

## SSD T/A CREWSAVER SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE BULLETIN No. 56

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The IMCA have been notified of a number of cases of lifejacket failure. Specifically those fitted with the Hammar Inflation device. This was highlighted in the IMCA Safety Flash 13/16 distributed May 2016.

The damage reported was due to excessive pressure applied to the front of the lifejacket when in use. This has caused the folded bladder to press up against the 'Hammar' automatic inflation device within the jacket, which in turn was causing damage to the bladder.



*Showing location of damage to bladder*



*Hammar device without rubber cap*



*With new rubber cap fitted*

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In response to this notification Crewsaver have taken the following measures:

- Conducted an internal review of our Hammar fitted products in consultation with the supplier. Our products are approved to all regulatory & statutory requirements and are satisfied that the design of our jackets ensure the up most safety for the end user.
- We have taken the precautionary measure of ensuring all future Hammar inflators are fitted with a rubber boot to better protect the inflator from the potential of excessive impact and or prolonged rubbing.

In the event of any enquiry pertaining to the Safety Flash, customers should be advised that protective rubber caps (see image above) are available for purchase should they feel the lifejacket will be exposed to excessive and or consistent impacts around the firing head mechanism.

If customers require further support or wish to learn more about optimising PPE performance through the most current and up to date servicing & maintenance training, they should contact Crewsaver directly at [crewsaver.sales@survitecgroup.com](mailto:crewsaver.sales@survitecgroup.com)