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The deflation of a lifejacket

It has been brought to our attention that some Service Stations use a vacuum pump to deflate lifejackets. Please note this is not Crewsaver's recommended deflation technique.

The powerful suction of the vacuum pumps is causing the seal in the oral inflation tube to become dislodged from its housing, and jamming the valve in the open position, and therefore any future inflation e.g. inflation in the event of an emergency will not be successful as the jacket will instantly start to deflate.

This fault can be checked by inspection of the oral inflation tube to ensure that the valve (the white cross) is almost flush with the top of the tube. If it is lower in the tube by more than 3-4mm then it is highly probable that the seal has been dislodged and the valve is now faulty.

It is suggested that vacuum pumps are not used.



Faulty valve (white cross low in oral tube)
simple test try and suck air from the tube



Correct (white cross flush with the top of oral tube)

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