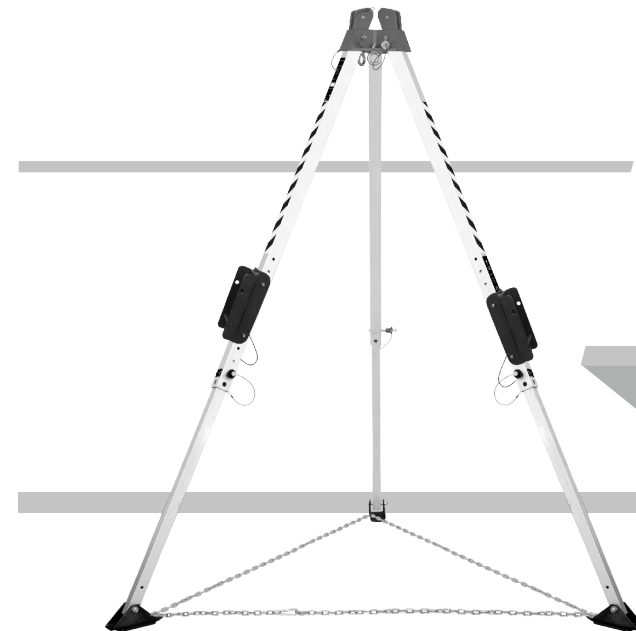


Ritz

FALL PROTECTION

USER INSTRUCTION MANUAL



MEGAPOD

**This instruction manual
applies to the following model:**

RTZSA177FT & RTZSA1710FT

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Please read and understand the manufacturer's instructions for each component or part of the complete system. Manufacturer's instructions must be followed for proper use, care, and maintenance of this product. These instructions must be retained and be kept available for the worker's reference at all times. Alterations or misuse of this product, or failure to follow instructions, may result in serious injury or death.

Note: The user is advised to keep this user instructions document for the life of the product.

Manufacturer	:	Ritz Fall Protection 1-800-451-3077 and RitzSafety.com
Certification Body	:	SATRA Technology Centre, Wyndham Way, Telford Way, Kettering, NN16 8SD, UK (Notified Body 0321)

This manual must be read and understood in its entirety and used as part of fall protection training program as required by OSHA or any state regularity agency. These instructions are intended to meet the manufacturer instructions as required by ANSI Z 359.1-2007 and OSHA . The user must fully understand the proper equipment use and limitations.

- 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, WARNINGS AND LIMITATIONS:** The Equipment is designed for use as a part of a personal fall protection system. Components must not be used for any other operation other than that which it has been designed and approved. Fall Arrest system are designed to comply with OSHA. Fall Restraint System must be designed by a Qualified Person, and must be installed and used under the supervision of a competent person.
 - All authorized persons/users must refer the regulations governing occupational safety, as well as applicable ANSI or CSA standards. Please refer to product labeling for information on specific OSHA regulations, and ANSI and CSA standards met by product.
 - Consult a doctor if there is any reason to doubt a user's ability to withstand and safely absorb fall arrest forces. Age, fitness, health conditions can seriously affect the worker a fall occur. Pregnant Women and minors should not use this equipment.
 - Proper precautions should always be taken to remove any obstructions, debris, material, or other recognized hazards from the work area that could cause injuries or interfere with the operation of the system. All equipment must be inspected before each use according to the manufacturer's instructions. All equipment should be inspected by a qualified person on a regular basis.
 - To minimize the potential for accidental disengagement, a competent person must ensure system compatibility.
 - Equipment must not be altered in any way. Repairs must be performed only by the Manufacturer, or persons or entities authorized in writing by the manufacturer.
 - Any product exhibiting deformities, unusual wear, or deterioration must be immediately discarded. Any equipment subject to a fall must be removed from service. The authorized person/user shall have a rescue plan and the means at hand to implement it when using this equipment.
 - Never use fall protection equipment for purposes other than those for which it was designed. Fall protection equipment should never be used for towing or hoisting.
 - All synthetic material must be protected from slag, hot sparks, open flames, or other heat sources. The use of heat resistant materials is recommended in these applications.
 - Never use natural materials (manila, cotton, etc.) as part of a fall protection system.
 - Do not expose this equipment to chemicals which may have a harmful effect on the materials used to construct it. Be especially aware of caustic environment, or those that contain high levels of organic acids or bases. If you are uncertain about the safe operation of this equipment in any environment, contact Ritz Fall Protection for further instructions.
 - Do not use the equipment near sharp edges, abrasive surfaces and looping around small diameter structural members.
 - Do not use the equipment around moving machinery or electrical hazards.

Ritz Fall Protection Megapod should be used only with the combinations of components, sub-systems or both which may affect or interfere with the safe function of one another. Be certain that connecting devices are compatible and that other elements of the personal fall arrest systems are safe to use and compatible before use.

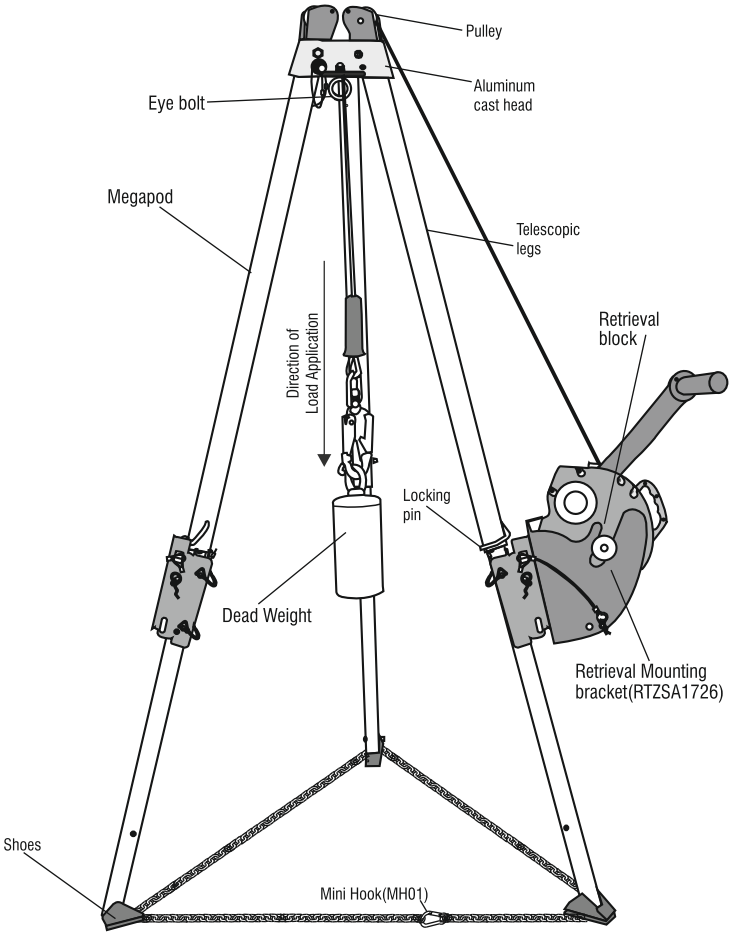
WARRANTY: All Ritz Fall Protection products bear 1- year warranty against manufacturing defects, applicable to unused Ritz Fall Protection products, from the date of purchase. However, Ritz Fall Protection shall not be liable for any accident or damage while the product is in use.

LIFESPAN: The estimated product Lifespan of this product is 10- years from the date of manufacturing. The following factors can reduce the Lifespan of the product : intense use, contact with chemical substances, especially aggressive environment, extreme temperature exposure, UV exposure, abrasion, cuts, violent impacts, bad use, or maintenance.




DISCLAIMER: This information on the product is based upon technical data that Ritz Fall Protection obtained under laboratory conditions and believes to be reliable. Ritz Fall Protection does not guarantee results and takes no liability or obligation in connection with this information. As conditions of end-use are beyond our control, it is the user's responsibility to determine the hazard levels and the use of proper personal protective equipment. Persons having technical expertise should undertake evaluation under their own specific end-use conditions, at their own discretion and risk. Please ensure that this information is only to check that the product selected is suitable for the intended use. Any product that is damaged, torn, worn, or punctured should be immediately discontinued from usage.

EQUIPMENT RECORD				
Product				
Model & type/Identification		Trade Name	Identification number	
Manufacturer		Address	Tel, fax, email into use	
Year of manufacture		Purchase Date	Date first put into use	
Other relevant information (e.g. document number)				
PERIODIC EXAMINATION AND REPAIR HISTORY				
Date	Reason for entry (periodic examination or repair)	Defects noted, repairs carried out and other relevant information	Name and signature of competent person	Periodic examination next due date

Product Over View



Brackets used with megapod variants-

Ref. No.	RTZSA1725 Sub 1	RTZSA1725	RTZSA1726
Supplied with Megapod	Yes	No	No
Can be purchased separately	Yes	Yes	
Product	 Part of standard Megapod	 Part of standard Winch	

- **Capacity:** Ritz Fall Protection Megapod is designed for use by ONE person with a combined weight (clothing, tools, etc.) of no more than 310 lbs. (140 kg) Make sure all of the components in your system are rated to a capacity appropriate to your application. Ritz Fall Protection Megapod is rated 5000lbs.
- **Free Fall:** Personal fall arrest systems used with this equipment must be rigged to limit the free fall to 6 feet (1.8 M) per ANSI Z359.1. Restraint systems must be rigged so that no vertical free fall is possible. Work positioning systems must be rigged so that free fall is limited to 2 feet (.6 m) or less. Personnel riding systems must be rigged so that no vertical free fall is possible. Climbing systems must be rigged so that free fall is limited to 18 inch. (.46 cm) or less. Rescue systems must be rigged so that no vertical free fall is possible. See subsystem manufacturer's instructions for more information. Below figure illustrates fall clearance requirements. There must be sufficient clearance below the user to allow the system to arrest a fall before the user strikes the ground or other obstruction. Clearance required is dependent on the following factors:

- ### Movement of Harness Attachment Element

A	Connecting Subsystem (Energy Absorbing Lanyard Shown)
B	Working Level
C	Lower Level or Obstruction
D	Free Fall - 6ft. (1.8m) Max. (per ANSI Z359.1)
E	Deceleration Distance
F	Total Fall Distance Free Fall (D) + Deceleration (E)



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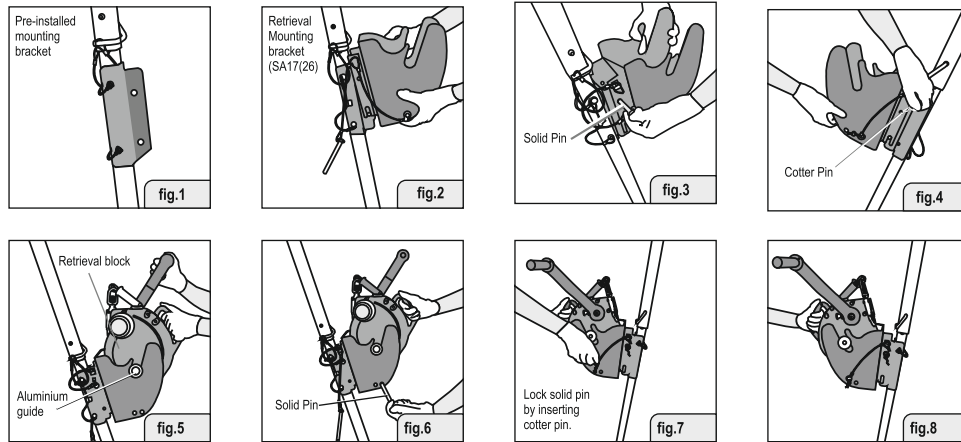
- **Capacity:** 1 user, 310 lbs.(140 kgs) maximum weight.
- **Strength:** 5000 lbs (23 kN)

- (i) The ANSI icon showing that the product meets the requirements of the PPE Directive.
- (ii) Identification of manufacturer's
- (iii) Type or product code
- (iv) Certifying Norm & Year
- (v) Material of Construction
- (vi) Load Capacity
- (vii) Warning
- (viii) Adjustable Height
- (ix) Lot No.
- (x) Minimum Breaking Strength
- (xi) Inspection Chart
- (xii) Year of manufacturing
- (xiii) Read Instructions before use

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- The periodic examination is essential to test the resistance and condition of the equipment and to guarantee the safety of the user.
- A qualified person must examine this equipment at least once each year in strict compliance with the instructions of the manufacturer and the previous check must be recorded on the attached sheet.
- The frequency of inspection should be increased in accordance with the regulations, if the equipment is in heavy usage or if the equipment is used in harsh environments. Check also that the markings are legible.

Installation of retrieval block on megapod:



- STEP 1** Locate the megapod leg that has pre-installed mounting bracket for installing the retrieval block.
- STEP 2** Place the retrieval mounting bracket(RTZSA1726) on the lower mounting bracket pre-installed on the megapod leg and insert the guiding pin into the slot. (refer fig. 2 and 3)
- STEP 3** Use solid pin for locking the Retrieval Mounting bracket(RTZSA1726) on pre-installed mounting bracket of megapod leg. (refer fig. 4)
- STEP 4** Lock the solid pin on mounting brackets using cotter pin. (refer Fig. 4)
- STEP 5** Insert retrieval block in bracket guided by aluminum guide provided on both side of retrieval. (refer Fig. 5)
- STEP 6** Lock the anchorage eye with bracket followed by solid pin and lock solid pin from other end by inserting cotter pin. (refer fig. 6&7). Now the retrieval block is ready to be used on megapod (refer fig. 8)

13. OTHERS:

- Maintenance & Cleaning:** Repairs to equipment can be made only by a Ritz Fall Protection representative or person or entity authorized by Ritz Fall Protection. Contact Ritz Fall Protection for maintenance and repair. Cleaning after use is important for maintaining the safety and life of the equipment. Cleanse the equipment of all dirt, corrosives, and contaminants. If the equipment cannot simply be wiped clean use a mild soap and water. Rinse, wipe, and hang to dry in shade.
- Storage:** Store the anchorage connector component harness in a cool, dry and clean place out of direct sunlight. Avoid areas where heat, moisture, light, oil, and chemicals or their vapors or other degrading elements may be present. Equipment which is damaged or in need of maintenance should not be stored in the same area as usable equipment. Heavily soiled, wet, or otherwise contaminated equipment should be properly maintained (e.g. dried and cleaned) prior to storage.
Prior to using equipment which has been stored for long periods of time, a Formal Inspection should be performed by a competent person. For harnesses with Dielectric buckles, pass-thru buckles or Quick Connect Buckles, store the harness with the buckles connected.
- Training:** It is the responsibility of the users to assure that they read, understand, and follow all instructions and are trained in the care and use of this device. Training should be repeated periodically and any time there is a change of components within the system. Training must be conducted without exposing the trainee to a fall hazard

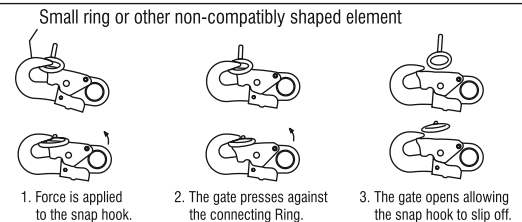
NOTE: Other than 3,600 lb. (16 kN) gated hooks, large throat opening snap hooks should not be connected to standard size D-rings or similar objects which will result in a load on the gate if the hook or D-ring twists or rotates. Large throat snap hooks are designed for use on fixed structural elements such as rebar or cross members that are not shaped in a way that can capture the gate of the hook.

3. RESTRICTIONS REGARDING MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Use connectors conforming to ANSI Z351.12.2009 to make connections.
- Do not make connections where the hook locking mechanism can come into contact with a structural member or other equipment and potentially release the hook.
- Do not connect a snap hook into a loop or thimble of a wire rope or attach in any way to a slack wire rope.
- The snap hook must be free to align with the applied load as intended (regardless of the size or shape of the mating connector)
- A karabiner may be used to connect to a single or pair of soft loops on a body support such as a body belt or full body harness, provided the karabiner can fully close and lock. This type of connection is not allowed for snap hooks.
- A karabiner may be connected to a loop or ring connector that is already occupied by an automatic closing connector.

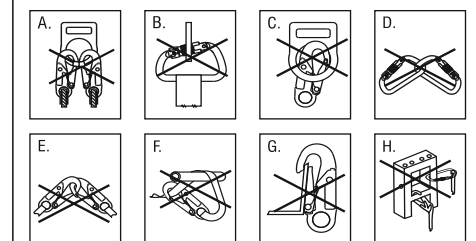
Fig. 2 - Unintentional Disengagement (roll-out)

If the connecting element to which a snap hook (shown) or karabiner attached is undersized or irregular in shape, a situation could occur where the connecting element applies a force to the gate of the snap hook or karabiner. This force may cause the gate (of either a self-locking or a non-locking snap hook) to open, allowing the snap hook or karabiner to disengage from the connecting point.



- 4. CONNECTING SUB-SYSTEMS:** Personal fall arrest systems used with this equipment must meet applicable state, OSHA and ANSI requirements. A full body harness must be worn when this equipment is used as a component of a personal fall arrest system. As required by OSHA, the personal fall arrest system must be capable of arresting the user's fall with a maximum arresting force of 1,800 lbs. (8 kN), and limit the free fall to 6 ft. (1.8 m) or less. If the maximum free fall distance must be exceeded, the employer must document, based on test data, that the maximum arresting force will not be exceeded, and the personal fall arrest system will function properly. Free fall greater than 6 ft. (1.8 m), and up to a maximum of 12 ft. (3.7 m) is possible, Ritz Fall Protection recommends using a personal fall arrest system incorporating a Ritz Fall Protection Energy Absorbing Lanyard. Ritz Fall Protection has performed testing using the Ritz Fall Protection Energy Absorbing Lanyard in free falls up to 12ft. (3.7 m) to ensure the maximum arresting force does not exceed 1,800 lbs. (8.0 kN), and the system functions properly.

Fig. 3 - Inappropriate Connections



- Rescue Plan:** Rescue operation must be performed by the trained and competent personal. The rescue operation must be performed under the supervision of the rescue expert team or personal. It is advised that while working on site work in pairs. Before going for the work the user must have the rescue plan according to the work.
 - If Equipment Is Subjected To A Fall:** Remove the equipment from service immediately if it has been subjected to the forces of a fall arrest. Contact your distributor or Ritz Fall Protection about policies regarding replacement of Ritz Fall Protection components involved in a fall.
- 5. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:** Ritz Fall Protection Anchors are designed to provide complete attachment system to user in the event of a fall. These attachment systems must be connected to the proper body support and connecting facility. These Anchors are meant to hold the victim of fall till the rescue operation is performed, so this is important that the whole system must have the all the essential components before going for the use. The whole fall arrest system must be used by the trained/competent person. It is advisable to make a checklist of the essential components according to one's use before going for work.

6. **USE OF FALL ARREST SYSTEM:** The fall arrest system MUST ONLY be connected to the back attaching element on the harness provided for the purpose ("D" ring or webbing attachment extension) or to the chest anchorage points ("webbing link" or "D" link). The chest anchorage points must imperatively be used together. The D-rings on the belt and the ventral anchorage point must only be used for the attachment of a work positioning or retaining system and never with a fall arrest system.
- During use, check regularly the adjustment and/or attachment points.

7. **ANCHORAGE STRENGTH:** The anchorage strength required is dependent on the application type. The following are the requirements of ANSI Z359.1 for these application types:

- **Fall Arrest:** Anchorages selected for fall arrest systems shall have a strength capable of sustaining static loads applied in the directions permitted by the system of at least- (1) 5,000 lbs. (23kN) for non-certified anchorages, or (2) Two times the maximum arresting force for certified anchorages. When more than one fall arrest system is attached to an anchorage, the strengths set forth in (1) and (2) above shall be multiplied by the number of systems attached to the anchorage.
- **As Per OSHA:** Anchorages used for attachment of personal fall arrest systems shall be independent of any anchorage being used to support or suspend platforms and capable of supporting at least 5,000 lbs. (23kN) per user attached, or be designed, installed and used as part of a complete personal fall arrest systems which maintains a safety factor of at least two, and is under the supervision of a qualified person.
- **Work Positioning:** The structure to which the work positioning system is attached must sustain static loads applied in the directions permitted by the work positioning system of at least 3,000 lbs. (13.3 kN) or twice the potential impact load, whichever is greater. See OSHA. When more than one work positioning system is attached to an anchorage, the strengths stated above must be multiplied by the number of work positioning systems attached to the anchorage.
- **Restraint:** Anchorages selected for restraint and travel restraint systems shall have a strength capable of sustaining static loads applied in the directions permitted by the system of at least: (1) 1,000 lbs. (4.5 kN) for non-certified anchorages, or (2) Two times the foreseeable force for certified anchorages. When more than one restraint and travel restraint system is attached to an anchorage, the strengths set forth in (1) and (2) above shall be multiplied by the number of systems attached to the anchorage.
- **Rescue:** Anchorages selected for restraint and travel restraint systems shall have a strength capable of sustaining static loads applied in the directions permitted by the system of at least: (1) 3,000 lbs. (13.3 kN) for non-certified anchorages, or (2) Five times the foreseeable force for certified anchorages. When more than one restraint and travel restraint system is attached to an anchorage, the strengths set forth in (1) and (2) above shall be multiplied by the number of systems attached to the anchorage.

ANCHORAGE & ANCHORAGE STRENGTH: Anchorage and anchorage strength requirements are dependent on the Full Body Harness. In accordance with ANSI Z359.1, anchorages selected for fall Arrest Systems must meet the anchorage strength requirements defined in below:

Anchorage Strength Requirements		
Fall Arrest ¹	Non-Certified Anchorage:	5,000 lbs. (23kN)
	Certified Anchorage ² :	2 Times the Maximum Arresting Force for Certified Anchorage
Restraint ¹	Non-Certified Anchorage	1,000 (4.5 kN)
	Certified Anchorages ² :	2 times the foreseeable force for certified anchorages.
Work Positioning ¹	Non-Certified Anchorages	3,000 lbs (13.3 kN)
	Certified Anchorage ² :	2 times the foreseeable force for certified anchorage.
Rescue ¹	Non-Certified Anchorage	3,000 lbs (13.3 kN)
	Certified Anchorage ² :	5 times the foreseeable force for certified anchorage.
Climbing	The structure which a climbing system is attached must sustain the loads required by that particular system. See the instructions for the climbing system for requirements.	

1 **Multiple Systems:** When more than one of the defined system is attached to an anchorage, the strength defined for Non- Certified or certified anchorage shall be multiplied by the number of systems attached to the anchorage.

2 **Certified Anchorage:** An anchorage for fall arrest, positioning, restraint, or rescue systems that a qualified person certifies to be capable of supporting the potential fall force that meet the criteria for a certified anchorage prescribed in this standard.

8. **INSPECTION:** Before each use, proceed with a thorough visual examination to ensure that the PPE is intact (the same applies to the equipment used with the harness (connectors, lanyard) and take all necessary steps concerning the implementation of rescue in total safety. In the event of your product gets contaminated, consult the manufacturer or authorized agent. If you have any doubts regarding the safe state of the product or if the product has been used to arrest a fall, it is essential to immediately withdraw the PPE from use and send it to the manufacturer or a qualified repair center for checking or destruction.

Following the inspection, the center will provide written authorization or refusal for the use of the PPE. Never attempt to modify or repair PPE.

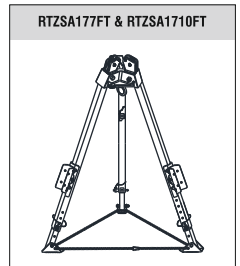
- **Before each use of this equipment inspect it according to the following guidelines:** A formal inspection of fall protection products/components must be performed at least every six months by a competent person other than the user. The frequency of formal inspections should be based on conditions of use or exposure. Record the inspection results in the inspection and maintenance log at the end of this manual. The component should be checked for Cut, Frayed, Heavily Soiled, welding burns etc. Metal parts like D-rings should be duly check for the crack, bent, deformities, corrosions etc.

9. LIMITATIONS:

- Megapod should be a personal property of its user.
- It should not be used in highly acidic or basic environments.

10. **FITTING & SIZING:** The Megapod comes in two variants i.e. 7ft. (2.10) and 10ft (3.05). Depending on the condition of usage one can choose best option as per requirement.

- STEP 1:** Place the Megapod on the floor with the feet on the ground. Remove the locking Pins from the head and the legs.
- STEP 2:** Fully spread the legs and then replace the locking pins on head to secure the legs in the open positions.
- STEP 3:** Resecure the locking pins into legs, after adjustment of the required height or in fully extended position.
- STEP 4:** Place the Megapod over the entry point. Adjust the Megapod as necessary by removing pins in one leg at a time. Adjust each leg so the Megapod sits level above user's entry point. Ensure that all pins are re-installed.
- STEP 5:** Place the Retrieval Block on the opposite leg of the Megapod, where the winch is installed.



11. **FALL CLEARANCE:** If there is a risk of fall or if the only anchorage is below the attachment points on the harness, it is essential to use a lanyard provided with an energy absorber. Before using a shock-absorbing lanyard, check that there is sufficient fall clearance below the user to prevent any collision with the structure or the ground.

12. MATERIAL & CONSTRUCTION:

- **Materials:** High Strength Aluminium
- **System Requirements:**
 - **Compatibility of Components:** Ritz Fall Protection equipment is designed to be used with Ritz Fall Protection approved components. Please contact Ritz Fall Protection if you have a question regarding compatibility. Making substitutions without approval from Ritz Fall Protection Fall Protection may lead to injuries and or death. A Qualified person can make a determination on compatibility of equipment from different manufacturers.
 - **Compatibility of Connectors:** Connectors (D-rings, hooks, karabiners) must be capable of supporting at least 5,000 lbs. (23kN). Do not use equipment that is not compatible. Non-compatible connectors may unintentionally disengage. Self-locking snap hooks and karabiners are required by CSA, ANSI and OSHA. Connectors must be compatible in size, shape, and strength.
 - **Making Connections:** Only use self-locking snap hooks and karabiners with any Ritz Fall Protection Fall Protection equipment. Do not use equipment that is not compatible.

