

CREWSAVER SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE BULLETIN No. 34

Issued to: All Service Stations

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SUBJECT: Auto capsules

**United Moulders Auto Capsules
with expiry date 08-2014**

ISSUED BY: Rob Angel

EXP DATE: Not Applicable

Changes from previous issue: 2nd Issue. Additional information available.

United Moulders have issued a Safety Notice which highlights a problem with their black capsules (not the blue Crewsaver capsule). The screw thread can be poorly formed and may come loose. They have specified a check that will detect if the capsule needs to be replaced, please see the attached documents published by them. UM have isolated 9100 of the capsules from the batch and found that 348 (3.8%) failed their test. Test firing these 348 all fully pierced the gas cylinder.

Crewsaver were supplied a total of 6745 of these capsules between 29-3-2011 and 9-5-2011. These were then supplied on as follows;

SSD Aberdeen 6000, 2500 on the 30-3-2011, 2500 on the 11-4-2011 and 1000 on the 15-4-2011

SSD Edinburgh 100 on the 9-5-2011

SSD Grimsby 40, 10 on the 21-4-2011 and 30 on the 13-5-2011

RNLI 89 A separate notification has been sent.

High Seas Trading 200, 100 on the 6-5-2011 and 100 on the 20-5-2011

Noah Marine 80, 50 on the 17-5-2011 and 30 on the 27-5-2011

The balance of 236 was supplied either fitted to lifejackets or in rearm packs. Individual customers cannot be identified.

SOLAS twin chamber lifejackets The check can be made at the time of the next service. These jackets will be due for service over the next 3 to 4 months. If however they are hermetically sealed jackets then extra work will be involved to check the previous 20% serviced.

Single chamber lifejackets Your customers where possible need to be identified and asked to carry out the procedure detailed by United Moulders and to obtain the replacement from UM. If this proves not possible then the capsule(s) should be supplied once the customer has carried out the checks shown, items 1, 2 and 3. We should not be agreeing to the return of any jackets for the checks to be carried out by SSD sites. Please accumulate the quantity of faulty capsules and these will be replaced by Crewsaver.

All lifejackets returned for servicing must be checked and if the capsule is faulty then it is replaced free of charge. If OK I suggest a white mark (possibly a white wax pencil) is made following the date to show that it has been checked.



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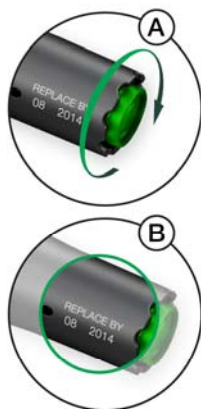
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SAFETY NOTICE
for cartridges with a 08 2014 replace by date

It has come to our attention that cartridges with a 08 2014 replace by date could have a loose thread. Please check your lifejacket, if you have a cartridge marked 'replace by 08 2014' please visit our website.

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS TO OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT

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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