

## SAFETY INSPECTION

To maintain service life and high performance, all belts, hinges, handles, and other materials must be inspected frequently. Periodic tests are to be conducted by a trained inspector. Inspect your equipment daily and replace it if any defective conditions are found.

- Examine each belt. Beginning at one end, holding the body side of the belt toward you, grasp the belt with your hands 6 to 8 inches apart.
- Bend the belt into an inverted U shape. This procedure will allow you to locate damaged fibers or cuts more readily. Watch for frayed edges, broken fibers, pulled stitches, cuts, or chemical damage.
- Special attention should be given to the attachment of buckles where attached to webbing. Note any unusual wear, frayed or cut fibers, or distortion of buckles.
- Look for frayed or broken fiber strands that appear as tufts of fiber on the webbing surface.
- Inspect frame, bars, and welds points for cracks, distortions, or stress marks.
- Check pins to ensure they are in place and have fasteners attached properly.
- Inspect handles for cracks, distortions, or stress marks.
- Examine litter bed for general rips, tears, and thread damage. Also look for signs of damage caused by heat, chemicals, or molten metal.

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## MAINTENANCE INSPECTION

Although all NAR litters are designed for use in rugged conditions, they still may require regular preventative maintenance.

### STEPS FOR CLEANING

- Wipe off all surface dirt with a sponge slightly dampened with plain water
- For more resistant dirt, use a mild solution of water and commercial soap or detergent
- Work up a thick lather using a vigorous back and forth motion
- Rinse thoroughly to remove detergent
- Wipe each belt with a clean cloth and use a mild detergent solution to remove stains
- Hang belts freely to air dry but avoid excessive heat
- Do not store device while still damp
- Storage areas should be clean, dry and free from exposure to fumes or corrosive elements

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