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**CLIMBING WALL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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**MSA ANNOUNCES STOP USE AND RETURN NOTICE**

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Boulder, Colorado, 04/19/2005 – MSA, the manufacturer of the Redpoint Descender, has issued a "Stop Use and Return Notice" for some Redpoint Descenders and Auto-Belay Descenders. This notice is being issued to all CWA members and MSA customers who may have Redpoint Descenders or Auto-Belay Descenders.

MSA recently became aware of two incidents where climbers using the Redpoint Descender experienced a rapid rate of descent. MSA's initial investigation indicates that under certain use conditions the model of one-way bearing used in the descenders indicated on the notice may not operate as intended for this application and can result in the brakes not engaging during descent.

MSA asks that you immediately remove all affected descenders from service and return them to MSA for installation of a new one-way bearing. The one-way bearing in question was used on Redpoint Descenders manufactured from August 27, 2004 through April 6, 2005. It was also installed on certain Redpoint and Auto-Belay Descenders serviced during this time period.

Please go to:

[http://www.climbingwallindustry.org/docs/msa\\_redpoint\\_stop\\_use\\_notice.pdf](http://www.climbingwallindustry.org/docs/msa_redpoint_stop_use_notice.pdf)

to view the full notice from MSA.

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