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Model: P03A

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and proper use, maintenance, and inspection of the Petzl Mobile Pulley, model P03A. This ultra-compact and lightweight pulley is designed for use in various applications, including hauling systems and deviations in climbing and rigging environments. Before using this product, it is imperative to read and understand all instructions and warnings. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

The Petzl Mobile Pulley is a piece of personal protective equipment (PPE) and must be used by competent and responsible persons, or under the direct supervision of a competent person. Users must be trained in the correct techniques for its use.

2. SAFETY WARNINGS

WARNING: Activities involving the use of this equipment are inherently dangerous. You are responsible for your own actions and decisions. Before using this equipment, you must:

- Read and understand all instructions for use.
- Get specific training in its proper use.
- Become familiar with its capabilities and limitations.
- Understand and accept the risks involved.

Failure to heed any of these warnings may result in severe injury or death.

Important Safety Information:

- Always inspect the pulley and associated equipment before each use.
- Ensure all components are compatible and correctly assembled.
- Do not exceed the maximum working load (MWL) specified for the pulley.
- Avoid contact with sharp edges, abrasive surfaces, or corrosive substances.
- Protect the equipment from extreme temperatures, chemicals, and UV exposure.
- Never modify the product.
- Discard equipment immediately if it shows signs of damage, wear, or if there is any doubt about its integrity.

3. PRODUCT COMPONENTS



Figure 1: Petzl Mobile Pulley P03A. This image displays the compact, gold-colored pulley with its main components visible. The side plates are made of aluminum, and the sheave is a polished metal. Markings for maximum working load (WLL 5kN and WLL 2.5kN) and CE certification (CE 0197) are clearly visible on the side plate. The Petzl logo is also present.

The Petzl Mobile Pulley (P03A) consists of the following primary components:

- **Side Plates:** The main structural body of the pulley, typically made from aluminum alloy, providing strength and durability.
- **Sheave:** The wheel around which the rope runs. This model features a sheave mounted on self-lubricating bushings for good efficiency.

- **Axle:** The central pin that holds the sheave and side plates together.
- **Attachment Points:** Openings in the side plates designed for connecting carabiners or other connectors.
- **Markings:** Engraved or printed information including the brand (PETZL), model number (P03A), CE certification (CE 0197), and maximum working load limits (WLL 5kN for hauling, WLL 2.5kN for deviation).

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper setup is crucial for the safe operation of the Petzl Mobile Pulley. Always ensure the pulley is correctly integrated into your system.

1. **System Design:** Before installation, plan your hauling or deviation system. Ensure all components, including ropes, carabiners, and anchors, are compatible and rated for the intended loads.
2. **Attachment:** Connect the pulley to an appropriate anchor point or other system components using a suitable carabiner. Ensure the carabiner is fully closed and locked. The attachment points on the pulley are designed to accommodate standard climbing carabiners.
3. **Rope Installation:** Open the side plates (if applicable, for this model the side plates are fixed, so the rope is threaded through the opening). Thread the rope over the sheave. Ensure the rope runs smoothly and is not twisted or snagged. The sheave is designed for ropes up to a certain diameter (refer to specifications for exact diameter range).
4. **Load Direction:** Position the pulley so that the load is applied in the intended direction, aligning with the sheave's axis of rotation. Avoid side loading or eccentric loading that could damage the pulley or compromise its efficiency.
5. **Pre-Use Check:** Before applying any load, perform a thorough check of the entire system. Verify that all connections are secure, ropes are correctly routed, and there are no obstructions.

This pulley is designed for use with textile ropes. Do not use with wire ropes or cables.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Petzl Mobile Pulley is designed to reduce friction and improve efficiency in rope systems. Its primary applications include:

5.1. Hauling Systems

When used in a hauling system, the pulley facilitates lifting loads with less effort. The maximum working load for hauling is 5 kN (2.5 kN x 2, indicating the load on each side of the pulley). Ensure the rope diameter is compatible with the sheave.

- Integrate the pulley into your mechanical advantage system (e.g., Z-drag, simple 3:1).
- Ensure the rope runs freely over the sheave without rubbing against the side plates.
- Apply force smoothly and consistently. Avoid sudden jerks or impacts.
- Always maintain control of the rope and the load.

5.2. Deviations

For deviations, the pulley redirects the rope's path, which can be useful for managing rope angles or creating specific rigging configurations. The maximum working load for deviation is 2.5 kN.

- Attach the pulley to a secure anchor point to redirect the rope.
- Ensure the angle of deviation does not create excessive force on the pulley or anchor.
- Verify that the rope does not rub against any obstacles after being redirected by the pulley.

Always monitor the pulley during operation for any signs of unusual wear, noise, or malfunction. If any issues are

observed, cease operation immediately and inspect the equipment.

6. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

6.1. Inspection

Regular inspection is vital for the longevity and safety of your pulley. Inspect the pulley before and after each use, and at least once every 12 months by a competent person.

- **Side Plates:** Check for cracks, deformation, sharp edges, or excessive wear.
- **Sheave:** Ensure the sheave rotates freely and smoothly. Check for grooves, flat spots, or damage.
- **Axle:** Verify the axle is secure and shows no signs of bending or corrosion.
- **Markings:** Ensure all product markings (brand, model, WLL, CE) are legible.

Any pulley showing signs of damage, excessive wear, or corrosion must be immediately retired from service and destroyed to prevent accidental reuse.

6.2. Cleaning

Clean the pulley with fresh water and a mild soap solution. Rinse thoroughly and allow it to air dry completely in a shaded, well-ventilated area. Do not use harsh chemicals or solvents.

6.3. Storage

Store the pulley in a cool, dry, dark, and well-ventilated place, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, humidity, corrosive substances, and sharp objects. Avoid storing under compression or with other equipment that could cause damage.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues that may arise during the use of the Petzl Mobile Pulley.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Sheave does not rotate freely or makes noise.	Dirt/debris in bushings, bent axle, damaged sheave.	Clean the pulley thoroughly. Inspect for damage. If damaged, retire from service.
Rope rubs against side plates.	Incorrect rope diameter, improper loading angle, twisted rope.	Ensure rope diameter is within specifications. Adjust loading angle. Untwist rope.
Pulley appears deformed or cracked.	Overloading, impact, material fatigue.	Immediately retire the pulley from service. Do not attempt to repair.

If you encounter a problem not listed here, or if the suggested solutions do not resolve the issue, contact Petzl customer support or a qualified equipment technician.

8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model:	P03A

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Brand:	PETZL
Maximum Working Load (Hauling):	5 kN (2.5 kN x 2)
Maximum Working Load (Deviation):	2.5 kN
Sheave Type:	Mounted on self-lubricating bushings
Material:	Aluminum side plates, steel sheave
Weight:	Approximately 0.22 Pounds (0.10 kg)
Dimensions (L x W x H):	4.33 x 2.36 x 1.57 inches (approx. 11 x 6 x 4 cm)
Certification:	CE 0197
Suggested Users:	Unisex-adult

Note: Specifications are subject to change without notice. Always refer to the product's physical markings and the latest official documentation from Petzl for the most accurate information.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding the specific warranty period and terms for the Petzl Mobile Pulley (P03A) is typically provided with the product packaging or available on the official Petzl website. For warranty claims, technical support, or further assistance, please contact Petzl directly through their official channels.

You can visit the official Petzl website for more information: www.petzl.com