

# CREWSAVER SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE BULLETIN No. 15



**ISSUED TO:** All Approved Service Stations.  
All holders of Servicing Certificates  
and Care & Maintenance Certificates  
for all Crewsaver lifejackets.  
All Crewsaver staff and web site.

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**SUBJECT:** Servicing Requirements

From time to time we are asked about the requirements for servicing lifejackets. The most common questions concern the frequency of servicing and who should carry out that servicing. Our recommendations are as follows:

## 1. Single Chamber Lifejackets (PPE Directive)

**Legal Requirement** – It is the responsibility of the user to carry out a risk assessment of their use of the lifejacket to determine the servicing and maintenance required. This may be more frequently than once a year. Any Servicing must be done by a competent person. (If 150N Lifejackets are used on workboats under the MCA Code of practice then a minimum of an annual service is required)

**Crewsaver Recommendation** – Servicing should be carried out at least once a year, more frequently if the lifejacket is receiving heavy use. Checks should be done by the user to ensure that the lifejacket is fit for use each time it is used. We recommend that servicing is carried out by an approved Crewsaver Service station.

## 2. Twin Chamber Lifejackets (PPE Directive and MCA)

**Legal Requirement** – The user should carry out a risk assessment of their use of the lifejacket to determine the servicing and maintenance required. This must be at least once a year (MCA/IMO Requirement). Servicing must be done by a service station authorised by the lifejacket manufacturer (MCA/IMO Requirement)

**Crewsaver Recommendation** – Servicing should be carried out at least once a year, more frequently if the lifejacket is receiving heavy use. Checks should be done by the user to ensure that the lifejacket is fit for use each time it is used. Servicing must be carried out by an approved Crewsaver Service station.

## 3. Inherent Buoyancy Lifejackets (PPE Directive)

**Legal Requirement** – It is the responsibility of the user to carry out a risk assessment of their use of the lifejacket to determine the servicing and maintenance required. This may be more frequently than once a year. Any Servicing must be done by a competent person.

**Crewsaver Recommendation** – Servicing should be carried out at least once a year, more frequently if the lifejacket is receiving heavy use. Checks should be done by the user to ensure that the lifejacket is fit for use each time it is used. In particular the user should check the condition of the foam. Any deterioration of the foam can affect the performance of the lifejacket. We recommend that any servicing is carried out by an approved Crewsaver Service station.

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