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## **European foreword**

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This document supersedes EN 958:2017.

EN 958:2024 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 958:2017:

- a) in the scope, energy absorbing systems (EAS) according to this document have been limited to users weighing not less than 40 kg (total weight without equipment) and no more than 120 kg (total weight including the equipment) and the use is limited on via ferrata according to EN 16869:2017;
- b) modification of the maximum impact force in 4.2.3 a);
- c) modification of the mass in 4.2.3 b);
- d) modification of the test apparatus and the test method for the dynamic performance;
- e) the manufacturer's instructions and information take into account the previous modifications, the EAS disinfection and the progression in a rope party is also recommended for children.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies safety requirements and test methods for energy absorbing systems (EAS) for use on suitable via ferrata (e.g. EN 16869:2017), for users weighing not less than 40 kg (total weight without equipment) and no more than 120 kg (total weight including the equipment).

NOTE This document is one of a package of standards for mountaineering equipment, see Annex A.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 565:2017, Mountaineering equipment — Tape — Safety requirements and test methods

EN 892:2012+A3:2023, Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods

EN 1891:1998, Personal protective equipment for the prevention of falls from a height — Low stretch kernmantel ropes

EN 12275:2013, Mountaineering equipment — Connectors — Safety requirements and test methods

EN ISO 2307:2019, Fibre ropes — Determination of certain physical and mechanical properties (ISO 2307:2019)

ISO 6487:2015<sup>1</sup>, Road vehicles — Measurement techniques in impact tests — Instrumentation

ISO 7000:2019, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* — *Registered symbols* 

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