



FRANCO GARDA STRETCHER
SKI GUIDANCE SYSTEM
USER GUIDE



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SYSTEM**





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1/ Introduction :

The ski guidance system allows controlling the Franco Garda stretcher during ski slope descents. It ensures a good transport in turns, as well as a high-performance braking in all kinds of snow. Cord braking ensures a passive safety by braking the stretcher in case a rescue worker falls. Once retracted, the telescopic arms are compact for transport or storage.

2/ Disclaimer :

This user manual involves only the ski guidance system adaptable on the Franco Garda stretcher. For information about how to use the Franco Garda stretcher, refer to its user guide.

When the Franco Garda stretcher and its accessories are used, the safety of the rescue workers and the patients depends on the appropriate usage of them. **Any person before using the stretcher must be fully acquainted with its user manual and have performed “hands on” exercises before undertaking a rescue operation. During these exercises, a model and not a person should be installed in the stretcher.**

To guarantee a correct operation of the Franco Garda stretcher and its accessories, carefully follow the recommendations given in the subsection “Maintenance”.

It is extremely important :

- to never undertake a rescue operation before checking the condition of the ski guidance system and the stretcher ;
- to seek advice from a TSL RESCUE technician or return a part in case it is defective ;
- **to absolutely never make repairs by yourself.**

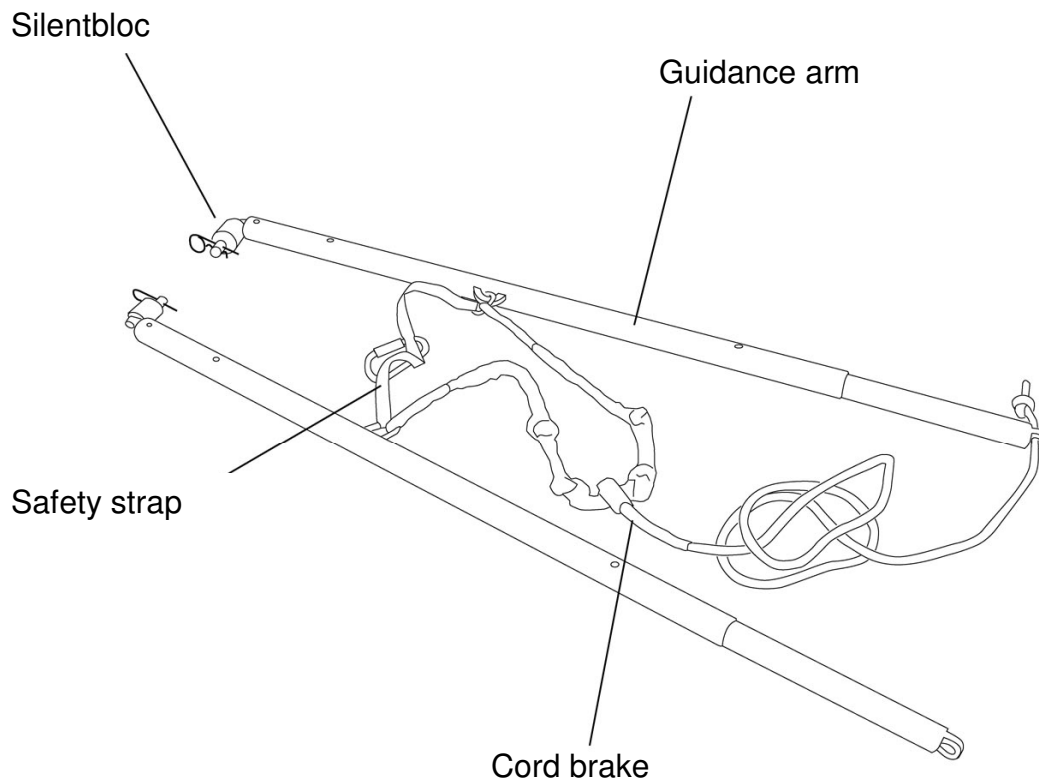




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3/ Presentation:

The TSL RESCUE ski guidance system consists of two telescopic guiding tubes, a cord brake and a safety strap. The fastening system is equipped with silentblocs allowing an inclination during guidance phases in order to facilitate handling operations.



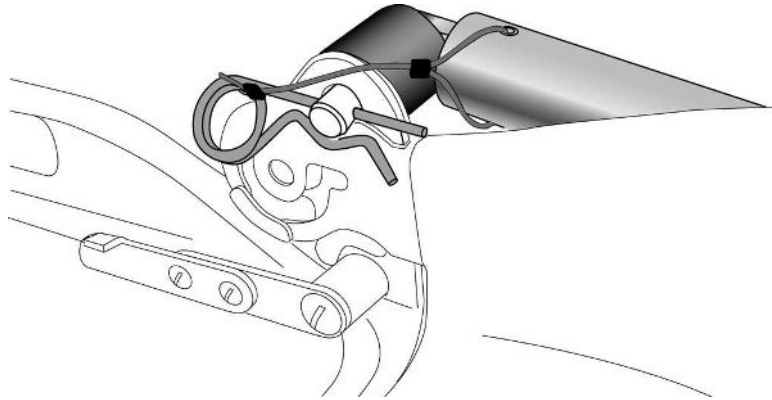


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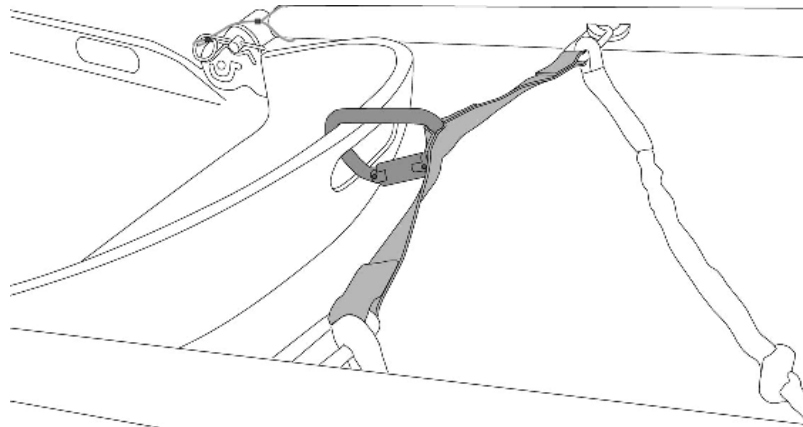
4/ Installing the ski guidance system

The ski guidance system is attached to the front swivels of the Franco Garda stretcher.

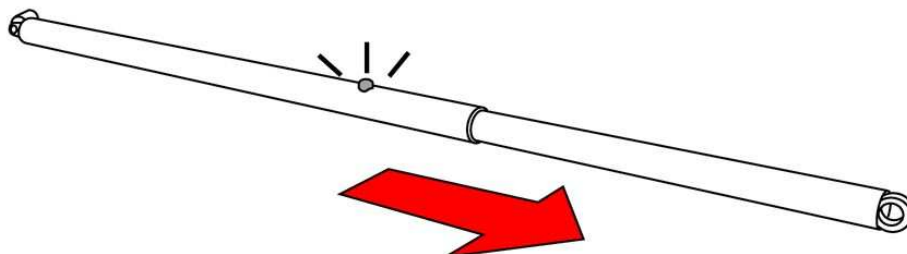
- 1- Pass the fastening tabs through the swivel.
- 2- Lock with cotter pins.



- 3- Attach the safety strap to the head's handle.



- 4- Slide the guidance arm until the pushbuttons click in.



It is important to make sure the ski guidance system is correctly installed before making a descent.

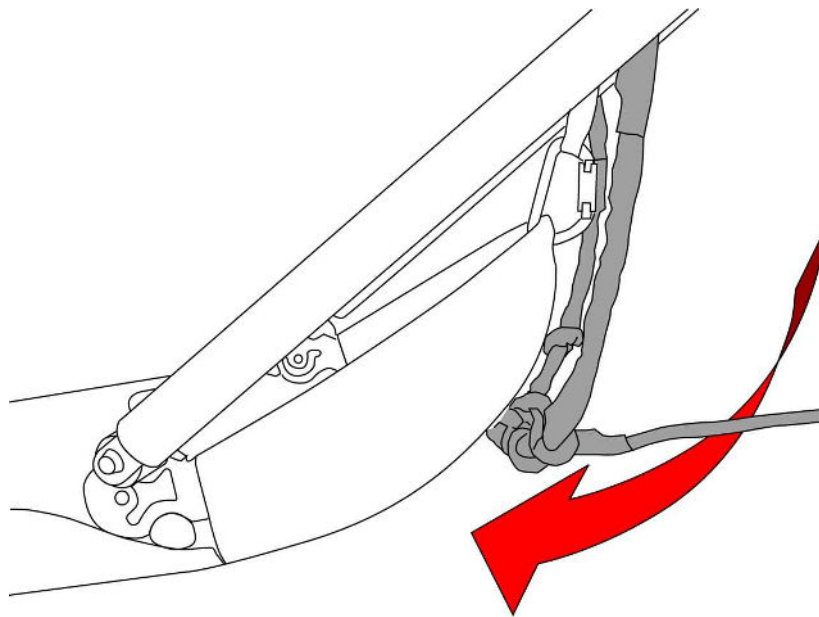




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5/ Using the brake :

Braking is accomplished by sliding the brake cord under the front side of the stretcher.



6/ Maintenance :

The ski guidance system was designed to be very robust. However, it does require a careful maintenance. Special attention must be given to the silent-blocs, the brake cord and the safety strap. It is important to check the condition of the system before each usage.

The ski guidance system must be stored in its transport bag in a dry clean area. It must kept away from heat sources and must not come in contact with corrosive products. It should NOT be stored while still wet.

Should you have any questions or a doubt about how to use or service the ski guidance system, please contact TSL RESCUE who will provide you with all required information.

In case of a malfunction or abnormal wear of the stretcher, never make repairs yourself.





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