

## SKYLOTEC for High Protection

Monday morning, 7.30 a.m.: the wind dashes over the windmill, the chill makes its way to the bones. In 70 metres height a small blast quickly feels like a cutting knife. Nonetheless the work has to be finished, every movement has to fit and all operations need to be done routinely. A feeling of safety is essential in great heights, in order to work fast and efficient and to get back safe to the ground.

A golden autumn day, mild temperatures and perfect conditions. The rock is still warmed up from the sun, the first pitch completed. During a short break, one can cast a glance over the impressing landscape. Just nature, rocks and a perfect day in the mountains. The rout leads higher and higher, away from the daily routine with the knowledge to be perfectly secured.

### **High Protection**

For 60 years SKYLOTEC stands for safety in great heights. Since Eduard Kaufmann founded the company in 1948 many things have happened. SKYLOTEC is always one step ahead when it comes to innovation and technique in fall protection systems. 60 years of experience led to an expertise which now also has been brought forward to another area: **Skylotec Goes Mountain!**

Knowledge, proficiency and technology from industrial fall protection are going to be transferred to mountain climbing, where safety in heights is just as essential. High quality products in hardware are accompanied with a functional textile collection which is tailored to all needs of alpine mountaineering and climbing.

Since the company was overtaken by Kai Rinklake in 2000, SKYLOTEC continues its steep path to the top.

No matter if it's steel or rock, during daily work or sporty peak performances: with SKYLOTEC High Protection you are always on the safe side.

### **Company History**

1948: Company is founded by Eduard Kaufmann

1952: Manufacture of Schleifkörben for mine rescue and safety belts for mining (during this time still simple abdominal belts, mostly made of leather)

1958: Development of a fire blanket case (galvanized steelplate case with a fire blanket made of fibre glass or wool) authorized by the mining board

1962: In addition, a first-aid kit container for mining is developed

1969: Range extended by safety belts for fire brigade

1973: Production of scoop stretchers made of aluminium for easier transportation of injured persons

1982: Take over by Wolfgang Rinklake

1982: Relocation of head office to Neuwied

1983: Extention of range by fall protection products for industry and handcraft

2000: Kai Rinklake enlists in the company

2001: Foundation of industry education centre; buildup of international distribution

2002: Development of the rescue device MILAN, until now the best centrifugal braking descender

- 2003: Spinning of the company parts first aid and ambulance services as an independent company, called ultra MEDIC
- 2004: Establishing the first foreign company, responsible for the Asia Pacific Region local sales subsidiary in Singapore
- 2005: Changing the company name in SKYLOTEC – Professional Protective Equipment
- 2005: Expansion of the production at Plant 2 in Neuwied Oberbieber
- 2006: Takeover of the operating part „Rescue and Save“ of the Mammut tec AG
- 2006: Establishing the SKYLOTEC Hungary kft. as a second production location
- 2007: Patented harness SIRRO wins iF Product Design Award
- 2008: SKYLOTEC Goes Mountain! Presentation of the first SKYLOTEC Mountain Collection at the “outdoor” exhibition in Friedrichshafen
- 2008: GEKKO child harness Wins Outdoor Industry Award
- 2009: Fair appearance at the Winter ISPO 2009; won the ISPO BrandNew Awards with the harness SKYFIT
- 2009: Launch of the industrial runner SPEED, which is a revolution in the segment of rotating fall arrester in firm direction
- 2009: Acquisition of free-ski brand "Mountain Wave"

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