

# **Operating Instructions**

**EN** KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards and Adapter Straps



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#### 1 General information

### 1.1 Notes on operating instructions

These operating instructions are for use with KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards and Adapter Straps. The illustrations and descriptions contained in these operating instructions may differ slightly from the Lanyards and Adapter Straps actually delivered.

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#### 1.2 Symbols used

All safety instructions in this operating instructions are indicated by corresponding symbols. The signal words at the beginning of each safety instruction express the extent of the hazard.

## **ADANGER**

#### Risk of serious to fatal injuries

This combination of symbol and signal word indicates an imminently hazardous situation that will result in death or serious injury if not avoided.

## **AWARNING**

### Warning of potentially serious fatal injuries

This combination of symbol and signal word indicates a possibly hazardous situation that may result in death or serious injury if not avoided.

## **ACAUTION**

#### Caution

Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

### 1.3 Copyright

These operating instructions and all documents supplied with the KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards and Adapter Straps are protected by copyright and remain the property of KNIPEX.

The reprinting of these instructions, even in part, is only permitted with the written consent of KNIPEX Werk C. Gustav Putsch KG.

#### 1.4 Guarantee and warranty

The manufacturer grants a statutory warranty in accordance with the current sales and delivery conditions. No further warranties or assurances are granted.

Within the warranty period, the warranty covers the rectification of all defects that can be traced back to material faults or manufacturing errors. Wearing parts are excluded from the warranty.

Warranty is voided if any of the conditions exist:

 Damage is caused through improper operation, use for purposes other than those specified by the manufacturer, or poor maintenance.

## 2 Safety

#### 2.1 Intended use

The products are intended for the following uses:

- All elements of the KNIPEX Tethered Tools System are designed to be used for tool tethering only. The weight of the tool must not exceed the permitted capacity for any tethering system component.
- Only connect KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps to tools with captive tethering points that are engineered as tether points.

Any use beyond the intended purpose or any unauthorized modification shall be considered improper. The operator shall be liable for damages resulting from improper use.

Intended use also includes adhering to these operating instructions. They must be read and understood in full before use.

The users must be trained regarding to tool securing and the safe use of tools at heights. In order to reduce the hazards of **working at heights with tools**, the following instructions must be followed to avoid the risk of serious injury or death.

#### 2.2 Safety Instructions for operation

## **ADANGER**

Risk of falling from slipping, stumbling, twisting and from people falling onto a lower surface or an object!

KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards and Adapter Straps are for tool tethering only. They are not for human or animal support, nor are they intended to be part of a human fall protection system.

## **ADANGER**

Risk of injury from moving parts!

Do not use around machinery with exposed turning or moving parts.

## **ADANGER**

Risk of falling due to falling heavy tools

Heavy, falling tools can make you loose your balance and falls can occur.

Only connect tools to your body that are **lighter than 2.26 kg (5 lbs)**. Secure heavier tools to a suitable, fixed anchor point.

## **AWARNING**

Risk of injury from falling parts!

Observe the following safety instructions when using KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards and Adapter Straps.

- Never exceed the permitted capacity for any tethering system component.
- Never attach more than one tool to the KNIPEX Lanyards or Adapter Straps at the same time.
- Each KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard or Adapter Strap MUST be inspected prior to each use in accordance with the Instruction Manual.
- If a KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard or Adapter Strap has been subject to fall arrest forces, it must be immediately inspected for damage by a competent person prior to continued use. If any doubt it must be removed from service.

- Do not make modifications to KNIPEX Tethered Tool Lanyards, Adapter Straps and KNIPEX Tools with Tethering.
- Never make attachments to tools or equipment in a manner that would allow the KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard or Adapter Strap to be unintentionally disconnected.
- Do not tie or knot the KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard or Adapter Strap. Only attach KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard or Adapter Strap per manufacturer instructions.
- Do not lengthen a KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard by connecting multiple Lanyards together.
- Do not connect more than one KNIPEX Tethered Tools Adapter Strap to the Lanyard.
- Do not connect more than two KNIPEX Tethered Tools Adapter Straps together.
- Ensure the KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard or Adapter Strap is kept free from any and all obstructions including, but not limited to, entanglement with other workers, yourself, and surrounding objects.
- Do not wrap KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps around sharp or abrasive edges.
- Do not use a KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyard or Adapter Strap if it will interfere with the safe working condition, or operation of the tool or equipment it is attached to.
- Only connect KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps to Anchor Points that are suitable and reliable for tool tethering.
- Only connect KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps to tools with captive tethering points that are engineered as tether points.
- Ensure there is adequate clearance in the event of a tool drop. Tool fall/swing path must not endanger yourself, other personnel, or any surrounding equipment or materials.
- Do not use KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps in temperatures below -35 °C / -30 °F or above 45 °C / 113 F.
- Do not use the loop for abridged connection to tether tools (Figure 10).

## **ACAUTION**

#### **General notes**

- All procedures shown in these instructions are for KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps only.
- All incidents of dropped tools should be reported to your supervisor or safety coordinator. Involved KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps must be inspected for damage immediately (see chapter "Inspection").
- KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards or Adapter Straps should not be used at full extension.

#### 2.3 Certified safety



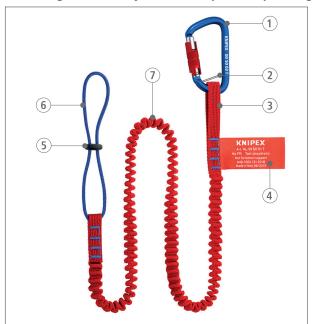
The products are tested and conform according to ANSI ISEA 121-2018.

The usability and loading capacity of the Lanyards have been independently tested and certified. (VPA TESTED by VPA Prüf- und Zertifizierungs GmbH, 42859 Remscheid Germany)

## STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

## 3 Structure and function

## 3.1 Design of the Lanyard and Adapter Strap, 1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)



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Figure 1: Terms and definitions - Lanyard, 1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)

Figure 2: Terms and definitions - Adapter Strap 1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)

## 3.2 Design of the Lanyard and Adapter Strap, 6 kg (13 lbs)



Figure 3: Terms and definitions - Lanyard 6 kg (13 lbs)



Figure 4: Terms and definitions - Adapter Strap 6 kg (13 lbs)

- 1 Carabiner
- 2 Captive eye
- 3 Carabiner end
- 4 Label
- **5** Cord stop
- 6 Loop end
- 7 Lanyard
- 8 Flat belt loop for abridged connection (only for 6 kg (13 lbs) Lanyard)

### 3.3 Function

Tools that do not exceed the permitted capacity for any tethering system component and have a captive tethering point engineered into them can be tethered with the KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards and Adapter Straps.

## 3.4 Product Overview and Technical Data



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Product No.	Туре	Relaxed length	Stretched length	Load rating		
00 50 01 T (Not available in the US)	Lanyard	1000 mm (38")	1500 mm (59")	1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)		
00 50 02 T  (Not available in the US)	Adapter Strap	260 mm (10")	260 mm (10")	1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)		
00 50 03 T (Not available in the US)	Carabiner with captive eye	82 mm (3.2")	82 mm (3.2")	200 kg (440 lbs)		
00 50 05 T	Lanyard with Carabiner Item consists of 00 50 01 T and 00 50 03 T	1080 mm (38")	1580 mm (60")	1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)		
00 50 06 T	Adapter Strap with Carabiner with captive eye Item consists of 00 50 02 T and 00 50 03 T	340 mm (13")	340 mm (13")	1.5 kg (3.3 lbs)		
00 50 10 T  (Not available in the US)	Lanyard	900 mm (36")	1490 mm (59")	6 kg (13 lbs)		
00 50 11 T  (Not available in the US)	Adapter Strap	400 mm (16")	400 mm (16")	6 kg (13 lbs)		
00 50 12 T	Lanyard with Carabiner with captive eye Item consists of 00 50 10 T and 00 50 03 T	980 mm (38.6")	1570 mm (61.8")	6 kg (13 lbs)		
00 50 13 T	Adapter Strap with Carabiner with captive eye Item consists of 00 50 11 T and 00 50 03 T	480 mm (16")	480 mm (16")	6 kg (13 lbs)		

## STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

## 3.5 Compatibility to KNIPEX Tools with Tethering

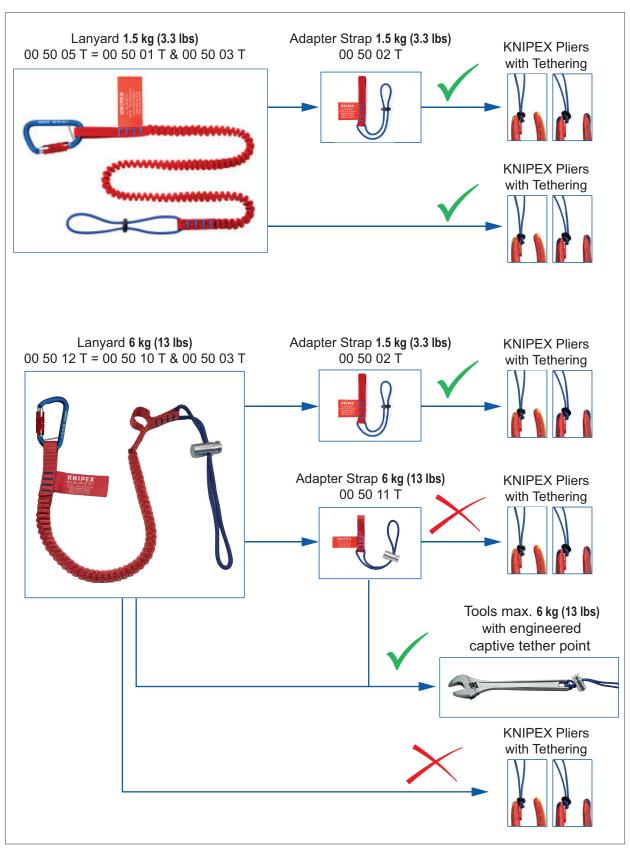


Figure 5: Compatibility to KNIPEX Tools with Tethering

## 4 Operation

### 4.1 Connecting the Lanyard to the tool

- When connecting a KNIPEX Tool equipped with a tethering point to your Lanyard or Adapter Strap, check (Figure 5), to see if your Lanyard or Adapter Strap is compatible.
- To connect a KNIPEX Tool with tethering to the 6 kg (13 lbs) Lanyard (KNIPEX 00 50 10 T) you must use the 1.5 kg (3.3 lbs) Adapter Strap (KNIPEX 00 50 02 T) (Figure 5)
   (The cord of the 6 kg (13 lbs) version is too thick to thread through the
- tether point on the tool).

   KNIPEX Tools with a tethering point should only be connected by loop
- Never use the flat belt loop for abridged connection for tethering (Figure 10).

Attach an end of the Lanyard or Adapter Strap to a tool. Either the loop end of the Lanyard or the carabiner end may be used.

### 4.1.1 To use the loop end

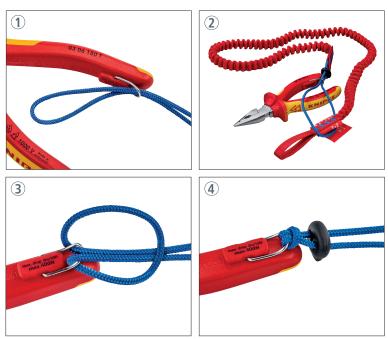


Figure 6: Connection via loop

- 1. Pass the loop end through the captive engineered tether point on the tool.
- 2. Take the end of the Lanyard, which can be with or without a carabiner, and pass it through the loop.
- 3. Pull tightly to cinch and create a secure connection.
- 4. Push the cord stopper tightly to the cinch.

#### 4.1.2 To use the carabiner end

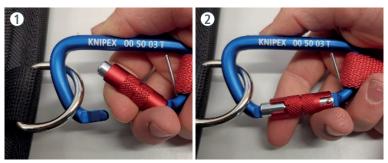


Figure 7: Connection via carabiner

- 1. Open the self-locking carabiner by rotating the red locking gate and pushing the latch inside and connect it to the captive engineered tether point on the tool.
- 2. Make sure there is clearance for the locking gate of the carabiner to close.

# 4.2 Connecting the Lanyard to primary anchoring locations (body, lifting device, or structure)



Figure 8: Lanyard anchored to a structure

- 1. Tools that exceed 2.26 kg (5 lbs) must be anchored to a structural anchor or lifting device, not to the users body.
- The best practice is to always anchor your Lanyard to a structure other than the users body. If the user does anchor the Lanyard to their body, take great care selecting the anchor location and always be sure to have a secure stand, because falling tools can make you loose your balance.
- 3. For any questions or concerns about selecting appropriate anchor points, consult a qualified person.

Attach the other end of the Lanyard to an anchor point that is suitable and reliable for tool tethering either by loop or by a carabiner (see Chapter 4.1.1, figure 6 and 4.1.2).

#### 4.3 Connecting Adapter Straps

To connect a KNIPEX Adapter Strap:

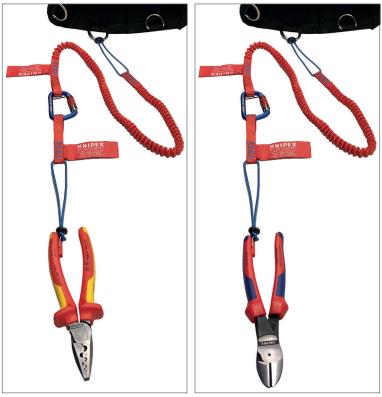


Figure 9: Connecting Adapter Straps

- Connect the Adapter Strap to the tool via loop as described in chapter 4.1.1.
- 2. Connect the Adapter Strap to the Lanyard or anchor point via carabiner as described in chapter 4.1.2.

### 4.4 Using the tethering system

- Always keep tools tethered while working at heights. When exchanging tools, use a 100 % tie-off by ensuring the tool is tethered to a secondary anchor before disconnecting from the initial anchor point.
- When using KNIPEX Tool Lanyards and Adapter Straps, determine
  the fully stretched length of the Lanyard used, plus the length of the
  Adapter Strap if used, plus the tool itself. Add an additional safety
  factor to ensure an adequate clearance between where the Lanyard is
  anchored and the nearest person or object.

The 6 kg (13 lbs) version of the Lanyard is equipped with a second flat belt loop for abridged connection (see figure 3, Pos. 8). A second carabiner, which is hooked into this additional flat belt loop, can bridge the elastic part of the Lanyard. This prevents the tool from hanging down far and the abridged conection keeps the tool closer to the attachement point when the tool is not in use.

#### Attention!

This flat belt loop for abridged connection must never be used to secure a tool for fall protection (figure 10).

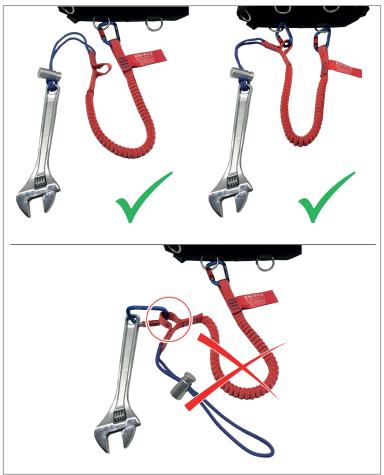


Figure 10: Abridge connection

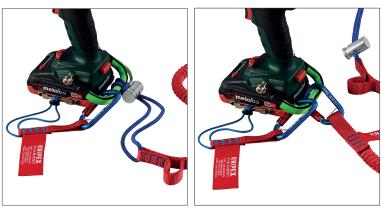


Figure 11: Attachment to a battery tool (over the loop or via carabiner)

Attention! Also attach the battery.

## 5 Inspection

KNIPEX Tethered Tools equipment and components must be thoroughly inspected before each use. Any KNIPEX Tethered Tools component that has deformities, unusual wear or deterioration must be immediately removed from service and destroyed.

Inspect the entire surface of the component, carefully rotating it while visually inspecting for damage or wear that might affect its usability and dependability. Inspect material and stitching, hardware, Carabiners, D-Rings and connectors all operate. In any doubt, please ask your supervisor for help.

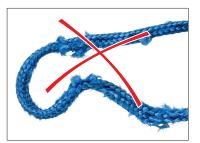




Figure 12: Remove KNIPEX Tethered Tools components from service if damaged

## 6 Storage and Care

- Store tool Lanyards and Adapter Straps in a clean, dry location away from direct sunlight.
- To clean, use mild soap and water. Allow Lanyards and Adapter Straps to air dry only.

### 7 Disclaimer

In no event, shall KNIPEX-WERK C. Gustav Putsch KG be liable for any direct, indirect, punitive, incidental, special, or consequential damages arising out of, or associated with the misuse of KNIPEX Tethered Tools Lanyards and Adapter Straps.



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