

# EZ-SCAPE PRO™

## INTEGRATED SELF-RESCUE BELT - Q&A



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### QUESTION

What approvals has the EZ-Scape Pro™ Integrated Self-Rescue Belt received?

### ANSWER

The EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belt is approved to both NFPA 1981, 2013 (Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained [SCBA] for Emergency Services) and NFPA 1983, 2012 edition (Standard in Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services).

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### QUESTION

If I have a similar self-rescue belt, can it be retrofitted to my Scott Air-Pak SCBA and receive those same approvals?

### ANSWER

No, the standards dictate that all components of the SCBA, including the belt, be supplied by the manufacturer of the SCBA. There are many aftermarket belt/rescue device suppliers that sell equipment that can fit on a Scott Air-Pak SCBA. However, when placing those items on your SCBA, the NIOSH and NFPA approvals are voided.

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### QUESTION

My department has firefighters of various sizes. Can the EZ-Scape Belt accommodate our firefighters?

### ANSWER

The EZ-Scape Pro was developed as a one-size-fits-most application. It can be adjusted to fit from a 28"-56" waist, very similar to that of a standard waist belt found on the Air-Pak SCBA.

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### QUESTION

How is my descent controlled?

### ANSWER

Each system is equipped with a brake device that controls your rate of descent. The harder the brake is squeezed, the faster your descent. If the brake is not squeezed, your descent will stop. This design allows for a firefighter's hands to be free in order to open or break a window in high-rise emergency escape scenarios or to wait until the ground area beneath is cleared.

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### QUESTION

What makes the Scott EZ-Scape Pro different from other rescue belts?

### ANSWER

There are a number of differentiating factors that make this belt unique. The new double-pull design allows for fast donning of SCBA, ensuring a secure and uniform fit of the waist belt. New side-release parachute buckles mirror current Air-Pak design, ensuring quick and easy doffing. This design also allows the attachment point to be front and center every time. Most other belts only have a single strap for adjustment, causing the SCBA to twist when tightened, forcing the attachment point off-center.

The aluminum buckles drastically reduce the weight of the system, minimizing firefighter fatigue and discomfort while meeting the same stringent NFPA standards as earlier belts.

The belt is adjustable from 28" to 56", therefore eliminating the need to size individual firefighters for belts.

Lastly, the EZ-Scape Pro can be purchased as a belt-only configuration, allowing the firefighter to utilize the NFPA 1983 rated attachment point for a number of different uses, including a rated ladder belt when used with the proper multi-use strap.

**QUESTION**

How many times can I use the EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belt before it needs to be taken out of service?

**ANSWER**

The EZ-Scape Pro is designed to be a single use system. If during a fire, the device is deployed, NFPA standards mandate it must be removed from service and replaced. For training purposes, it is recommended that belts be designated for training only. Those belts can be used for up to 35 bailout training exercises provided they pass inspection after each use.

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**QUESTION**

How much weight is the EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belt rated for?

**ANSWER**

The complete system is tested to the NFPA 1983, 2012 edition minimum requirement of 13kN or 3,034 pounds static load static load.

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**QUESTION**

What Scott SCBAs can I use with the EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belts?

**ANSWER**

The EZ-Scape Pro belt-only option can be retrofitted onto Air-Pak 75 and Air-Pak X3 SCBA, provided they meet either NFPA 1981, 2007 edition or NFPA 1981, 2013 edition standards.

The EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue System with hook, rope and decender can be ordered new or retrofitted only on an Air-Pak X3 SCBA.

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**QUESTION**

What is the EZ-Scape Pro belt made of?

**ANSWER**

The belts are made of Kevlar to meet the rigorous demands of the NFPA 1981, 2013 edition standards. The bailout systems are enclosed in Arashield® material to protect the escape rope from the heat and flame.

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**QUESTION**

What is the rope made of?

**ANSWER**

The rope used in the EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belt System is made of a 7.5 mm Tsafe™ rope with a Technora(r) sheath and nylon core.

**QUESTION**

Can I remove my Air-Pak SCBA but keep the belt on, if I need to exit through an opening that won't fit the SCBA?

**ANSWER**

Yes, but only on the Air-Pak X3 SCBA. The EZ-Scape Pro Self-Rescue Belt incorporates a jettison system that enables the user to pull two clips and the belt assembly is disengaged from the SCBA. This is useful in any situation that may require a change of profile. This option is not available for the Air-Pak 75 SCBA.

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**QUESTION**

How much weight does the EZ-Scape Integrated Self-Rescue Belt add to an Air-Pak SCBA?

**ANSWER**

The EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belt replaces the existing belt assembly used on the Scott Air-Pak SCBA. The addition of the new belt only adds 3 oz. to the weight of the SCBA.

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**QUESTION**

What are the benefits of the belt-only system?

**ANSWER**

The EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belt allows for an NFPA 1983 rated attachment point to be utilized in a variety of situations from firefighter rescue, to ladder belt attachment point, or as an attachment point for a bailout system, when utilized with the proper rated components. The integrated D-ring gives firefighters the option to carry their own NFPA 1983 rated bailout system in their turnout gear pocket for use in an emergency situation, and simply clip in to the D-ring when needed.

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**QUESTION**

When connecting to the integrated D-ring, can I use any after-market multi-use strap?

**ANSWER**

In order to maintain NFPA 1983 approval of the EZ-Scape Pro system, the multi-use strap provided by Scott Safety must be used when attaching to the integrated D-ring.

## QUESTION

What are some of the intended uses of the multi-use strap?

## ANSWER

The multi-use strap may be used for a variety of different applications, including:

- Ladder Belt
- Positioning Point
- Escape Anchor
- One Leg Harness
- RIT Operation

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## QUESTION

When upgrading my Air-Pak X3 to the EZ-Scape Pro Integrated Self-Rescue Belt, can my existing regulator holder be used?

## ANSWER

Due to design changes in the waist belt used on the EZ-Scape Pro, a new regulator holder will need to be ordered using part number 10008880. Note that this is a modification of a previous regulator holder design, resulting in the use of the same part number. To determine whether you have the updated design to accommodate the EZ-Scape Pro waist belt, look for notched openings on the bottom of the regulator holder.

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