

## CREWSAVER SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE BULLETIN No. 32

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Crewsaver would like to make all service personnel aware of the safety alert issued by CM Hammar September 2011, Copy of safety alert attached.

Crewsaver would always recommend that lifejacket users regularly inspect their own jacket in line with the user manuals supplied with the jacket by both Crewsaver and Hammar; Crewsaver also recommends a yearly service by an approved service centre.

More information and guidance on self inspection of the Hammar sealing ring can be found at [www.cmhammar.se](http://www.cmhammar.se)

Our existing instruction to inflate the lifejacket found in all service manuals will identify any faulty sealing rings, however for additional guidance please see below:



Please display a copy of Hammar's safety Alert, so that it can be viewed by visitors/ general public and ensure all your staff and service engineers are aware of this.



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Copy of Hammar safety Alert:

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## Safety Alert – Inflatable lifejackets equipped with Hammar Hydrostatic Inflator manufactured before 2006

CM Hammar's top priority is you and your safety at sea. To help keep you safe, we kindly ask you to pay attention to this Safety Alert.

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. **If you have a lifejacket manufactured before 2006 that has not been serviced recently we recommend that you contact your nearest authorized service station for an annual service.** The date of manufacture can be identified on the inside of the lifejacket cover. If you still want to do the check of the sealing ring yourself please [watch the film here for further information](#).

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

[For more info on the Hammar Hydrostatic Inflator please click here](#)

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