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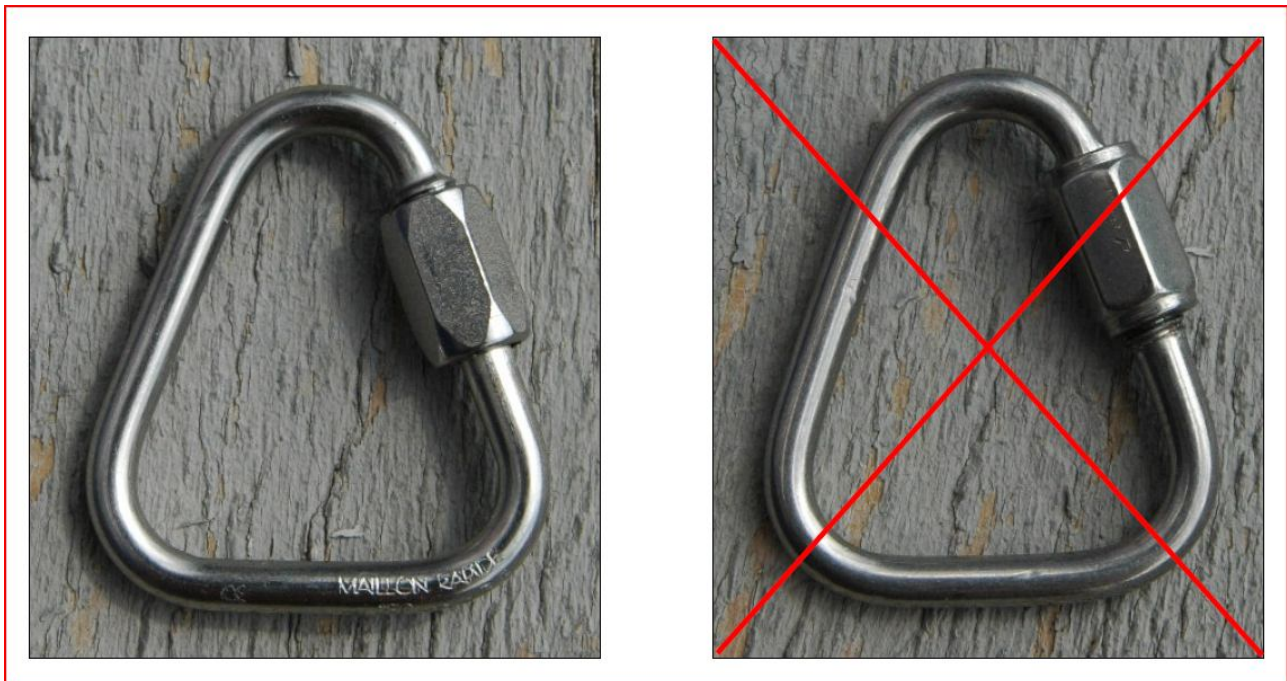
Safety Notice UP Ascent 2 and Kantega XC

Some of the abovementioned wings have been equipped with line maillons from the manufacturer King Snap. This can lead to a safety problem (described below) and UP International has decided to issue a safety notice in this regard, and to exchange all King Snap maillons with ones manufactured by our usual provider, Maillon Rapide of France.

The problem with the King Snap maillons is, should excessive force be applied to the closure nut it is possible to turn it past the "closed" position and even to open it from the wrong end – if flown in this configuration the maillon is not strong enough, and may open under tension.

We ask all owners of Ascent 2's and Kantega XC's to check their line connections and, should King Snap maillons be fitted, to send the Serial Number of the wing to the distributor for a free exchange. The distributor will also be able to help with detailed instructions on how to do the actual exchange.

We apologise for this inconvenience and ask all pilots to not fly their Ascent 2 or Kantega XC wings until the maillons have been checked and maybe exchanged. See below how you can easily identify the two different maillon types:



Maillon Rapide

Easy to recognise from the Maillon Rapide stamp

King Snap

No stamp, and notice the thread coming out of the bottom of the closure nut

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