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Less than one year ago, we announced that Lite Flite helicopter rescue equipment was in use in 15 countries. Just 4 months ago, this number was increased to 20. We are now counting more than 25 countries, but the number might be much higher. We do know that we have customers in many countries, but we also know, that a lot of them operates in more than one country. Shortly after Christmas 2011 it was reported that at least 3 lives were saved by a dedicated SAR crew in Algeria. We are proud to put on record the international utilization of Lite Flite rescue equipment.

The rising number of countries show us, that our overall policy of listening to our customers, and delivering what they want, has a value with a great impact.

New Lanyard Connector

In early february, we introduced the new lanyard connector, requested by a customer looking for an easier and safer way of keeping the helicopter winch man secured. It is nothing more but a short strap with a hook or carabiner that can be clipped



on to the middle D-ring of the QRB suspension strap in one end, and a click lock lanyards in the other.

By using this little device and a hoist harness equipped with a similar tang, the winch man can be secured in the helicopter, without the need for a seperate gunner- or monkey belt. When

returning from what may be cold water, the rescuer can be secured even before he re-enters the helicopter. Without using too many words, this is how it is intended to be used:

In the helicopter the QRB lies in its pouch or shelf with the small lanyard connector hooked on to the middle D-ring of the suspension strap

The lanyard is attached to a strong point in the helicopter. When preparing for a mission the winchman takes on his hoist harness. During flight he is secured in the helicopter with the lanyard connected to the click lock tang on the hoist



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harness. When arriving at the scene and the door is still closed, the winch man takes the QRB assy and click the QRB on to the front fork tang of the hoist harness.

He then moves the lanyards click lock from the harness to the lanyard connector attached to the middle D-ring of the suspension strap. Now the quick release possibility is right in front of him. When safety check procedure is over he now opens the door and hooks on to the hoist hook. The lanyard connector is then removed from the suspension strap and he is ready to go.

When the winch man returns from surface, supporting the saved victim, the winch operator simply reaches the lanyard and connector to the rescuer or even catch the middle D-ring directly. Now the rescuer is secured and can re-enter the helicopter, let the hoist hook go and close the door. Finally, he can move the lanyard click lock to his harness and leave the QRB assy in its pouch.



During this process, the winch man has not been unsecured, at any time, while the door was open. At the same time, he has not had the need for a separate gunner belt !

You can read much more and see a lot of pictures about how to use the lanyard connector at

www.lite-flite.com/page.php?cmspageid=108

Or, if needed right away, you are more than welcome to request a quote for P/N 60081626, lanyard connector with stainless steel snap hook, or P/N 60081629, lanyard connector with screwgate carabiner.

New Reseller: Developing Assets Ltd

Portsmouth based Developing Assets Ltd. has been appointed as new reseller in the UK. We at Lite Flite welcome this global acting company, looking forward to a great mutual partnership.

New Reseller: Avitech Srl

Avitech Srl with headquarter in Bologna, Italy, is also welcomed as new reseller. Avitech supplies all sorts of parts for civilian and military aircrafts and has now included Lite Flite equipment in their portfolio.

Future Events

As told in the previous news letter, we will be displaying our search- and rescue gear at SAR 2012 i Dublin, Ireland, March 15-16th, 2012.



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