

Lifejacket Recalls (also see www.rnli.org/seasafety/safety_issues)

CREWSAVER Crewfit 290N Lifejackets – June 2011 to October 2012

Date: November 2012

In keeping with Survitec's commitment to the highest levels of quality and safety, we are notifying the public of a safety alert for specific Crewsaver 290N manufactured during date June 2011 to October 2012.

These Lifejackets may be subject to loosening of the bladder webbing straps which may result in the stability of the jacket being affected.

In order to determine if you are impacted, Survitec Group is instructing the return of the Crewfit 290N Advanced Life jacket ONLY for inspection.



NO OTHER CREWSAVER PRODUCTS ARE AFFECTED.

The serial numbers of the potentially affected jackets are detailed below. These should be returned for inspection, and where appropriate, repair or replacement.

Owners of the lifejackets should:

- **Not use them**
- **Return them to the nearest Survitec Service Centre or to Survitec Gosport, to have them inspected and tested.**

Owners of these lifejackets seeking further information on the returns process can call the Survitec Helpline on 023 9252 8621
International: +44 (0) 23 9252 8621
Email: info@crewsaver.co.uk
Website: www.crewsaver.co.uk

There are 6 codes of the Crewfit 290N Advanced Life Jacket concerned:

1. Crewfit 290N Advanced Plus N/H, 1290-ADZPLUS
2. Crewfit 290N Advanced Auto N/H, 1290-ADZAUTO
3. Crewfit 290N Advanced Manual N/H, 1290-ADZMAN
4. Crewfit 290N Advanced Plus Harness, 1291-ADZPLUS
5. Crewfit 290N Advanced Auto Harness, 1291-ADZAUTO
6. Crewfit 290N Advanced Manual Harness, 1291-ADZMAN

Serial Numbers potentially affected:

1. Crewfit 290N Advanced Plus N/H, 1290-ADZPLUS

Serial Numbers:
L1106 00561 to L1207 00550

2. Crewfit 290N Advanced Auto N/H, 1290-ADZAUTO

Serial Numbers:
L1106 00505 to L1207 00550

3. Crewfit 290N Advanced Manual N/H, 1290-ADZMAN

Serial Numbers:
L1201 00582 to L1202 00518

4. Crewfit 290N Advanced Plus Harness, 1291-ADZPLUS

Serial Numbers:
L1106 00501 to L1210 00572

5. Crewfit 290N Advanced Auto Harness, 1291-ADZAUTO

Serial Numbers:
L1106 00511 to L1210 00567

6. Crewfit 290N Advanced Manual Harness, 1291-ADZMAN

Serial Numbers:
L1201 00535 to L1209 00501

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MUSTANG INFLATABLE PFDS with Hammar MA1 firing heads

Date: October 2012

NB: It is unlikely you will come across these lifejackets in the UK or Ireland but some may have been purchased via the internet.

The (US) Coast Guard has become aware of certain Mustang Survival Inflatable PFDs with Hammar MA1 hydrostatic (HIT) inflation systems which may not inflate and require a new re-arm kit to properly inflate by manual or automatic activation.

This safety alert identifies which products are affected.

Certain inflatable PDFs may be subject to delayed or non-inflations. To determine if you are impacted please follow the instructions below.

USCG Approval Mustang Product

N/A MA7214 HIT inflatable re-arm kit

N/A MA7218 HIT inflatable re-arm kit for LIFT

160.076/8611/0 MD0450 Inflatable Vest PFD with LIFT

160.076/5204/0 MD0451 Inflatable Vest PFD with LIFT (no harness)

160.076/5201/0 MD3183 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT

160.076/8608/0 MD3184 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT (with harness)

160.076/5300/0 MD3188 Inflatable Work Vest/PFD with HIT

160.053/116/0 MD3188 Inflatable Work Vest/PFD with HIT

If you have a re-arm kit MA7214 or MA7218 you need only to check the lot number on the CO2 cylinder label. If your CO2 cylinder is marked with lot numbers 404121 or 404122 please contact Mustang Survival's customer service group at the number below.

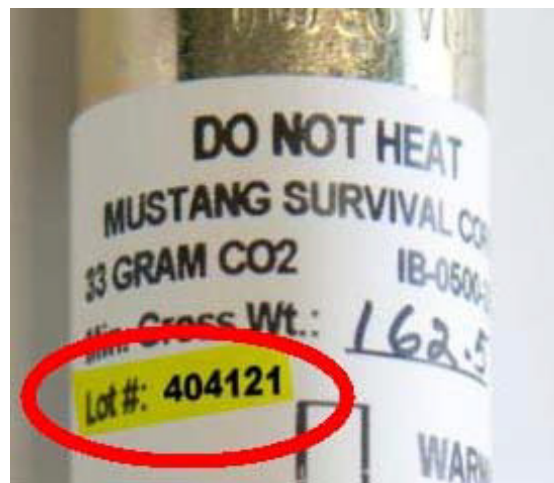
If you have a PFD listed above refer to the sewn-in approval label to determine if it was "Made in Canada" and the "MFG DATE" is April or May 2012. If so, you will need to check the lot numbers of the CO2 cylinder. The CO2 cylinder lot number is visible through the yellow bladder fabric. Manually unpack your PFD by opening the zippers and unfolding your PFD. Find the CO2 cylinder that is attached to the round inflator within the yellow bladder.

Press the yellow bladder fabric against the cylinder to read the label to view the lot number through the fabric. If your CO2 cylinder is marked with lot numbers 404121 or 404122, please contact Mustang Survival's customer service group for instructions and to arrange for a replacement inflator assembly.

All other CO2 cylinder lot numbers are satisfactory. Repack your PFD so it is ready for use per the instruction manual. Mustang Survival Customer Service Group: 1-800-526-0532

Additional information is available at www.mustangsurvival.com/HIT. Please note the following photographs.

Photograph showing view of lot number through fabric. Lot number on cylinder label.



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Mullion Compact 150N life jacket

Date: July 2012



It has come to our (Mullion) attention that a problem may occur during the inflation of some of the COMPACT 150N ISO 12402 lifejacket.

Affected products

In order to avoid any potential safety issue, Mullion is recalling COMPACT-lifejackets which have been sold since 1st December 2011 if they have a **yellow** valve in the oral tube (see picture on the right below).

COMPACT lifejackets having a red valve in the oral tube are not affected and are not subject to this recall (see picture on the left below).



The problem with the lifejacket arose after a design change on the oral tube initiated by our supplier. Although this new design oral tube is a fully approved and certified product, we have noticed there may be a malfunction of the lifejacket upon inflation.

Resolution

The affected lifejackets are being recalled as a precaution for inspection and, where appropriate, repair or replacement. Owners of affected lifejackets should:

1. **Do Not use them!**
2. **Return** them to [the nearest Mullion Lifejacket Service Station](#) or the [Mullion factory in Ireland](#).

For more information, you can call the Mullion helplines:

- UK: +44(797) 11 03 798 - Between 09.00 and 17.00
- Ireland: +353 87 995 31 92 - Between 09.00 and 17.00
- International: +32(51) 74 15 21 - Between 09.00 and 17.00

or contact us by e-mail: mullion@sioen.com

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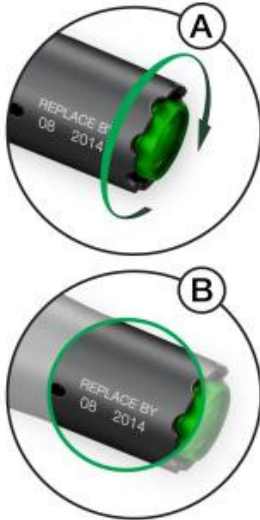
All lifejackets fitted with UML Auto Cartridges with 08 2014 replacement date

Date: January 2012

UML issued a safety check on all auto cartridges dated 08 2014. The problem is a loose screw thread on some cartridges. See below for details.

IMPORTANT:

SAFETY CHECK THE TIGHTNESS OF YOUR 08-2014 CARTRIDGES



There is no need to remove the UML inflator from your lifejacket to implement this safety check.

CHECK INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Hold the gas cylinder and head firmly in one hand.
2. With your other hand, firmly rotate the cartridge clockwise (See Image A).
3. If the cartridge 'clicks over' when you try to rotate it, (i.e. continues to rotate and will not tighten up fully) remove it completely from the firing head by turning the cartridge anti-clockwise.
4. Take a digital photo of the cartridge clearly displaying the replacement date as a record (See Image B).
5. Dispose of the cartridge as normal waste.
6. Send an email to the following address: dean@plascoat.com confirming your full name, postal address, country and contact telephone number, together with the lifejacket model, make, serial number and digital photograph of the cartridge 'Replace by date'.
7. A free of charge replacement cartridge will be sent to you by return.



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All lifejackets with Hammar hydrostatic inflators manufactured before 2006

Date: 9 August 2011

The Hammar Hydrostatic Inflator is attached to the lifejacket with a sealing ring. In 2006, CM Hammar upgraded the sealing ring with new state of the art raw materials, to eliminate potential defects and increase long term durability. A small number of sealing rings manufactured before 2006 have suffered premature material degradation, most likely after being exposed to extreme environmental conditions. When exposed to high temperature and high humidity for a long period of time, the sealing ring might become stiffer, change colour and in severe cases cracking of the plastic may occur. The change does not occur overnight and can be detected at the recommended service or inspections.

CM Hammar are concerned that a damaged sealing ring might put the user at risk. **We recommend owners of lifejackets manufactured before 2006 that have not been serviced recently to contact the nearest authorized service station for an annual service.** The date of manufacture can be identified on the inside of the lifejacket cover. Owners who still want to do the check of the sealing ring themselves are advised to visit <http://www.cmhammar.com/products/lifejacket-inflators/alert/> for further information. Watch the re-arming video to see examples of faulty seals.

Lifejackets manufactured after 2006 are not affected by this Safety Alert.

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Spinlock ISO Deckvests

Date: 20 October 2010

At the beginning of this year, Spinlock redesigned the inflatable component of the Deckvest, to eliminate potential defects and increase its long term durability. As a result, the warranty on each new Deckvest registered has been increased from 2 years to 5 years.

- Spinlock are concerned that some earlier Deckvests may have a defect that could put an owner at risk. To remove this possibility they have announced their commitment to recall all previous ISO certified Deckvests and update the component to the 2010 standard.
- Important Action Required: If you own an ISO Deckvest (with inspection window) you are strongly advised to enter its serial number at www.spinlock.co.uk/update
- Precise instructions will be given if action needs to be taken.
- Every Deckvest that qualifies for the update will be processed by the designated Deckvest Service Centre, promptly and completely free of charge. It will be returned to the owner, updated to the latest 2010 standard, with an extended 5 year warranty.
- Deckvest owners are asked to apply for this update without delay and not later than 1 April 2011
- See www.spinlock.co.uk/update for full information

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Mailspeed Charter Lifejackets & Seago 150N & 175N Lifejackets (Including Junior Lifejackets)

Date: June 2008

Some Mailspeed Charter Lifejackets & some Seago 150N & 175N Lifejackets **may** have a defect which could result in serious injury.

The Lifejackets are marked with a manufacture date in Roman numerals, for instance the last quarter of 2005 is shown as IV/05.



If you own a Mailspeed Charter Lifejacket or a Seago 150N or Seago 175N Lifejacket then please check the manufacture date. The lifejackets were sold throughout the United Kingdom.

If you have an affected lifejacket then **PLEASE STOP USING IT IMMEDIATELY**. Please remove the gas cylinder manually and return the lifejacket only to:

**Seago Yachting Ltd,
Mullany Business Park,**

**Golden Cross,
Hailsham,
East Sussex,
BN27 3RP**

with your full contact details for testing. Any faulty lifejackets will be replaced. Jackets which are tested and found not to be faulty will be returned.

Addendum – August 2008

Lifejackets dated 11/07 (ie second quarter) have subsequently also been added to the recall list.

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Crewsaver United Moulders Mk3 Standard Automatic Head

Date: September 2007

Our (Crewsaver) Lifejacket servicing department has brought to our attention a problem with the **United Moulders Mk3 Standard Automatic Head**. This component was fitted to Crewsaver Crewfit and Survivor inflatable Lifejackets manufactured 12 years ago and older.

Manufacturers tests indicate this component to be at the end of its safe and usable life and should now be replaced.

To determine if the Lifejacket is affected please view the images on the left. If your Lifejacket is fitted with the **Mk3 Standard Automatic Head (shown left)**, then please contact Crewsaver.

Providing your Lifejacket has been serviced annually and correctly maintained as per the user manual guidelines, replacement of the firing head will keep your Lifejacket in safe working order.

It is essential that the head replacement is undertaken by Crewsaver and on no account should you attempt to replace this yourself.

We strongly recommend owners of Crewsaver Crewfit or Survivor Lifejacket with a **Mk3 Standard Automatic Head** fitted to contact Crewsaver direct on Tel. 02392 528621 or by email sales@crewsaver.co.uk to discuss the replacement process.

NB: UM Mk 3 Automatic heads were also fitted to Barbour, Cosalt, Douglas Gill, Fox, Leeda, Musto or Marlin products.



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United Moulders Manual Inflators

Date: July 2007



United Moulders have become aware that after extended use, the UML manual inflator may not function adequately. The products potentially affected were manufactured between 1999 and 2000; the inflators are easily identified, being printed with serial numbers in the following range:

00000001 to 00018691

The serial number is printed on the face of the inflator.

It is recommended that you immediately check your lifejacket.

If you have one of the UML manual inflators then check the serial number printed on the front (pictured above). If it is in range of the serial numbers listed above, telephone the following number, (as soon as possible), and arrange to have it replaced, free of charge.

Mr J Perrins
+44 (0)7768 700206
+44 (0)1926 332984
jdperkins@uml.co.uk

Mr S Spafford
+44 (0)7900 861248
+44 (0)2392 712716
simon@uml.co.uk

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Safety Alert - Withdrawal of Remploy Lifejacket

Date: 2006

Remploy (the manufacturer) has brought to our attention that some of the **ENGLAND PROFESSIONAL LIFEJACKET** manufactured between the **6 October 1997 and 24 July 2006**, all of which have a green outer cover, may have been incorrectly assembled, possibly leading to an inflation failure in the event of manual operation.

No matter of concern has been raised regarding their automatic inflation. These lifejackets are being recalled as a precaution for inspection and, where appropriate, repair or replacement.



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Halkey Roberts Automatic head Bobbins

Date: August 1997

Most of these should now be out of circulation but we include it in case you still come across any and for background information. The recall refers mainly to bobbins made in 1996 but also affects older bobbins.

Any bobbin made before 1997 should be replaced with one dated January 1997 (01/97) onwards. The colour of the suspect, 1996 bobbins is salmon/dusky rose pink and they are clearly date marked. If the bobbins are suspected of being faulty, then the life-jackets should be withdrawn from service until the bobbins have been changed by someone who has been trained in the straightforward, user, pre-wear checks.

Users of these life-jackets may well wish to continue using them relying on manual inflation. Inspectors should advise that automatically inflated life-jackets are suitable for those likely to fall into the water unexpectedly and that manually inflated life-jackets should only be used if it is certain that the wearer will have enough time to produce full buoyancy before entering the water. Halkey Roberts recommends that bobbins have a maximum shelf life (in good storage conditions) of 3 years and that they should be replaced as part of the routine, eg annual inspection and test.

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