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SERVICING BULLETIN No 17

All life jackets fitted with a Mk 5 autohead

It has come to our attention that there may be instances where the gas cylinder has not been fully screwed home; this may have occurred at any time in the life jackets use and possibly caused by several mechanisms and will cause failure to inflate if not checked. Please find below a clear description of how to recognise the problem and if detected please return to Crewsaver for repair if found.

- Open the right hand side of the jacket
- Pull up the cylinder cover to expose the head

Please Note. This check must be carried out with great care otherwise the gas cylinder could be pierced and the jacket inflated unnecessarily.

- Check the cylinder is screwed home firmly
- Remove the green safety indicator clip
- Gently pull out horizontally on the toggle cord and the manual operating lever will move away from the body until the firing pin touches the head of the cylinder and a resistance will be felt on the cord.
- Check position of the operating lever does not exceed the angle indicated in the failure drawing ; also no gap exists between the body of the head and the inner edge of the operating arm. See pass and fail drawing below.

Pass

Fail

Should the check produce a failure please return the jacket for servicing with a description of the failure.

If no problem is found replace the green indicator clip (Crewsaver part number 10111) and repack the jacket.

This should be a standard part of the servicing check from this day on.

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