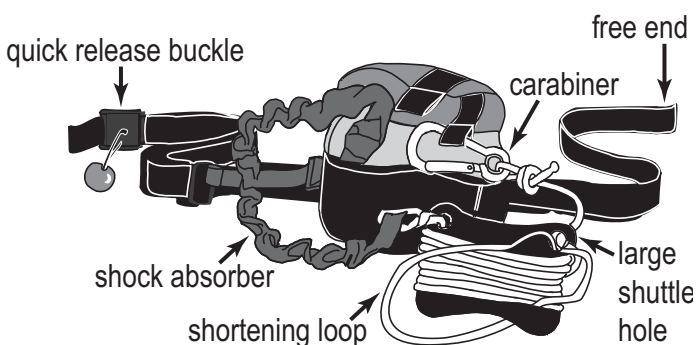


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**Waist-Mount Touring Tow Tether Description:** The Waist-Mount Touring Tow Tether is a bluewater tow tether with an attached 1½" quick-release webbing waist belt. The Touring Tow Tether consists of a 1½" stainless steel O-ring sewn onto a 12" shock absorber, with a loop for attaching a 25' length of 3/16" floating polypropylene line and a stainless steel carabiner. Between the two ends is a storage pouch for the line and winding shuttle. These components combine to form a compact and rapid-deploying system.

**Attaching the Waist-Mount Touring Tow Tether:** At one end of the webbing waist belt is a 1½" camlock buckle with an easily accessible quick release. With the gate open, thread the open end of the webbing belt through the camlock buckle. After adjusting to waist size, press gate closed, making sure that the webbing is not pinched between the sides of the buckle. **Do not thread excess webbing through the three-bar slider!** The overall length of the waist belt should be adjusted to place the quick release buckle directly in front, with the bartacked webbing stops centered on the back. The length may be adjusted with the nylon three-bar slider at the side of the buckle.

**Deploying the Touring Tow Tether:** Open the pouch and unclip the carabiner from its D-ring. The tether is stowed in short-length form; if more line is desired, unloop the last wind from the shuttle and allow to pass through the larger hole. Clip the carabiner onto the object to be towed and put sufficient tension onto the tether to deploy. The 3/16" line will peel off of the plastic shuttle. If you do not need the full 25', the line may be set at any intermediate length by putting a shortening loop through the larger hole, and then around the shuttle. Fold the pouch lid in half to protect the line from the "hook & loop" hooks, or the empty shuttle can be closed in the storage pouch while towing. **Make sure you know how to quickly release the waist belt.**

**Repacking the Touring Tow Tether:** Push the pouch lid back behind the pouch and wind the line around the shuttle. When you have about 2' of line left, you may make a shortening loop to keep the line from unwinding in the pouch. Put the shuttle back into the pouch and clip the carabiner to its D-ring.