABLE ■=Inherently buoyant stretcher or flotation is included in the price quoted. □=Optional flotation from the same manufacturer as the stretcher

EXTREME CONFINED SPACE: Narrow enough to be used for confined spaces and in **EXTREMELY** small spaces.

BARIATRIC: Only one model is specifically designed for bariatrics but confined-space rescue by definition will hopefully preclude the largest of bariatric patients. Some may fit a very large casualty but need to be strong enough to hoist. This is indicated by a circle ● or a bariatric option in this range but not intended for conn-space rescue is indicated by □

HEAD IMMOBILISATION: Neck and head immobilisation measures but NOT the full protection of a cervical collar.

SPINE IMMOBILISATION: Usually a half-board covering the spine area from head to waist as an integral component. Some have reinforcing or a rigid base that resists bending but is NOT considered to be definitive spinal protection unless it is a specifically certified adjunct so is indicated by a circle ●.

FACE GUARD: A universal face/head guard will fit any stretcher in this GUIDE so this refers to the manufacturer's specifically supplied head/face-guard if one is available.

WEATHER PROTECTION: waterproof and/or heat-retaining cover

ADJUSTABLE FIXED LENGTH BRIDLE: A set of straps connecting harness lift points to a central collection point. Often called a bridle for horizontal lift and a yoke for vertical lift.

Adjustable straps shown as ■ or □ if it's an option. Fixed length straps = ■ or □ if it's an option.

INTEGRAL BODY HARNESS: Enhanced strapping that restrains or wraps the foot, shoulders/chest, waist and thighs (leg-loops). Not simply transverse straps crossed over the chest. Femoral and shoulder straps are often padded in a full body harness.

EXTENSION HANDLES: are carry handles that fix to the frame but rarely used in Con-space rescue except for walk-in/walk-out.

COLOUR-CODED STRAPS: Straps are coloured in pairs to ensure correct connections especially of the body/foot harness. The integrity of semi circular roll-ups can be dependant on correct alignment of straps. Some have partial colouring with the foot and/or chest straps coloured differently.

FOOT-PLATE/SUPPORT: a rigid foot plate or separate web-support strap or rope - often as a figure 8.

PADDED BASE MAT: between the casualty and the stretcher and always waterproof to allow easy cleaning of body-fluids

CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK: Protective cover, often with back-straps

COLOUR: Primary colour of shell/frame with an outline secondary colour to indicate trim colour.



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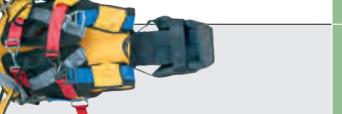
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					FLAT- FOLD ABLE	FLAT- ROLL-UP	HALF-SIZE ONLY	BASKET RIGID SPLIT TAPERED RECTANGULAR			
	Evac-Pro+	3ET	UK	?	-	■	-	-	■■	14kg* 30.8kg*	400kg 880lb 600kg 1320 lb
	SLIX 100 SLIX100	ABTECH SAFETY	UK	£695*	-	■	-	-	◆■	11kg 24.2 lb	150kg 331 lb 400kg 880lb
	SLIX 50combi SLIX50com	ABTECH SAFETY	UK	£1342*	-	■■	-	-	◆■	10kg 22 lb	150kg 331 lb 400kg 880lb
	Rollable Stretcher RS100	ABTECH SAFETY	UK	£634	-	■	-	-	◆■	8kg 17.6 lb	120kg 264 lb
	Barella Speleo	ALP DESIGN	IT	n/a	-	-	-	■■■	■■■	13kg 28.7 lb	150kg 331 lb
	Disaster Response Con-Space 726305	CMC PRO	CA	\$419	-	-	-	■■■	■■■	14kg 31 lb	408kg 900 lb
	Drag'n Lift SK225	CMC/ SKEDCO	US	\$869* €1720*	-	■■	-	-	■■■	5.4kg* 12 lb*	16kN lbf
	LSP MILLER HALF-BACK	CMC/ LIFE SUPPORT PRODUCTS	US	\$1365*	-	-	■■	■■■	◆■■	5kg 11 lb	?
	YATES SPECPAC Yates 900/903 CMC 721903	CMC/ YATES	US	\$1800 €2210	-	■■	■■■	◆■■	■■■	7.3kg 16 lb	182 kg 400 lb
	HS Skopan	CRESTO	SE	?	-	-	■■	■■■	■■■	7kg 15.4 lb	22kN 4946 lbf
	Medsled VLR 36 MLS36-VLR	ETHOS	US	£650 \$700 €750	-	■	-	-	■■■	6.8kg 15 lb	450kg 992 lb
	Medsled VLR 28 MLS28-VLRPJ	ETHOS	US	£650 \$700 €750	-	■	-	-	■■■	4.5kg 10 lb	450kg 992 lb
	Bo	FALLSAFE	PT	€646	-	■	-	-	■■	5.5kg 13.2 lb	140kg 308 lb

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		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCHES	LR GROUND-CARRY	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE	CAVE	CON-SPACE	BARIATRIC	HEAD IMMOBILISATION	SPINE IMMOBILISATION	FACE GUARD	WEATHER PROTECTION	BRIDLE ADJUSTABLE	BRIDLE FIXED LENGTH	BODY HARNESS	EXTENSION HANDLES	COLOUR-CODED STRAPS	FOOT-PLATE/SUPPORT	PADDED BASE /MAT	CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK	OTHER COLOURS		
230x260x2cm 90.5x103x0.8" 70x35cm 28x14"	HDPE P300 plastic & PVC 2 Aluminium Poles 4 retaining eyes	■	■	-	-	-	-	■	■	-	-	-	■	□*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Specialist Bariatric stretcher with 10+ handles. *Wt excludes heavy-lift hoist kit weighing 14kg inc. alu poles & slings	3et.co.uk
230x91.5cm 90.5x36" 100x33cm 40x13"	LDPE 8 Grommet Eyes	■	■	?	-	●	-	■	□	□	□	●	●	-	-	■	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	*Spinal splint +£605 Bag and bridles +£105	abtechsafety.com
*168/105x88x6cm *66/41.4x35x2.4" 105x20cm 41.4x8"	LDPE 4 Grommet Eyes	■	■	?	-	-	-	■	-	■	■	●	-	-	■	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	□	* Length with and without leg skirt *Basic Slix-50 (£794) is minus the spinal splint insert	abtechsafety.com
240x95cm 94.5x37.4" 95x35cm 37.4x14"	LDPE 10 Grommet Eyes	■	■	■	-	●	□	■	●	-	●	●	-	■	-	■	■	■	□	■	■	■	■		abtechsafety.com
183x42x10cm 72x16.5x4"	Carbon Fibre/ Kevlar/Bakelite Nylon/Cordura 7 Web Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	●	-	■	■	●	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Rope handholds run the circumference of the stretcher	alpdesign.it
210x46x17cm 82.7x18.1x6.7"	Carbon-Steel Durethane mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	-	■	□	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		cmcpro.com
?	HDPE Vinyl/foam 2 D-rings (for vertical lift)	-	■	-	-	-	-	■	-	■	□	-	■	□*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Add \$€200 & 1kg/2.2 lb for vertical-lift spreader bar	cmcpro.com skedco.com
87x92cm 34x36" 87x30cm 34x12"	Aluminium 2-ply Cordura 4 metal D-Rings	-	■	-	-	-	-	■	-	■	■	●	■	□*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Add \$263 for vertical lift straps, Carry Case = \$164	cmcpro.com	
?	HDPE Vinyl 4 D-rings	■	■	-	■	-	-	■	-	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Yates 903 = intrinsically safe version	cmcpro.com yatesgear.com
124.5x43x24.5cm 49x17x10"	Stainless Steel Nylon 8 Lift-capable hand-holds	■	■	-	■	-	-	■	-	■	■	■	-	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*optional foot support is actually a polyethylene sheet to protect legs but incidentally supports feet too.	crestogroup.com
203x92cm 100x36" 92x59cm 36x23"	HDPE 4 web slots 1 Circumferential head strap	■	■	■	-	●	□	■	●	-	■	●	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		medsled.com
203x92cm 100x28" 92x51cm 28x20"	HDPE 4 web slots 1 Circumferential head strap	●	■	■	-	●	□	■	-	■	■	●	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		medsled.com
120x90x15cm 47x35.4x6"	HDPE/PVC 3 Alloy D rings	-	■	-	-	-	-	■	-	■	■	●	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		fallsafe-online.com

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	Fladdermus FS34108	FALLSAFE	PT	€412	-	■	-	-	6kg 13.2 lb 140kg 308 lb
	Fastboard	F.A.S.T. Rescue Solutions	US	\$2450	-	-	■■■	■■■	10kg 22 lbs 25kN 2549 lbf
	Res-Q-Mate	FERNO	US	\$2800	■	-	-	■■	17.5kg 38.5 lb 180kg 397 lb
	Paraguard Excel	FERNO	US	£1950 \$2500	■	-	-	■■	11.5kg 18 lb 136kg 300 lb
	Lifesaver	FERNO	US	\$900	-	■	-	■♦	6.5kg 14.3 lb 160kg 350 lb
	Neil Robinson	FERNO	US	£530	-	■	-	■♦	8kg 17.6 lb 136kg 300 lb
	XT-Pro*	FERNO	US	£750 \$850 €870	-	-	■■	■■	3.4kg 7.5 lb 160kg 352.7 lb
	POD MS02	HEIGHTEC	UK	£958	-	■	-	-	9.5kg 21 lb 140kg 308 lb
	Chrysalis	HEIGHTEC	UK	£1158	-	■	-	♦	8.65kg 19 lb 260kg 572 lb
	Telson	HEIGHTEC	UK	£1536	-	-	■■	■■	7kg 15.4 lb 140kg 308 lb
	JSA300-CS	JUNKIN SAFETY	US	£430 \$409	-	-	-	■■	10.4kg 23 lb 681kg 1500 lb
	UT 2000	KOHLBRAT & BUNZ	AT	£2432	■	-	-	■■	8kg 17.6 lb 160kg 352 lb
	RollUP RL1000 RL2000	KOHLBRAT & BUNZ	AT	£875 £1660 \$2295 €1985	-	■	-	-	7.6 to 9.6kg 16.7 to 21.1 lb 150kg 330 lb 600kg 1320 lb

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		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCH	LR GROUND-CARRY	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE	CAVE	CON-SPACE	BARIATRIC	HEAD/IMMOBILISATION	SPINE/IMMOBILISATION	FACE GUARD	WEATHER PROTECTION	BRIDLE ADJUSTABLE	BRIDLE FIXED LENGTH	BODY/HARNESS	EXTENSION HANDLES	COLOUR-CODED STRAPS	FOOT-PLATE/SUPPORT	PADDED BASE (MAT)	CARRY BAG/RUCKSACK	OTHER COLOURS
200x50x30cm 79x20x12" 92x30cm 36x12"	HDPE 8 Grommet eyes	■ ■	■ ■	-	-	-	-	■	-	□	□*	-	●	□	-	-	■ ■	-	■ ■	-	-	* fits with the Fallsafe Bo immobilisation vest/stretcher	fallsafe-online.com
115x46x12cm 45x18x4.5"	Polyethylene 5 Lift-capable hand holds	■ ■ ■	■ ■	-	●	■	□	■	-	-	■	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Also available in white and with LED lights around inside of top rail.	fastrescuesolutions.com
185x28x10cm 73x11x4" 100x28cm 39.5x11"	Stainless Steel PVC 4 Web Eyes	■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	-	-	■	■	●	-	-	-	●	-	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Extension handles	ferno.com
182x27x7.5cm 71.6x10.6x2.9" 104x27cm 41x11"	Aluminium PVC 4 Stainless D-rings	■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	-	●	-	■	■	●	-	-	●	-	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		ferno.com
153x104/40x3cm 60x41/16x1" ?	Plastic Rib Inserts Ballistic Nylon/PVC 2 metal Rings	■ ■ ■	■ ■	-	-	■	-	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■		ferno.com
153x100x4cm 60x40x1.5" 150x18cm 60x7"	Bamboo Rib Inserts Treated Cotton 2 metal Rings	● ■ ■	-	●	●	-	■	■	●	■	●	■	-	-	-	-	-	■	-	-	-	A classic design using traditional materials. Archaic but functional. Available in 2 lengths	ferno.com
83x30x6cm 32.7x11.8"	Carbon Fibre 4 Web eyes 1 Head strap	■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	-	●	■	□	■	-	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*XT- std version excludes hoist capability but can be upgraded inc floats	ferno.com
220x90cm 87x35.4" 90x20cm 35.4x8"	LDPE 6 Grommet Eyes	■ ■ ■	■ ■	-	-	-	-	■	-	-	-	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		heightec.com
215x79cm 85x31" 79x22cm 31x7"	Nylon/Polyester PVC 6 Handholds for lift straps	■ ■ ■	■ ■	-	-	-	-	■	●	-	-	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		heightec.com
114x38x25cm 45x15x10"	Stainless Steel Foam 10 Lift-capable hand-holds	■ ■ ■	■ ■	-	-	■	-	■	-	●	-	-	●	■	●	-	-	-	-	-	-		heightec.com
204x46.7x20cm 80.5x18.4x7.75"	5/8" top rail Steel Steel Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	-	■	-	□	■	-	□	□	□	□	□	-	□	□	□	□	□	□		junkinsafety.com
180-200*x44x12cm 71-79*x17.3x4.4" 94-104*cm/37-41"	Aluminium Plastic* All Top&Lower Rail	■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	□	●	-	□	□	□	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Shell can be removed *Length with frame extenders. Extension handles option	kohlbrat-bunz.com lyonequipment.co.uk
248x92cm 98x36" 92x27cm 36x11"	HDPE 30 Grommet eyes	■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	-	□	■	-	□	□	□	□	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	length adjustable head and foot ends. Option of Cobra, manual feed & plastic quick release buckles. Numerous handle, strap and stiffener supports	kohlbrat-bunz.com lyonequipment.co.uk

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	RollIUP RL3000	KOHLBRAT & BUNZ		£1364 \$2300 €1990	-		-	-			8.7 to 10.3kg 16.7 to 21.1 lb	150kg 330 lb 600kg 1320 lb
	RollIUP RL4000	KOHLBRAT & BUNZ		£1650 \$2275 €1960	-		-	-			7.6 to 9.6kg 16.7 to 21.1 lb	150kg 330 lb 600kg 1320 lb
	Rolly	KONG		£850 \$1150 €995	-		-	-			7.3kg 16 lb	150kg 330 lb 1500kg 3300 lb
	Half Rolly	KONG		£795 \$1075 €930	-			-			5kg* 11 lb	150kg 330 lb 1500kg 3300 lb
	402 402TI	LSC		\$1801 \$2856		-	-	-			14.5kg 32 lb 10.8kg 24 lb	272kg 598 lb



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		HORIZONTAL LIFT	VERTICAL LIFT	HELICOPTER WINCH	LR GROUND-CARRY	SKIDS/SLIDE	IN-WATER-CAPABLE																			
254x92cm 100x36" 92x27cm 36x11"	HDPE 30 Grommet eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	-	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	enclosed head & foot. Option of Cobra, manual feed & plastic quick release buckles. Numerous handle, strap and stiffener supports	kohlbrat-bunz.com lyonequipment.co.uk
248x92cm 98x36" 92x27cm 36x11"	HDPE 30 Grommet eyes	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	-	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	enclosed head & adjustable foot. Option of Cobra, manual feed & plastic quick release buckles. Numerous handle, strap and stiffener supports	kohlbrat-bunz.com lyonequipment.co.uk
245x92cm 96.5x36" 110x35cm 43x14"	Nylon 4 slots for lift slings	■	■	?	-	-	-	■	●	-	-	-	●	■	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	kong.it
135x92cm 51x36" 110x30cm 43x12"	Nylon Head-end Rope	-	■	-	-	-	-	■	●	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	*6.6kg inc slings and rope which can extend to support feet	kong.it
203x42x19cm 80x16.5x7.5" 107x42cm 42x16.5"	Titanium or SSteel Nylon/Cordura 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	-	-	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Integral foot plate	lifesavingsystems.com

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					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
	Restricted Access Stretcher LSYNRAS mk 3	LYON EQUIPMENT	UK	£900	-	■	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5kg 11 lb	150kg 331 lb	
	Resq Cocoon	MITTELMANN	Germany	€2285	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	11.5kg 25.3 lb	140kg 308 lb	
	Resq Turtle	MITTELMANN	Germany	€1726	-	■	■	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	7.5kg 16.5 lb	140kg 308 lb	
	NEST	PETZL	France	£2174 \$2870 €2050	-	-	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	13.1kg 28.8 lb	150kg 331 lb	
	Vertical Rescue	PROMEBA PA-45	Spain	£420 €500	■	-	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	6.5kg 14.3 lb	150kg 331 lb	
	MIBS mk2 87302	RESCUE & MEDICAL	UK	£775	-	■	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	3.5kg 7.7 lb	?	
	Patriot Rap 4 Tactical Rap 4	RITE RESCUE SYSTEMS	USA	\$1890	-	■	■	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	?	?	
	Alpine CR Alpine Light CR CR=Civil Rescue	SAR PRODUCTS	UK	£1845 £2505	■	-	-	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	13.45kg 29.7 lb 11kg 24.25 lb	300kg 661 lb	
	Evac Body Splint	SAR PRODUCTS	UK	£500	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	7.2kg 15.8 lb	300/150kg 661/330 lb	
	Technical Rescue*	SAVIOUR MEDICAL	UK	£755	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5.7kg 12.5 lb	200kg 440lb	
	SKED SK-200	SKEDCO	USA	£855* \$665* €1055*	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5kg 11 lb	None quoted anywhere Likely WLL of 200kg/440lb	
	PJ SKED SK-215	SKEDCO	USA	\$831*	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	4.5kg 10 lb	None quoted anywhere Likely WLL of 200kg/440lb	
	Dakota Lite ST04006	SPENCER	Italy	£370 €430	-	-	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	14.5kg 32 lb	290kg 639 lb	

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130x88x0.3cm 51x35x0.1" 88x20/ <10* cm 35x8/4"	LDPE 4 Web Eyes	■	●	-	-	-	-	■	-	-	-	-	-	■	●	■	-	□	*<10cm if not using the storage bag	lyonequipment.com
220x55cm 87x22" 88x42cm 34x16.5"	HDPE Nylon/Cordura 10 Web Eyes 2 Web Eyes (head)	■	■	■	-	-	-	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Unlike Sauerbag3, Kong Everest and other 'system' stretchers the Cocoon can be used by itself	mittelmann.com
105x65cm 42x26" 105x22cm 42x9"	HDPE 4 Web straps 1 Head strap	■	●	-	-	-	-	■	-	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■		mittelmann.com
200x50x5cm 78.7x19.7x2"	Nylon/Aluminium Polyurethane/ethylene 2 Web Extensions 1 Head strap	■	■	-	●	●	-	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Storage bag=£155	petzl.com
190x50x2cm 75x20x0.8" 85x50cm 33.5x20"	Polyester PVC 4 Web Extensions	■	■	-	-	■	-	■	●	■	-	-	●	■	■	■	■	■		promeba.com
220x76cm 87x30" 76x24cm 30x9.5"	MDPE Cordura 6 Web Extensions	■	■	-	□	-	-	■	□	■	■	●	-	■	■	■	■	■		rescueandmedical.com
137 or*224x81cm 54 or*88x32" 81x20cm 32x9"	Composite Polymer Nomex?/Cordura 2 Metal D-Rings 2 Web Extensions	■	■	-	-	-	-	■	●	-	-	-	●	■	■	■	■	■	*with leg protector Can evacuate firefighters in breathing apparatus, versions 1 (\$1650) to 4 with varying accessories	riterescuesystems.com
210x60x12cm 83x23.6x4.7" 105x60cm 41.3x23.6"	Steel / Aluminium Polyethylene bed 4 Fixed Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	●	-	-	●	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	Red = Alpine CR only White = Alpine CR Light only	sar-products.com
205x68cm 81x27" 75x30cm 30x12"	MDPE PVC/Nylon 6 Lift-Capable Hand-holds. 2 Head-end Web Eyes	■	■	-	-	-	-	■	-	●	●	●	-	■	■	■	■	■		sar-products.com
200x62.5cm 79x25" 70x30cm 28x12"	LDPE 6 Grommet Eyes	■	■	-	□	■*	□	■	-	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	includes wrist containment straps. *TACTICAL version with no lifting eyes-£540. *If using optional inserts	saviourmedical.com
x92cm 96x36" 92x20cm 36x8"	MDPE 10 Web slots inc 4 for lifting slings 15 grommet eyes for head rope*	■	■	-	-	-	□	■	□	-	■	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	*Add \$€157 for Cobra buckles. Basic SKED-no accessories=\$510/€780 *Rope fed thru round eye to create anchor eyes at head and foot	skedco.com
244x71cm 96x28" 71x20cm 28x8"	MDPE 10 Web slots inc 4 for lifting slings 15 grommet eyes for head rope*	■	■	■	-	-	□	■	□	-	■	●	-	■	■	■	■	*Cost (but not the wt) includes all straps, Cobra Buckles & Bag. *Rope fed thru round eye to create anchor eyes at head and foot	skedco.com	
205x48x18.1cm 81x18.9x7.1"	Carbon Steel Varnished MarinePly 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	■	-	■	●	■	■	■	■	■		spencer.it	

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	Total	SPENCER	IT	€530	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	6kg* 13.2 lb	200kg 440 lb										
	STR Wind	TASK	BRAZIL	\$825	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	-	9.2kg 20.25 lb	120kg 265 lb										
	STR Plus II	TASK	BRAZIL	\$950	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	-	11.2kg 24.6 lb	120kg 265 lb										
	H-STR-II	TASK	BRAZIL	\$750	-	■	■	-	-	-	◆	-	6.7kg 14.75 lb	120kg 265 lb										
	Gazelle Con-Space 0107	TRAVERSE/ FERNO	CA	£363 \$475	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	14kg 31 lb	408kg 900 lb										
	VRS/TRS TRA19-0100	TRAVERSE/ FERNO	CA	£1186 \$982 €2125	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	8kg 18 lb	250/350kg 550/771 lb										
	Titan Pinnacle Con-Space 0153254	TRAVERSE/ FERNO	CA	£1082 \$750	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	6.5kg 14.3 lb	408kg 900 lb										
	Titan Pinnacle Split Con-Space 0153255	TRAVERSE/ FERNO	CA	£1282 \$1335	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	7.5kg 16.5 lb	408kg 900 lb										
	Tyroll CS	TYROMONT	AT	€1500	-	■	■	■	-	-	◆	■	7.1kg 15.6 lb	150kg 330 lb										
	Conrest SAN9100	ULTRAMEDIC/ SKYLOTEC	DE	£1950 €1965	-	-	-	■	-	-	■	■	8/9.1*kg 17.6/20lb	150kg 331 lb										
	UltraRoll SAN-9000 SAN9001	ULTRAMEDIC	DE	£1396 €1180*	-	■	-	-	-	-	◆	■	7.3kg 16 lb	300kg 660 lb										
	UltraMining	ULTRAMEDIC	DE	€2010	-	-	-	-	■	■	■	■	20kg 44 lb	200kg 441 lb										
	Heli RH00WA	ZERO HEIGHT SAFETY	CHN/UK	£1715	■	-	-	-	-	-	■	-	6.2kg 13.6 lb	300kg 660 lb 5kN										

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243x92x3cm 96x36.2x1.2" 95x38cm 37.4x15"	HDPE 10 Web slots inc 4 for lifting slings 18 grommet eyes for head rope*	■	■	-	-	-	-	■	□	-	●	□	■	-	-	-	-	■	-	■	■	■	*weight excludes rope and straps. *Rope fed thru round eye to create anchor eyes at head and foot	spencer.it
200x90x0.5cm 78x36x0.25" 90x25cm 35x10"	HDPE Foam pad 12 Web eyes 1 Head strap + D-ring	■	■	-	■	●	-	■	-	□	□	□	●	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	anti-constriction shoulder bar	taskbr.com
240x90x0.5cm 95x36x0.25" 90x32cm 35x12.5"	HDPE Foam pad 12 Web eyes 1 Head strap + D-ring	■	■	■	■	●	-	■	●	□	□	●	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	anti-constriction shoulder bar	taskbr.com
120x82x0.5cm 47x32.5x0.25" 90x20cm 35x8"	HDPE 10 Web eyes	■	■	-	●	●	-	■	●	□	□	●	□	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	anti-constriction shoulder bar	taskbr.com
210x46.4x18cm 82.5x18.25x7"	Carbon-Steel HDPE Mesh 8 Captive Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	■	-	-	-	-	□	-	-	-	■	-	■	■	■	ideal commercial/ training stretcher	traverserescue.ca
202x84cm 79.5x33" 84x25cm 33x10"	MDPE Cordura 3 Web eyes + 7 independently lift-rated handles	■	■	?	-	●	□	■	-	-	-	●	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	traverserescue.ca	
209.5x48.3x18cm 83.5x19x7.25"	25mm/1" top rail Titanium HDPE mesh 4 Strat-points	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	traverserescue.ca	
209.5x49.5x19cm 83.5x19.5 x7.7" 106.7x49.5cm 42x19.5"	25mm/1" top rail Titanium HDPE mesh 4 Strat-points	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	-	■	-	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	traverserescue.ca		
107x32cm 42x13"	Polythylene/ Carbon Fibre Cordura/PVC 3 web eyes*	■	●	-	■	-	-	■	-	■	■	●	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	*Top handle is drag-only	tyromont.com	
102x24x8cm 40x9.4x3"	Aluminium Polyester 5 handle/eyes	■	■	-	■	-	-	■	-	■	■	-	□	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	The orange straps in this image are the chest harness <u>not</u> lift bridle. *Optional separate foot-support	ultramedic.de skylotec.com	
254x92x30cm 100x36x12" 92x27cm 36x11"	HDPE 30 Grommet eyes	■	■	■	■*	■	■	■	-	■	-	■*	●	□	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	*Specific to Bell UH-1D / NH90/Sea King Mk. 41 *Military version €1380 *Shoulder, thoracic and pelvic rigid supports	ultramedic.de skylotec.com	
200x55x30cm 78.7x21.6x11.8"	V2A Stainless Steel 6 Handle/Rail Eyes	■	■	■	■	●	-	■	-	■	-	■	□	■	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	ultramedic.de skylotec.com		
195x40x10cm 90x40x15cm	Aluminium Polyester/Canvas 4 Metal D-rings on fixed straps	■	■	■	-	-	-	■	-	■	-	-	-	■	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	Zero also has close copy of the SKED which we have not included	zeroheightsafety.com	