

# Ropersmate™ Roping Device (Part # 8700544) - Instructions For Use

**WARNING: This device is for use with animals only. It is NOT to be used as a descent device for human use. The device is intended for use by trained professionals, skilled in the art of Rope and Tie only.**

## INTRODUCTION

The Ropersmate™ Roping Device is a unique product that has been developed in conjunction with industry to reduce the risk of injury on both horses and cattle during rodeo events. The Ropersmate™ works as a 'shock absorber', to lessen the force experienced by both the horse and beast, when the rope lasso tightens against the beast's neck, prior to the rider leaving the horse to throw and tie off.

The Ropersmate™ is fabricated from high strength anodised aluminium and is attached to the rider's saddle horn. The lasso rope is threaded through the device with a backstopper knot to prevent the rope from running through the end. The device has demonstrated high durability during all field testing and will provide many years of service for the riding professional.

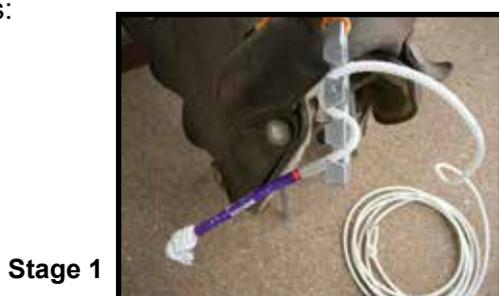
## INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT

The Ropersmate™ device has been endorsed by the **Australian Professional Rodeo Association (APRA)** and the **Australian Bushmen's Campdraft & Rodeo Association (ABCRA)** as a standard minimum equipment requirement for competition in all Australian based rodeo Rope and Tie events. For further information about these requirements, contact these organisations directly.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR RIGGING

The roping of the device is relatively simple, and requires 4 simple steps as follows:

1. Inspect Ropersmate™ device prior to use. Inspect for cracks, burrs, missing components or any deformities. In the event any of these are found, the device should not be used.
2. Grab the Ropersmate™ and place the saddle connection end at the top (round hole end). Loosen the gate screw to allow it to slide. Thread a standard competition lasso rope into the device in two stages as follows:



3. Slide the gate to the closed position and tighten. Now attach the Ropersmate™ to the saddle horn, using the 6mm rope cord tied on the head. Ensure device is tied securely to saddle horn to prevent slipping off during use.



4. Ensure correct rope tail extension is in place, relative to the size of animal for roping. Always ensure rope tail length between the Ropersmate™ device and knot **is a minimum of 300mm**. For animals over 110 kg, a tail longer than 300mm but less than 600mm is recommended. The device is **NOT** recommended for use on cattle over 200kg. Refer to general use warnings for further information. You are now ready to go.

## GENERAL USE WARNINGS

1. Failure to thread rope correctly through the device may cause device not to function correctly as designed.

2. Keep all loose clothing and hair away from device. This includes the horse's mane - it is recommended the horse's mane close to the device be clipped short to avoid entanglement.
3. Rodeo competition event requirements may vary. Always check with the event organisers as to the use of the Ropersmate™ device prior to competing in any event.

## CARE & USE CONDITIONS

The Ropersmate™ Roping Device must be visually and manually inspected before and after each use to verify that the device is fit for use. During the pre-use inspection you must ensure:

- A) There are no cracks or deformation to the body, gate or latch, or any other part of the device;
- B) The gate is secure and operates as designed;
- C) The latch operates smoothly and as designed such that the gate cannot be opened without the operation of the latch;
- D) Rigging holes are round with no elongation or damage to the hole indicating excessive loading;
- E) There is no corrosion or excessive grime which would hamper the operation of the device or its components;
- F) Where the device comes into contact with chemicals, the unit needs to be cleaned as soon as practicable and inspected for any surface damage to the finish and metals;
- G) Care is taken when using the device in adverse weather, the recommended temperature range of -40°, +80° Celsius. Ice and snow must be cleared from the operational area to ensure smooth operation.

## WARRANTY

Warranty to End User: Rope It warrants to the original end user ("End User") that the Ropersmate™ Roping Device is free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service. This warranty extends for 1 year from the date the product is purchased by the End User, in new and unused condition, from a Rope It authorised distributor. This warranty is provided in addition to other rights and remedies available to the End User under law.

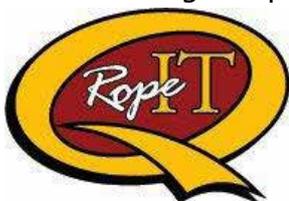
Rope It will not accept liability for defects that result from product abuse, misuse, alteration or modification, or for defects that are due to a failure to install, maintain or use the product according to the prescribed instructions.

The product comes with guarantees that cannot be excluded under Australian Consumer Law. The End User is entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and to compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. The End User is also entitled to have the product repaired or replaced if the product fails to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.

## Limitation of Liability:

To the extent permitted by law:

- a) Rope It's maximum liability to the End User for failure to comply with a consumer guarantee in respect of the supply of the product not of a kind ordinarily acquired for personal, domestic or household use or consumption is limited, at Rope It's sole discretion, to repair or replacement of the product; and
- b) Rope It will not be liable for any direct, indirect, special, or consequential damages of any kind, including loss of profits, revenue or business, death, personal injury or damage to property resulting from or in any way related to this product



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