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Changes from previous issue:

Concerns have been reported regarding slight lifting of the edges of the SOLAS tape on Lifejackets during the inflation process.

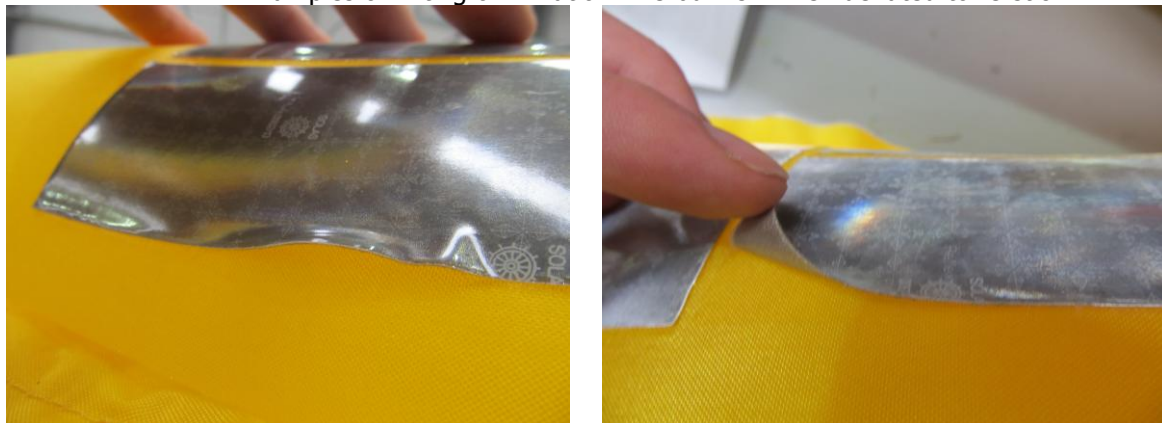
The reflexite tape used on the Lifejackets is of the highest performance - it features prismatic technology and unique to the marine tapes, a metalized film to provide un-rivalled performance.

The adhesive is designed to react to pressure and to bind to a large variety of surfaces. By the nature of the adhesive, which remains flexible during its life, we do expect limited creep and movement especially during inflation.

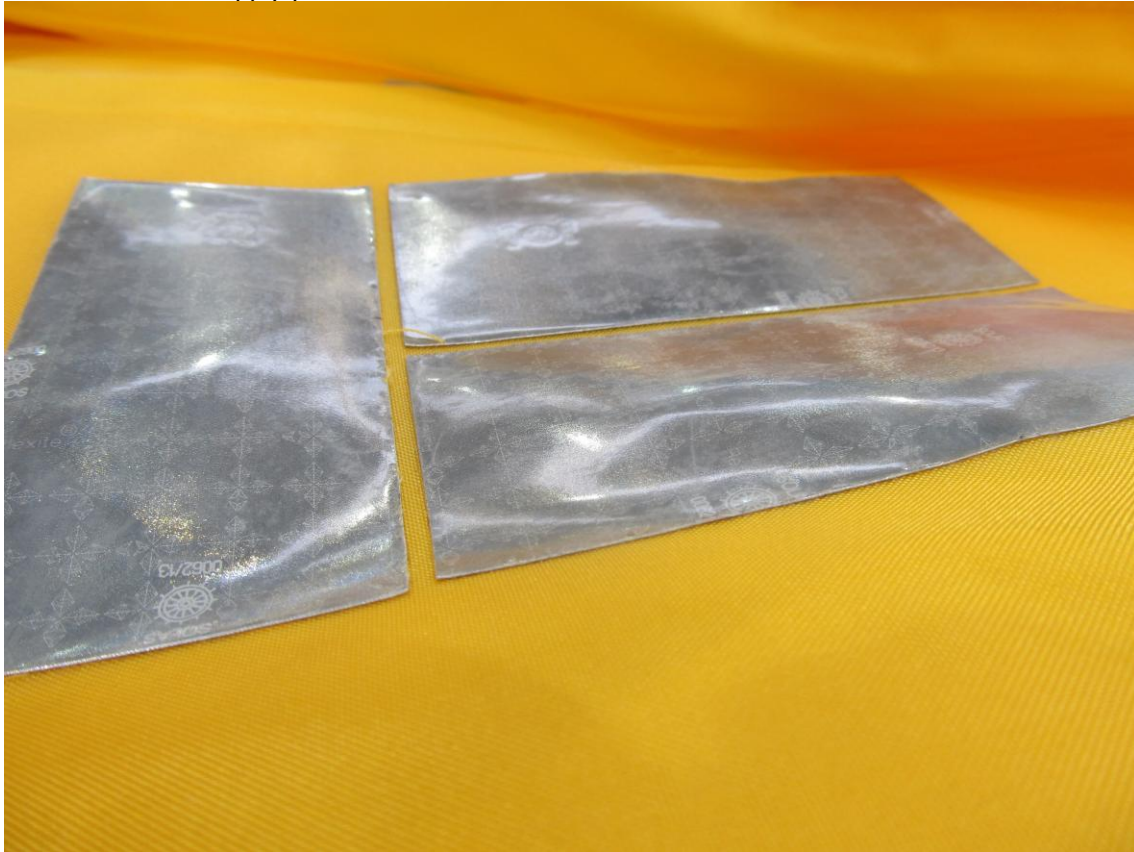
Minor lifting of the tape corners, in particular, can be resolved by reapplying pressure to the area to re-stick.

Crewsaver have positioned the tapes carefully to maximise the reflective / safety aspects offering the maximum benefit in time of need, the position may be across a bladder fold which may cause slight wrinkles in the tape. These too are caused by the tape moving slightly, it must be noted that the performance of the tape is not jeopardised in this instance.

Examples of Lifting on Inflation – re-burnish when deflated to re-stick



After deflation - reapply pressure to the area to re-stick



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