

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING RECOVERY STRAPS & TREESAVER STRAPS**

### **GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Tackle Tuff believes your safety, and the safety of others, is especially important. To guide you toward making informed decisions about safety, we have provided important safety tips in this guide. This information may alert you to possible dangers that could hurt you or cause property damage. Since it's not possible to highlight every potential danger, we hope you exercise your own good judgment.

This guide identifies potential dangers and is designed to help you and others avoid personal injury or death. WARNING and CAUTION are signal words that identify the level of hazard. These signal words mean:

## **WARNING**

Impact and Moving Parts Entanglement Hazard
FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD LEAD TO SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH

- Never exceed the load rating of the strap.
- Always select vehicle anchor points that exceed the strap load rating.
- Never stand between, in front of, or behind vehicles during vehicle recovery.
- Never stand near or step over strap during vehicle recovery.
- Always move bystanders away from either end or between both vehicles before pulling.
- Never store strap in direct sunlight. Ultraviolet light can damage the strap.
- Never pull strap over sharp edges or abrasive surfaces. Strap can be damaged.
- Always inspect strap for damage before each use. If the strap is cut, frayed, abraded or separated the strap is damaged. If the stitching is cut or frayed, the strap is damaged. If the red thread is visible the strap is damaged.
- Never use a damaged strap. Damaged straps have reduced load capacity.
- Never attempt to repair a damaged strap.
- Always replace a damaged strap.
- Never use strap for lifting or hoisting.
- Never use a Recovery Strap for winching.
- Never attach a strap to vehicle steering, drive train or suspension components.
- Never use a winch hook as a Recovery Strap anchor.
- Never expose the strap to acid, or to temperatures above 175° F.
- Never attach strap to vehicle body.
- Never tie knots in strap or tie straps together.

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING RECOVERY STRAPS & TREESAVER STRAPS**

### **RECOVERY STRAP USE**

- 1. Tackle Tuff Recovery Straps stretch when pulled, then retract to help free a stuck vehicle.
- 2. Line up the rescue vehicle as directly as possible in front of, or behind the stuck vehicle.
- 3. Fully uncoil the strap and attach it to the rescue and stuck vehicles. Heavy-duty receiver hitches and tow hooks are preferred attaching points. Choose a substantial point such as the frame if these are not available.
- 4. When the area between the vehicles is safely clear of people and objects, pull the rescue vehicle ahead slowly to take up the slack in the strap. Ensure the strap is not twisted, tangled or knotted, then drive forward. The strap will stretch several feet and help free the stuck vehicle. If possible, use the stuck vehicle's power to assist in the recovery.
- 5. If, after several attempts, the vehicle remains stuck, consider pulling from the opposite direction or use your vehicles winch if so equipped.



#### TREESAVER STRAP USE

- 1. Slip the Tree Trunk Protector around a suitable tree or anchor point.
- 2. Attach a shackle through the two looped ends.
- 3. Attach the winch hook securely to the shackle.

### **CLEANING YOUR STRAPS**

Tackle Tuff Recovery Straps and Treesaver Straps may be cleaned in mild soap and water.

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