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## Marking on Harnesses, Lanyards, and Web Products with Permanent Marker

**Re:**

Customer requires clarification on Guardian's position regarding marking of harnesses with permanent marker.

**Answer:**

Guardian Fall Protection has contacted webbing providers and confirmed that the use of water resistant (or waterproof) quick drying style permanent markers (i.e. Sharpie Permanent Markers and Avery-Dennison Marks-A-Lot Permanent Markers) does not pose a safety factor by degrading the webbing strength.

Paint, spray-paint, and ink does potentially affect the webbing strength by reacting with fibers causing them to deteriorate or break.

As long as the user utilizes Sharpie style permanent markers, Guardian does not consider that a reason for removing the harness from service. Other inspection considerations, including wear inspections, inspection before each use, and any other applicable inspection mandates still apply.

**Note:**

Guardian must relay that if a product includes a tag design with specific inspection logs, that Guardian recommends that the provided logs be utilized as a primary method for marking equipment as inspected, rather than marking equipment with permanent marker.

On most products, Guardian also has the capability to provide customer names via special tags, embroidery, or alternative means.

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