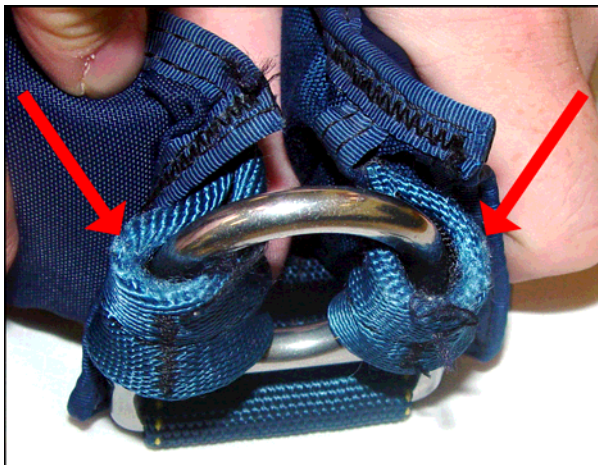




We are currently observing a new trend that involves placing rubber bands on the hip rings of a rig's harness in order to stow one's shirt and keep it from riding up in free fall or under canopy.

Relative Workshop puts a great deal of effort and time into assuring smooth, rounded, well manufactured hardware for your harness container system. This allows the leg straps to slide smoothly and easily around the hip rings. As novel an idea as shirt stows are, introducing this foreign material 'the stow band' creates a great deal of abrasion to the type 8 webbing used to make up this portion of your harness. This is because the hip ring assembly is in a constant state of motion when you are wearing your harness. Every time you move your legs, stand up, sit down, or make a minor adjustment in freefall or under canopy, this assembly slides on its hardware. This causes the webbing's fibers to rub on the rubber band degrading the material at an extraordinarily fast rate. Please note the pictured rig was only 4 months old at the time the pictures were taken.

Relative Workshop does not condone the practice of placing rubber bands between the two parts of the leg strap assembly on the RW8 hip ring hardware. If you are placing stow bands on your harness in such a fashion, or in any similar fashion The Uninsured Relative Workshop, Inc. **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS YOU STOP THIS ACTION IMMEDIATELY** as it is an unsafe practice. Relative Workshop is currently working on a safe, easy to use alternative to this practice.



'The stow band' creates a great deal of abrasion to the webbing due to the hip ring assembly being in a constant state of motion while you are wearing your harness. Every time you move, this assembly slides on its hardware causing the webbing's fibers to rub on the rubber band which degrades the material at an extraordinarily fast rate. The rig to left was only 4 months old at the time the pictures are taken.