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**AVANTI FALL PROTECTION SYSTEM**

**User's, Installation and Maintenance Manual  
Runner 2000/2002 & Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner**



# AVANTI Fall Protection System

User's Manual and Installation Instructions

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Reservation: **Apply lubrication for use in cold conditions**  
**Use of climb-assist with release strap is optional**

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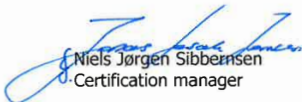
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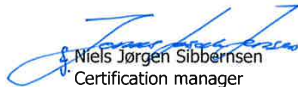
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Avanti Wind Systems A/S warrants that commencing from the date of shipment to the Customer, and continuing for a period of the longer of 365 days thereafter, or the period set forth in the standard Avanti warranty, the Fall Protection System (“Product”) described in this Manual will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service when installed and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Manual.

This warranty is made only to the original user of the Product. The sole and exclusive remedy and the entire liability of Avanti under this limited warranty, shall be, at the option of Avanti, a replacement of the Product (including incidental and freight charges paid by the Customer) with a similar new or reconditioned Product of equivalent value, or a refund of the purchase price if the Product is returned to Avanti, freight and insurance prepaid. The obligations of Avanti are expressly conditioned upon return of the Product in strict accordance with the return procedures of Avanti.


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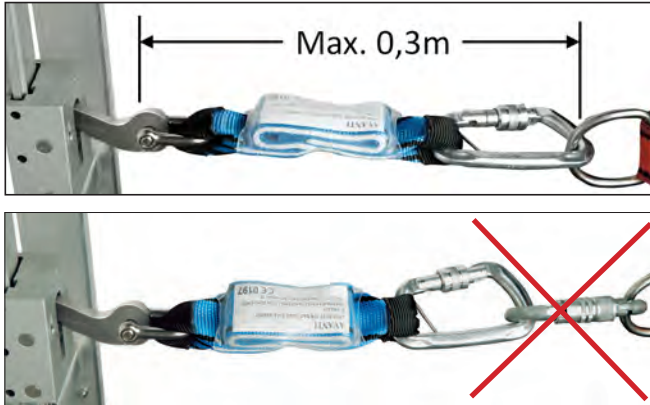
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## 2 Caution

- a) The AVANTI Fall Protection System (hereafter named as FPS) shall only be operated by users trained in daily inspection, use and work at heights.
  - b) A user is trained on the correct usage of the AVANTI Fall Protection System (FPS) and is familiar with the following standards: EN 353-1, EN 363 and EN 365.
  - c) A competent has successfully participated in the AVANTI Fall Protection course.
  - d) A competent is qualified personnel authorised by AVANTI to perform installation, inspection and maintenance tasks.
  - e) The installation, maintenance and testing of the FPS may only be performed by a competent person.
  - f) Users are obliged to read and understand this User's Manual.
  - g) A copy of the User's Manual shall be handed out to the FPS users and shall be available for reference.
  - h) If more than one person is trusted with one of the above tasks, the employer shall appoint a supervisor in charge of operation.
  - i) If the FPS is re-sold outside the original country of destination, the reseller shall provide instructions for use, for maintenance, for periodic examination and for repair in the language of the country in which the product is to be used.
  - j) The ladder system shall be capable of supporting 15 kN. This shall be verified by calculations made by a qualified engineer or by static load testing.
  - k) The FPS shall not be used by persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs that may jeopardise the safety.
  - l) The FPS shall not be used by persons affected by vertigo, heart or lung disorders, or other known weakening diseases/conditions.
  - m) The FPS users shall be aware of the dangers of suspension trauma should a fall occur.
  - n) The owner shall ensure that a rescue plan is in place and that the users are familiar with it. The rescue plan shall deal with any emergencies that could arise during ascent and descent with the FPS.
  - o) No warranty is provided against damage resulting from reconstruction or modification of equipment or use of non-original parts which are not approved by the manufacturer.
  - p) The runner shall be handed out and treated as a personal protection equipment.
  - q) The weight of the user, excluding tools and equipment, shall not be less than 40 kg. The weight of the user, including tools and equipment, shall not exceed 136 kg.
  - r) The maximum number of multiple users in the ladder system is 3. The fall arrester must be attached to no more than one personal fall-arrest system.
  - s) In the first two meters above the ground level, the user may not be protected against hitting the ground if a fall occurs.. Other additional safeties shall be provided for this purpose.
  - t) Prior to the first use of the FPS, a competent must inspect and approve the complete FPS.
  - u) If oil, grease or the like has leaked onto the safety rail – wipe it off.
  - v) If oil, grease, chemicals or the like has leaked onto the shock absorber or in any kind been in contact with the webbing, have an AVANTI FPS technician replace the shock absorber.
  - w) The shock absorber has a limited life. Its date of expiration is printed on the shock absorber label.
  - x) The operation temperature of the FPS is -30° / +60° Celsius.
  - y) The FPS shall only be used in connection with a full body harness that is approved according to EN 361.
  - z) The FPS has been tested and approved according to EN 353-1:2014.
  - aa) The type-examination of the FPS has been performed by: FORCE Certification A/S, EC Notified Body 0200, Park Allé 345, DK-2605 Brøndby.
    - ab) The production control of the FPS is performed by the same notified body.
    - ac) These instructions shall be kept together with the permanent installed parts of the FPS (i.e. the rail system).
-  *The owner shall verify the need for FPS inspections with the local authority and comply with the standards specified.*
- ad) When working at heights, the user shall minimise both the risk of potential falls and the potential fall distance.
  - ae) In order to avoid collisions with the ground or obstacles should a fall occur, the user shall verify the free space required beneath his/her actual position taking into account sharp edges, electrical conductivity and pendulum falls.
  - af) The safety of the users depends upon the continued efficiency and durability of the FPS. Thus, regular periodic inspections shall be carried out, minimum every 12 months.
  - ag) All the FPS parts have been especially developed and tested for AVANTI's FPS. Thus, they shall not be used as part of other Fall Protection Systems.

- ah) The combination of FPS parts in anyway other than the intended will jeopardize safety. Thus, the FPS parts shall not be combined in anyway other than the intended.
- ai) The FPS shall never be adapted, extended, or changed in any way.



## 3 Description of equipment

### 3.1 Purpose

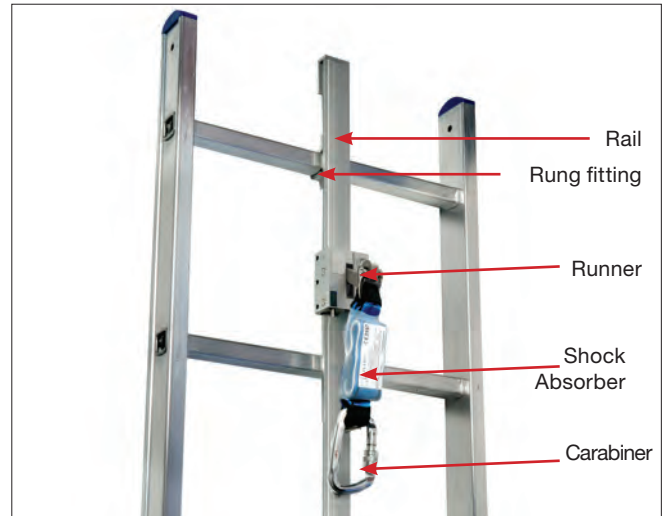
- The FPS is intended for use during ascent and descent on stationary ladders installed in towers, pylons, well shafts, or alike.
- The FPS is a safety system that arrests a fall of the user during climbing.
- The runner travels along a safety rail.
- The safety rail is designed for permanent installation at one place.
- The safety rail can be installed on ladders of different shapes and brands as long as an approval is issued before by AVANTI.
- The FPS is not designed for securing horizontally or for securing equipment.
- The FPS may not be used outside its limitations, or for any purpose other than that for which it is intended.

### 3.2 Function

- The user attaches the runner to the designated D-ring of his full body harness by means of the integrated shock absorber and the carabiner.
- Before starting to climb, the user clicks the runner on the safety rail and checks its locking.
- When climbing, the runner glides along the safety rail. In case that the user experiences a fall, the runner will lock on the safety rail and arrest the person falling.

### 3.3 Component overview

- a) The FPS comprises the rail system and the runner system.



- The safety rail system comprises: the safety rail sections, the rung fittings, the top and bottom rail-stops, the fish-joints, hammerhead screws and self-locking nuts.
- The runner comprises: the runner itself, the shock absorber, and the carabiner.
- There are two runner models covered in this manual: Runner 2000/2002 and Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner. Both models fit the AVANTI rail.



Runner 2000/2002



Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner



### 3.4 Marking

Upward direction when mounted onto rail

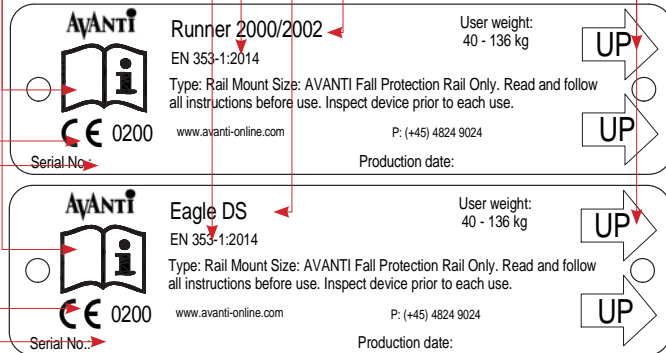
Read instructions before use

Runner production no.

EEC-notified body no.

AVANTI product name (Runner System 2000/2002 or Eagle<sup>DS</sup>)

Standard no.



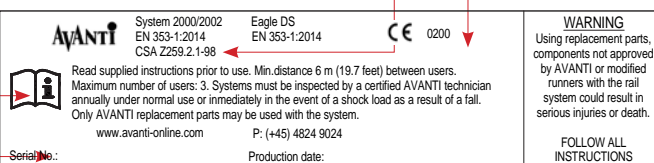
Runner rating plate

EEC-notified body no.

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Production batch no.

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Safety rail rating plate

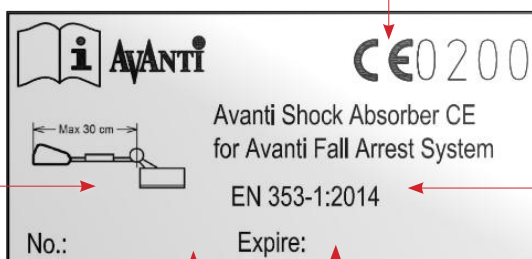
Max distance between runner and harness 0,3 m

Shock absorber expiration date

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Standard EN no. for shock absorber

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Shock absorber label

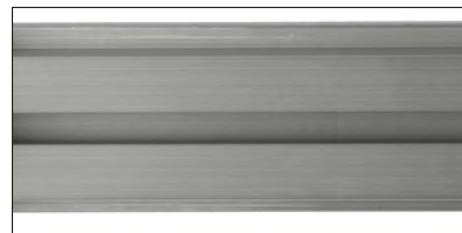
## 4 Installation

### 4.1 Installation requirements



A competent shall be in charge of the FPS installation. The competent shall take full responsibility for the installation and shall guarantee that it is done in accordance to these instructions.

- The FPS shall only be installed with original system parts.
- All FPS elements shall be checked on site, even if the ladders are supplied with the rails already fitted.
- The vibrations and torsional stress are absorbed by the ladder joints, not by the safety rail.
- Ensure that the ladder intended for mounting the FPS complies with the requirements of EN 131 and EN ISO 14122. The internal rung width shall be minimum 340mm (all AVANTI ladders meet this requirement).
- The ladders with rung geometries different to AVANTI's may call for special rung fittings. Prior to installation, these ladders shall be calculated, tested and approved by AVANTI.
- Before installing the rail system, ensure that all parts are present. Refer to the parts list supplied with the FPS.
- The ladders shall be installed vertically with a maximum inclination of  $-5^\circ / +15^\circ$ .
- The parts of the safety rail system to be installed are shown below.



Safety rail section (backside)



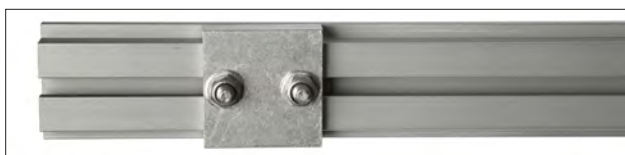
Rung fitting



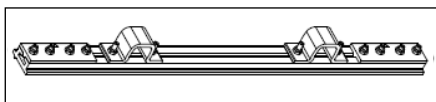
Hammerhead bolt with self-locking nut



Fish joint connector



Sample of rail-stop to be used at top and bottom of the rail installation



Flange connection kit

#### 4.2 Installation of the rail system on the ladder

- a) Place the safety rail on the centre and front side (the climber's side) of the ladder.
- b) Place the safety rail so that the guide seat is situated on the left side.



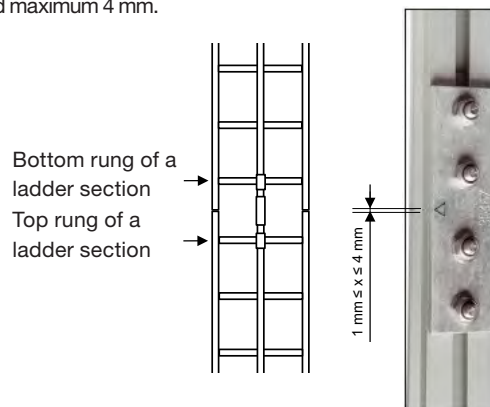
The guide seat is meant to prevent incorrect orientation of the runner. The guide seat must be situated on the left side.

- c) Fix the safety rail to the ladder by means of the rung fittings.
- d) Mount the rung fittings using hammerhead screws and self-locking nuts, and following the instructions below.

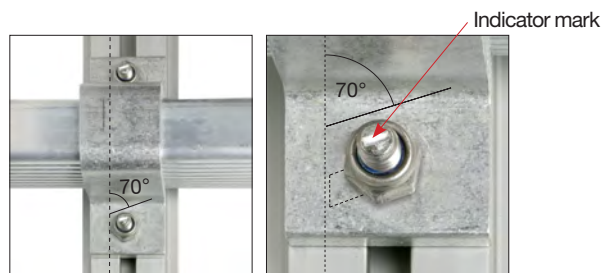


A rung fitting mounted on the rail

- i. For each rail section, mount a rung fitting on the first (lowest) rung of the ladder.
- ii. For each rail section, mount a rung fitting on the last (highest) rung of the ladder. This is also necessary even if the second or third last rung of the ladder are mounted with a rung fitting.
- iii. For each rail section, mount a rung fitting at least every third rung, never leaving more than 2 consecutive rungs without a rung fitting.
- e) Use a fish-joint to join 2 consecutive safety rail sections.
- f) Use 4 screws to mount each fish-joint.
- g) Leave a gap between 2 consecutive safety rail sections of at least 1 mm and maximum 4 mm.



- h) Place the hammerhead screws with the indicator marks in an angle of 70°.
- i) Tighten all the self-locking nuts to 8 Nm and ensure that they sit with the 70° angle.



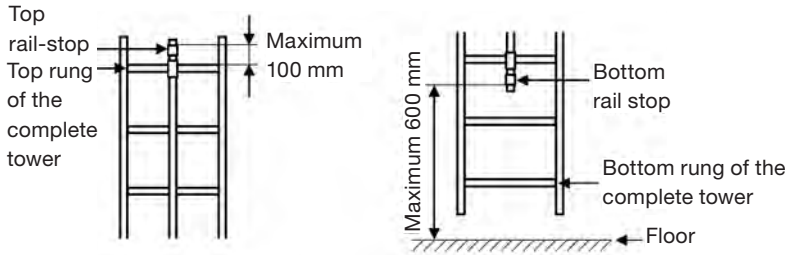
Angle of the indicator marks and of the self-locking nuts

- j) Use the supplied self-locking nuts at all times.
- k) Ensure that each screw extends from the nut by at least half of the thread diameter, or by at least 2 threads (apply the most restrictive requirement).



*A rail-stop shall be installed at the top and bottom of the rail, and at any provisional point where the runner can unintentionally run off the rail.*

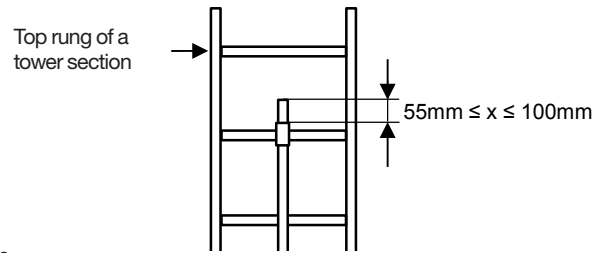
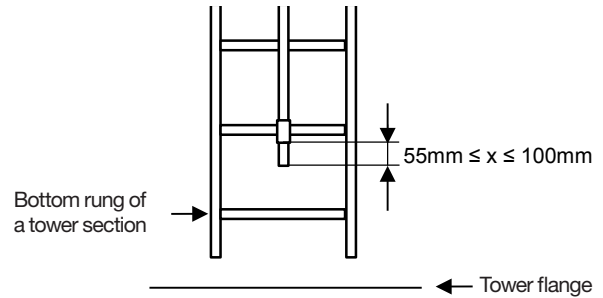
- l) Mount the top and bottom rail-stops on the safety rail, at the highest and lowest travel points respectively.
- m) The distance between top rung and the top end of the safety rail shall not exceed 100 mm. The distance between the bottom end of the safety rail and the ladder bottom/floor level shall not exceed 600 mm.



- n) During the erection phase of the wind turbine tower sections (i.e. when the tower sections are being connected vertically), a top rail-stop shall be mounted on the safety rail at the highest point of each tower section. This way, the technicians will be able to use the FPS during this phase.
- o) If the safety rail and the ladder are installed in a wind turbine tower section before the tower is erected, their final position shall be adjusted during the tower erection.

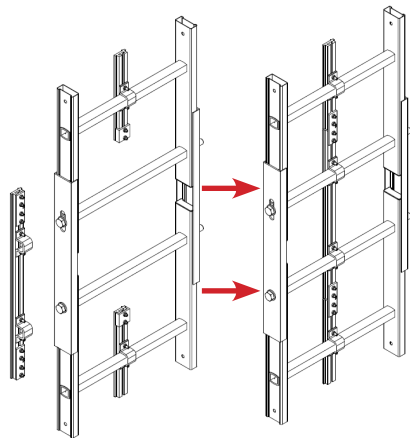
#### 4.2.1 Safety rail at the tower flange connections

- a) A rung fitting shall be mounted on the penultimate top and penultimate bottom ladder-rung of each tower section (i.e. at tower flange connection).
- b) The top end of the safety rail of each tower section shall end minimum 55 mm and maximum 100 mm above the second top rung fitting.



Length limits of the top and bottom ends of the safety rail

- c) The bottom end of the safety rail of each tower section shall end minimum 55 mm and maximum 100 mm below the rung fitting.
- d) The safety rails of two consecutive tower sections shall be connected by means of a flange connection kit.
- e) The distance between the safety rails of two consecutive tower sections shall be equal or less than the length of the flange connection kit.



Flange connection kit



The detailed installation procedure of the flange connection kit is available upon request to AVANTI.

## 5 Inspection before the first use

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Before the first use, a competent shall inspect the FPS.

The inspection before the first use shall be carried out following the inspection procedure. During the inspection, the “Appendix A: Annual Inspection Checklist” and the “Appendix D: Inspection log sheet” shall be filled in for future reference.

## 6 Daily inspection

- Before using the runner, perform a daily inspection following the “Appendix B: Daily Inspection Checklist for Runner 2000/2002” or the “Appendix C: Daily Inspection Checklist for Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner”. If any of the checks does not pass, the runner system cannot be used.
- During the ascent, look for visible damages or loose parts such as loose screws on ladder, rail or joints.
- Equipment with defects or equipment that leaves doubt concerning safe use must be checked by a competent person.



Do not use the FPS if it looks defective or if parts are missing. If the FPS has blocked a fall or has been put out of service because of doubts, it may only be put back to service after an inspection by a competent is performed. The competent shall confirm in writing that the FPS is found in safe condition to be used again.

## 7 Instructions for use



The Avanti fall arresters could be lubricated with a high performance grease, for instance HTS+PTFE ABSOBON (Würth), for cold conditions. Any grease to be used in Avanti fall arresters must be verified and approved by Avanti.

### 7.1 Instructions for use of Runner 2000/2002

#### 7.1.1 Attaching the Runner 2000/2002 to the safety rail



Before using the runner, make sure that you are wearing an approved full body harness, and that it is properly adjusted to a snug fit (it should not be used if loose). Before attaching the runner to the rail, ensure that you are in a safe area (ground level) or attached to an alternative fall protection.

Before attaching the runner to the rail, ensure that it is attached to the D-ring of the full body harness in order to avoid dropping it.

The carabiner shall only be connected to the D-ring of the full body harness located on the front side of the user and located at the chest height.

The D-ring shall comply with the demands for climbing in vertical fall arrest safety systems on ladders (see the user’s manual of the full body harness).

When attaching the carabiner, ensure that the shock absorber is not twisted between the runner and the carabiner. A twisted shock absorber may cause the FPS to fail.

- Place the runner on the safety rail ensuring that the arrow on the plate of the runner points upwards. Otherwise, the runner will not arrest a fall.



- b) Open the runner by pressing the left bottom pin and pulling apart both body sides of the runner simultaneously.
- c) While lifting the lever, tilt the runner so the runner is parallel and close to the safety rail.



- d) Push together the two body parts of the runner until the left bottom pin pops out. You will hear a click sound.



- e) Make sure the runner is locked correctly by pulling the lever downwards and confirming that the runner locks on the rail.
- f) Climb the ladder keeping a distance of minimum 10 cm between torso and ladder. This distance guarantees an optimal operation, enhanced safety and better climbing ergonomics.
- g) During ascent or descent, keep a minimum distance of 6 meters between each user.



*If the full body harness becomes loose during ascent or descent, it should be correctly adjusted again from a secured position.*



*Each rail section shall only be used by one user at a time, since having more users using the same rail section simultaneously would jeopardise its structural resistance.*

*Engaging the release mechanism of the runner during ascent or descent can jeopardise the function of the braking mechanism. The FPS is only approved as a fall arrest safety when ascending or descending the ladder. Thus, the fall arrest system shall never be used for work positioning. If work positioning at the ladder is required, use separate dedicated and approved work positioning equipment.*

### 7.1.2 Releasing the Runner 2000/2002 from the safety rail

- a) Before stepping in or stepping off the ladder, attach alternative fall protection.



*Before releasing the runner from the rail, ensure that you are in a safe area (ground level) or attached to an alternative fall protection.*

*Before releasing the runner from the rail, ensure that the runner is without load and that there is no risk of falling.*

*Before releasing the runner from the rail, ensure that it is attached to the D-ring of the body harness in order to avoid dropping it.*

- b) Release the runner from the rail by pressing the left bottom pin and pulling the runner body parts apart simultaneously.
- c) Remove the runner from the rail. It is not intended to be parked on the rail. The runner is personal and shall be in reach in case of an emergency.



*If any damages or faults are found during operation, or any other circumstance which may jeopardise safety: immediately stop the work in progress, and contact the site responsible, e.g. the turbine owner or the site foreman.*

## 7.2 Instructions for use of Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner



*The cautions listed previously for Runner 2000/2002 are equally applicable to Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner. Follow them closely.*

### 7.2.1 Attaching the Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner to the safety rail

- a) Pull out the plunger and rotate the locking lever downwards (see images below).





b) Open the runner by pressing the right button and pulling apart both body sides of the runner simultaneously.



c) Place the runner on the safety rail ensuring that the arrow on the plate of the runner points upwards.



d) While lifting the lever, tilt the runner so the runner is parallel and close to the safety rail.



e) Push together the two body parts of the runner until the push button pops out and you hear a click.



f) Pull out the plunger and rotate the locking lever upwards (see images below).



g) Make sure that the runner is locked correctly by pulling the lever downwards and confirming that the runner locks on the rail.

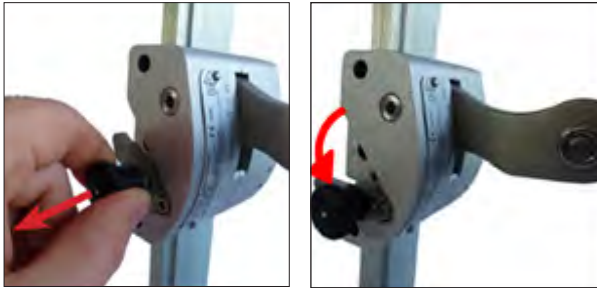


h) Climb the ladder keeping a distance of minimum 10 cm between torso and ladder. This distance guarantees an optimal operation, enhanced safety and better climbing ergonomics.

i) During ascent or descent, keep a minimum distance of 6 meters between each user.

### 7.2.2 Releasing the Eagle<sup>DS</sup> Runner from the safety rail

- a) Pull out the plunger and rotate the lever downwards to the horizontal position (see images below).



- b) Press and hold the push button.



- c) Open the runner by pressing the push button and by pulling apart both body sides of the runner simultaneously (see image below).



- d) Remove the runner from the safety rail.



#### Caution!

The locking lever is only to be used when locking or unlocking/releasing the runner. In all other situations the locking lever shall be kept in locked position fixed with the plunger locked in the runner body.

## 8 Maintenance

### 8.1 Cautions

- Keep all the parts free of oil, grease, paint, aggressive chemicals and alike.
- Clean the shock absorber using a weak sulpho-solution and a soft brush. Subsequently, flush it with plenty of pure water.
- Never place liquids or sharp objects in the vicinity of the FPS as these might damage it.
- If the FPS gets wet, dry the runner and the safety rail with a dry cloth. Let the shock absorber air-dry naturally. Do not use any kind of heating.

### 8.2 Storage

- Store the runner system out of direct sunlight and protected from heat and dust.

### 8.3 Annual inspection

- At least every 12 months, a competent person shall inspect the FPS (both runner and rail). Otherwise, the warranty will be void and AVANTI will renounce all liability and claims that may appear.



*The annual inspection may only be conducted by a competent.*



*The annual inspection shall be carried out following the inspection procedure. During the inspection, the "Appendix A: Annual Inspection Checklist" and the "Appendix D: Inspection log sheet" shall be filled in for future reference.*

- During this inspection, special attention shall be paid to the safety rail and the runner

### 8.4 Inspection procedure

#### 8.4.1 Ladder rungs

- Ensure that no dents, holes, or cracks have any influence on the rung stability.
- The dents shall not exceed 10 mm in diameter or be more than 1 mm deep.
- If dents are found on the rung edges or corners, the step stability can no longer be guaranteed. In such case, replace the ladder section.

#### 8.4.2 Ladder stiles

- a) Ensure that no dents, holes, or cracks have any influence on the stiles' stability.
- b) The dents shall not exceed 20mm in diameter or be more than 1 mm deep.
- c) If dents are found on the stile edges or corners, the stile stability can no longer be guaranteed. In such case, replace the ladder section.

#### 8.4.3 Flange connection kits

- a) The distance between the rungs at tower flange connection shall be minimum 255 mm and maximum 300 mm.

#### 8.4.4 Ladder ends

- a) On the top and bottom ends of the complete ladder system, a protection guard (such as the AVANTI rubber feet or end cap) shall be put in place on the stiles.

#### 8.4.5 Safety rail

- a) Ensure that the safety rail sections are mounted according to the installation instructions of this manual.
- b) Ensure that no sharp rail ends are present.
- c) Check the legibility of the product marking. If marking is not present, a competent shall replace them.
- d) During the erection of the wind turbine towers, top and bottom rail-stops shall be mounted on each individual tower section.
- e) Ensure that top and bottom rail-stops are mounted.

#### 8.4.6 Fish-joints

- a) Ensure that the fish-joints are mounted with 4 hammerhead screws.
- b) Ensure that the gap between consecutive safety rails is minimum 1mm and maximum 4 mm.
- c) Ensure that the indicator mark of each hammer-head screw and the self-locking nuts are at an angle of 70°.
- d) Make sure that all hammerhead screws and self-locking nuts of the rail system are present and torqued to 8 Nm.

#### 8.4.7 Circular inspection sticker

- a) Ensure that the sticker is present and that the due date has not expired.



#### 8.5 Ordering spare parts

- a) If any part of the FPS is found to be broken, unsafe or missing, put the FPS out of service immediately.
- b) Subsequently, contact an AVANTI representative to replace/repair the missing parts.
- c) Finally, a competent person shall carry out an inspection following the inspection procedure.



