



BAGS: As Versatile as Their Users



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BAGS are useful for multiple reasons. A utility pouch can help a worker carry tools and equipment while climbing. A rope bag can help preserve the life of the rope contained inside it. A lineman's bag may help transport climbing equipment from one job to the next. A properly packed rescue bag can be an integral component to a successfully executed rescue of a fallen co-worker. Regardless of the industry or task, most workers required to use fall protection can find or have found, the use of bags helpful.

Bags used for climbing are as varied as the climbers who use them. Some open and close with a zipper, some with a button and others with Velcro. When choosing a utility pouch, it is always important to closely consider how the pouch will be used and where it will be connected to the user's harness. If the pouch is located toward the back of the harness and the user is wearing gloves, an open-ended pouch is more user-friendly than a button closure. Most bags come in an assortment of colors, shapes and sizes to accommodate the smallest of tools or the largest of hands.

Industrial bags differ from other bags because they (or their pouches) are made for the harsh environment of a construction site or the back of a pickup truck. Rope and gear bags designed for heavy use should be light enough for everyday use yet strong enough to endure the harshness of a rescue environ-

ment or outside elements such as rain, snow, dirt and mud. Bags can be customized to be carried either by hand or as a backpack, such as the G4 Wind Turbine Rescue and Evacuation System bag.

