

## SAFETY ALERT 05/23 – TIE DOWN STRAPS

### What happened?

A brand new webbing strap snapped when being used to tie down a boat on a trailer.

### Why did it happen?

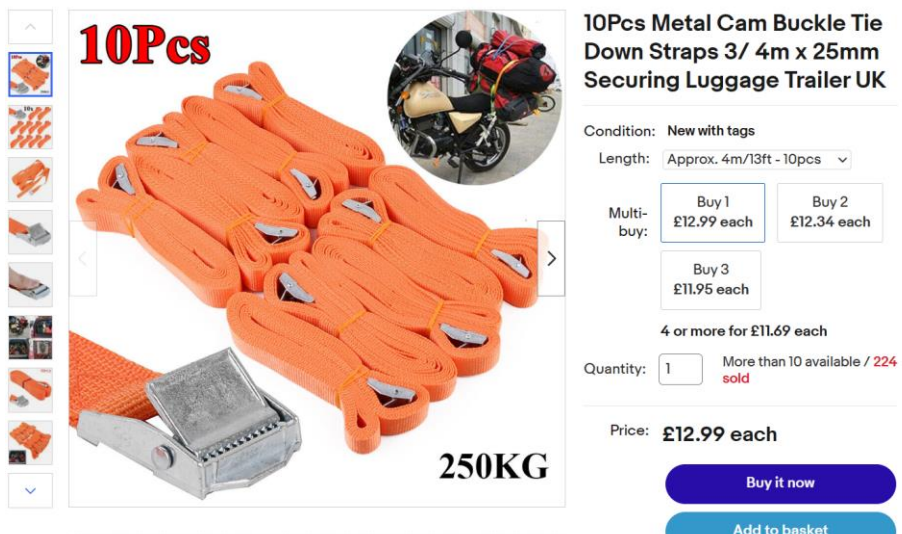
The strap was of sub-standard quality and had been purchased from an unknown manufacturer with questionable provenance.

### What action was taken?

The straps have been removed from service and replaced with ones of known quality.

### What can others learn from this?

The straps in question had been bought via eBay. Examination of the seller's description (below) shows that the straps are unbranded and have no named manufacturer. There is no reference to any standard against which they are compliant.



**10Pcs Metal Cam Buckle Tie Down Straps 3/ 4m x 25mm Securing Luggage Trailer UK**

Condition: New with tags  
 Length: Approx. 4m/13ft - 10pcs

Multi-buy:  
 Buy 1: £12.99 each  
 Buy 2: £12.34 each  
 Buy 3: £11.95 each  
 4 or more for £11.69 each

Quantity: 1 More than 10 available / 224 sold

Price: **£12.99 each**

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### Item specifics

Condition	New with tags: A brand-new, unused, unworn and undamaged item in the original packaging (such as the ... <a href="#">Read more</a>	Brand	Unbranded
Type	Tie Down Strap	MPN	Does Not Apply
Material	Zinc alloy, PP	Color	Orange
Quantity	10pcs	Rated Load	250kg
Rope Width	Approx. 25mm/1in	Metal Buckle Size	Approx. 40mm×30mm/1.57×1.18in(L*W)
Manufacturer Part Number	Does Not Apply	EAN	Does not apply

There is a British Standard BS EN12195-2:2001 (Load restraint assemblies on road vehicles. Safety – web lashing made from man-made fibres) and when purchasing straps use a reputable dealer/manufacturer and one that can provide assurance that their straps are compliant with this standard. Such straps will normally have a label woven into the strap to this effect. An example is provided below:

