



## **Job Performance Review**

## **Paratech Raker Shore System Operations**

## **Individual Level Competency**

### **JPR Title**

Paratech Raker Shore System Operations

### **JPR Number**

JPR-TR-8

### **Reference**

NFPA 1670 – Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents  
NFPA 1006 – Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications  
IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting  
Paratech Product Specifications  
MUSAR Training Foundation  
ATFD Standards of Cover and Risk Analysis

### **Performance Criteria**

Firefighter is able to articulate the various aspects of establishing the Paratech Raker Shore System and the assembly of such.

### **Time Parameters**

15 minutes from staging to cross bracing

### **Safety Precautions**

Space allocation to prevent injury to self or others while operating  
Appropriate PPE  
Attention to surroundings

### **Procedure**

The firefighter is able to identify the following elements of the Raker Shore System:

- ✓ Long Shore Struts
- ✓ Long Shore Strut Extensions
- ✓ Raker Rail
- ✓ Splice Plate
- ✓ Rail Latch Base
- ✓ Raker Junction Base
- ✓ Raker Brace Nail Pad
- ✓ Hinged Base Plate
- ✓ Angle Base

Awareness for Raker System Insertion Point – Between Top of Floor Joist and with 2 feet Below Joist

45 Degrees Most Efficient for Load Transfer – 30 to 60 Degree Angles are Acceptable

Always Use Minimum of Two Rakers – No More Than 8 feet Apart – Tied Together with “X” Bracing (Typ. 5 Nail Pattern – 3” Nails Including Intersection)

Refer to Photograph Below for Set-Up Illustration



Note – The Load Cell Indicators are Considered an Extension and Should be Factored in with the Desired Angle and Strut Extension Arrangement

Each Load Cell Indicator is Measuring a Maximum of 10,000 lbs. Per Indicator. Further, a recent non-destructive testing session of the Paratech Raker System revealed a system failure at 18,000 lbs. when a load shift was exerted on the system. Each load cell recorded a pressure of 9,000 lbs. when the system failed.

For Additional Details Pertaining to the Paratech Raker Shores – Refer to the Job Aid on the Following Pages

**Firehouse Software Evaluator Notes**

Link to “General Training in the Rescue Section” of FHS

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# Paratech Raker Shores

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TECHNICAL RESCUE WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 2016

## LongShore Struts

- 3" diameter aluminum alloy inner acme threaded shaft
- 3.5" diameter aluminum alloy outer tube
- Acme thread permits infinite number of extended positions within strut's range
- 6-10'
- 8-12'
- 12-16'



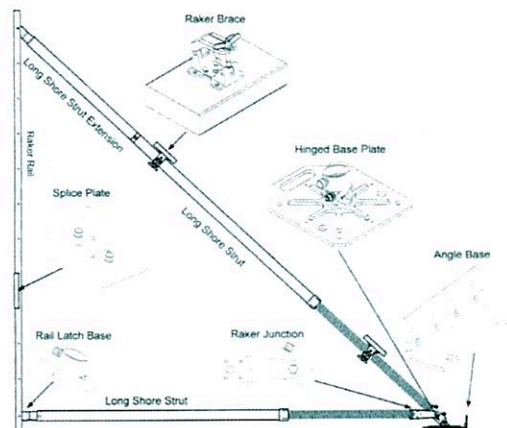
## LongShore Strut Extensions

- Use only 1 extension, not exceeding a total of 16'
  - Gray struts – may use 2 extensions, not exceeding 36" in total extension length
- 24" (235)
- 48" (435)
- 67" (635)



## Paratech Raker Kit

- Raker Rail
- Splice Plate
- Rail Latch Base
- Raker Junction Base
- Raker Brace/Nail Pad
- Hinged Base Plate
- Angle Base





## Raker Basics

- Cracked, leaning, bulged exterior walls
- Racked structures
- Raker shores, anchored and braced together will stop an unstable wall from moving outward any further
  - Load is transferred from unstable wall
  - Down strut
  - Into ground
  - X bracing protects from lateral movement
- 30-60 degree angles acceptable, 45 degrees most efficient

## Raker Basics

- Insertion Point
  - Between top of floor joist and 2 ft below joist
- Determining raker strut length
  - 45 degrees: Insertion Point x 17 = Strut Length
  - 60 degrees: Insertion Point x 14 = Strut Length
  - Or use the table

RAKER LENGTH BASED ON INSERTION POINT HEIGHT

Insertion Point	45° Raker L Inches / Feet	60° Raker L Inches / Feet	60° Horiz. Dist. Inches / Feet
3 ft	51" / 4'-3"	42" / 3'-6"	21" / 1'-9"
4	68" / 5'-8"	56" / 4'-8"	28" / 2'-4"
5	85" / 7'-1"	70" / 5'-10"	35" / 2'-11"
6	102" / 8'-6"	84" / 7'-0"	42" / 3'-6"
7	119" / 9'-11"	98" / 8'-2"	49" / 4'-1"
8	136" / 11'-4"	112" / 9'-4"	56" / 4'-8"
9	153" / 12'-9"	126" / 10'-6"	63" / 5'-3"
10	170" / 14'-2"	140" / 11'-8"	70" / 5'-10"
11	187" / 15'-7"	154" / 12'-10"	77" / 6'-5"
12	204" / 17'-0"	168" / 14'-0"	84" / 7'-0"
13	221" / 18'-5"	182" / 15'-2"	91" / 7'-7"
14	238" / 19'-10"	196" / 16'-4"	98" / 8'-2"
15	255" / 21'-3"	210" / 17'-6"	105" / 8'-9"
16	272" / 22'-8"	224" / 18'-8"	112" / 9'-4"
17	289" / 24'-1"	238" / 19'-10"	119" / 9'-11"
18	306" / 25'-6"	252" / 21'-0"	126" / 10'-6"
19	323" / 26'-11"	266" / 22'-2"	133" / 11'-1"
20 ft	340" / 28'-4"	280" / 23'-4"	140" / 11'-8"

## Raker Basics

- Spacing
  - Always have to use a minimum of 2 rakers, tied together with X bracing
  - No more than 8 ft apart
- X bracing
  - On the ends
  - No more than 32' between X bracing
- Mid bracing
  - Needed when raker struts are over 11'
  - X bracing will go above and below mid brace



## Scenario

- Hurricane Bob moved into the area last night with Category 1 winds
- Tornado formed in the Roslyn section of the township, destroying a single-story dwelling
- Reports of a child trapped in the B/C corner area of the residence
- D side of residence has standing exterior wall
- Area is being avoided for now
- Incident Commander wants exterior shoring placed to make area safe



This is what we need to build:

- 45 degree raker
- 7.5' insertion point

