

18 June, 2014

UPDATE:



Use of the ISC Rope Wrench RP280 in ISA Tree Climbing Championships

The ISA has received documentation provided by the manufacturer of the Rope Wrench RP280. This information has enabled the ISA to assess whether the device should be accepted for its' intended purpose at ISA championships (i.e stationary rope work positioning).

ISA does not perform testing of personal protective equipment. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to provide suitable and sufficient information to the ISA so that it is able to make an informed decision. ISC has submitted a document entitled [Rope Wrench System Recommendation](#). This document identifies the components to be used in a Rope Wrench system and defines the configuration of each component. In addition, the manufacturer has identified the dynamic and static performance of the system when tested against recognized fall protections standards. ISA has reviewed the information supplied and has accepted ISC Rope Wrench RP280 for use in ISA tree climbing championships.

Note: It is important to recognize that the manufacturer has not yet certified the system to the quoted standards.

ISC Recommendation: Based on the testing carried out by ISC and years of field-use by the designer as well as hundreds of production climbers, ISC are happy to recommend this system configuration. ISC approves the above mentioned configuration to be introduced for competition use. (See [ISC Rope Wrench System Recommendation](#))

Statement from ITCC Committee:

Following the submission of the requested documentation from ISC, and its review and subsequent recommendation, the ISC Rope Wrench RP280 will now be accepted in ISA tree climbing competitions for its' intended purpose.

Individuals using the ISC Rope Wrench RP280 must review and follow all guidelines for proper use as outlined in the [User Manual](#).

At this time, the following devices have been accepted for stationary rope work positioning:

- Petzl RIG
- Petzl ID
- ISC Rope Wrench RP280