The challenge of finding a quick connect/quick release buckle for the Sked® has finally been met. Skedco® now has the Austrian made Skedco®/Cobra side release buckles that are dependable and strong enough to meet the needs of securing a patient into a Sked® stretcher without the danger of breakage. These buckles are rated at 3 thousand pounds. They are durable and easy to use. When they are under tension they do not release thus accidental release under tension is not an issue. With these buckles you will no longer have to weave the webbing through the buckles when packaging a patient. Patient packaging is often done in about half of the time as when using the original steel buckles.

Because of the cost of the buckles they are offered as a special order on new Skeds and as a retrofit kit for Skeds you already have. You get everything you pay for with these buckles. They dramatically speed up the patient packaging because of the ease of using them. Greater speed is sometimes the difference between life and death.
1. Remove all steel double bar buckles foot end straps and cross straps by cutting the black attachment webbing. (Fig. 1)
2. Pass the male buckle webbing loop through the grommets previously occupied by the steel buckle from the inside of the stretcher to the outside.
3. Pull the loop through far enough to allow you to pass the male end of the buckle through the end of the loop.
4. Pull the buckle end tight enough for the sides of the buckle to clear the webbing. This will prevent it from slipping back through the loop and coming loose. (Fig. 2)
5. When changing the cross strap at the lower end of the Sked® it is necessary to move it up to the next grommet in order to utilize the corners for the foot end straps. ( *)
6. For the foot end straps you must have the male buckles attached at the rounded corners where the original cross straps were. It will allow the buckle to align itself with the foot end straps for easier connection of the buckles.
7. The foot end straps will be changed in the same manner as the cross straps.
8. Attach the 2 foot end straps (longer straps) and 4 cross straps (shorter straps) to the Sked® with girth hitches accordingly.