

Gateway Safety Product Warning & Usage Instructions_Serpent® Safety Helmets (Class C)

THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS MUST BE READ BY WEARER BEFORE USE. PROVIDE THIS TEXT TO WEARER.

Wearer should consult with your supervisor and safety specialist to determine the appropriate safety helmet and other protection required.

INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to each use, this safety helmet should be examined for wear or damage, and to ensure that all eight suspension tabs are securely in place. DO NOT use this product if the shell or suspension is worn or damaged, or if suspension is not securely in place.


TO INSTALL SUSPENSION:

1. Turn safety helmet shell upside down. Place suspension into shell, with the adjustment feature at the back of the helmet and the brow pad near the brim.
2. Firmly push each of the eight suspension tabs into the suspension slots that are located inside the safety helmet shell.
3. Gently pull up on each of the suspension tabs to ensure a tight fit.

TO ADJUST SUSPENSION:

The safety helmet shell should not come in contact with the wearer's head. To raise or lower the suspension headband, in the front and back;

- 1) remove adjustable suspension tabs
- 2) rotate suspension tabs 90 degrees (1/4 turn),
- 3) move tab to desired location,
- and 4) rotate suspension tab back to original position,
- 5) reinstall tabs.

REVERSE DONNING: If helmet displays reverse symbol , suspension may be installed in reverse (brow pad opposite brim) to allow helmet to be worn with brim at rear of head. If helmet does not display this reverse symbol, DO NOT wear helmet with brim at rear of head.

TO SIZE SUSPENSION:

RATCHET SUSPENSION ONLY. Turn ratchet knob counterclockwise until suspension is opened to the largest size. Put safety helmet on head and turn ratchet knob clockwise until suspension is snug, but comfortable. The safety helmet must be snug enough to remain in place during any tilting of the head, or bending of the body.

PIN-LOCK SUSPENSION ONLY. Insert the suspension strap, with sizing holes, into the suspension strap buckle. Pinch together until all six pins are locked in place. Put safety helmet on head. Repeat process until suspension is snug, but comfortable. The safety helmet must be snug enough to remain in place during any tilting of the head, or bending of the body.

INSPECTION:

Before and after each use, inspect the helmet for wear and damage. Replace immediately if any parts are damaged.

- **Shell** - Inspect the shell for breakage, cracks, craze pattern, discoloration, chalky appearance or any other unusual condition. DO NOT use the helmet if the shell displays any of these conditions. Any of the above conditions can indicate that the helmet has lost its capacity to protect from impact, penetration, and/or electrical shock.
- **Suspension** - Check the suspension for loss of flexibility, cracks, breaks, frayed straps, or damaged stitching. If any of these conditions are found, replace the suspension before wearing the helmet. Prior to each use, confirm that all eight suspension tabs are securely in place.

HELMET CARE

Clean and inspect this safety helmet regularly. Replace immediately if any parts are worn or damaged.

- Use warm water only when cleaning this safety helmet. DO NOT use any cleaners, detergents, degreasers, solvents or chemicals of any kind on this safety helmet.
- To prevent premature aging - which may affect the performance and service life of the safety helmet - do not use this safety helmet in direct sunlight for long periods of time. When not in use, store helmet in a clean, dry environment, not over 49° C (120° F).

SERVICE LIFE GUIDELINES

- Inspect the helmet regularly and replace it or any part necessary. NEVER exceed the maximum useful service life below of this safety helmet. The service life will vary depending on use, care, and storage.
 - Suspension – replace after no more than 12 months of use.
 - Entire helmet – Replace after no more than 5 years of use.Remember that these are the maximum useful service life guidelines. If you notice wear or damage during a regular inspection, replace the helmet or suspension, no matter how long it's been.
- If this safety helmet sustains impact or penetration, of any type, **replace it immediately** – even if there are no visible signs of damage.

⚠ WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE AND THE WARNINGS BELOW MAY REDUCE THE PROTECTIVE CAPABILITIES OF THIS SAFETY HELMET AND COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH.

- This safety helmet DOES NOT provide unlimited protection. Specifically, it provides limited impact and penetration protection, against small falling objects, to the top of the head ONLY. It is not designed to protect against front, side, or rear impact.
- This safety helmet complies with the ANSI Z89.1 standard for Type I - Class C ONLY. **Class C helmets provide no electrical insulation.** This safety helmet **should not** be used around live electrical devices that may transmit electricity.
- DO NOT alter or modify this helmet in any way.
- DO NOT use any cleaners, detergents, degreasers, solvents or chemicals, of any kind, on this safety helmet.
- DO NOT apply any paints, petroleum-based products, glues, or self-adhesive labels to this safety helmet.
- DO NOT store cigarettes, earplugs, work gloves, or any other objects, on the inside of this safety helmet, particularly between the shell and suspension. Storing objects inside this safety helmet may eliminate its protective capabilities.
- DO NOT use this safety helmet as a vehicular, or sports-related, safety helmet.
- DO NOT use any replacement parts, or accessories, that were not designed by the manufacturer for use with this safety helmet.

WARRANTY:

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