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Maintenance Guide & Shelf Life of Sked® Stretcher

After every use:

1.1 Inventory items and replace any missing parts.

Parts checklist:

A. Sked® Stretcher
B. backpack carrying case
C. horizontal lift slings
D. vertical lift sling (30 Ft 1/2" static kernmantle rope)
E. large steel locking carabiner
F. tow strap
G. four removable webbing handles

1.2 Check all items for clean condition. If necessary wash with mild soapy water but soap must be rinsed away.

1.3 Inspect Sked® for cuts or excessive wear.

A. Small dents on edges or scratches on any port of Sked® are permissible.
B. Large areas of extreme wear (more than half the thickness) indicate need for replacing. Damaged grommets should be replaced.
C. Replace Sked® after 30 years of service or when severely cut or worn.

1.4 Inspect all webbing for excessive abrasion or cuts. Replace if defective or after 10 years of service.

1.5 Inspect vertical (rope) sling for damage of core or sheath. Inspection is done by holding rope between fingers and thumb and pull it through to feel for soft spots or voids. If void inside sheath is detected, cut the rope at that point to prevent anyone else from using it. Then replace the rope. This is the standard for inspecting static kernmantle rope of any length. Severe sheath damage also indicates the rope should be replaced or after 10 years of service

1.6 Check the carabiner for smooth operation of the lock nut and gate. If gate does not close easily or lock nut doesn't work well, replace the carabiner.

Thank you for your care of the Sked® Stretcher system. When properly cared for, it will provide many years of dependable service.