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SERVICE MANUAL

CREWFIT TWIN LIFEJACKET

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Scope

This manual covers the servicing of the Crewfit Twin 275N lifejacket without any current derivatives.

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Service Bulletins and Amendments Register

No.	Description	Date
Issue 9	Section outlining the scope of the Manual added on Index page.	June 2011
Issue 10	Page 4 - change in procedure for accessing manuals on the website. Section 8.1.3.2 - New procedure for fitting replacement cylinders to Hammar mechanism. Section 5.4 and 6.4 - Details of CSL Light added. Expired L6 Lights to be replaced by CSL Lights. CSL Light added to Parts List.	April 2014
Issue 11	Amended product code for M1/A1 Hammar automatic head.	January 2015
Issue 12	Crewsaver Venturi Vacuum System added. Addition of updated CSL water activated light Hammar Lifejacket added to Lifejacket features Back pressure testing of the operating head added	November 2016

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1. This Service Manual will be published on the Crewsaver website (www.crewsaver.com). Click on PARTNER AREA/LOGIN at the top of the screen. Personnel who have been trained in the servicing procedures for this lifejacket will be issued with a Username and Password to enable them to access the download section. Each manual carries an Issue Number and records of issue are logged by Crewsaver to ensure that the service network maintains correct and up to date servicing information. Emails will be sent regarding any new Issues. Periodically service bulletins may be issued which will be published on the Crewsaver website (www.crewsaver.com). Emails will also be sent. It is the service station's responsibility to regularly check the website for any new bulletins and to ensure inclusion within the servicing manual. The service bulletin register at the front of the Manual should be completed.

1.1.2. The information referenced in each section follows a standard servicing procedure by which the inspection should take place.

1.1.3. This servicing manual details information to enable regular maintenance and servicing of the lifejacket to help prolong the life of the product and ensure it functions correctly.

1.1.4. The manual should be used as a reference document following training in servicing procedures instructed by Crewsaver approved personnel. The manual also details the equipment and parts needed for correct maintenance to be performed.

1.1.5. Servicing must be carried out annually at a service station authorised by the manufacturer. 

1.1.6. Regular servicing is to be carried out by qualified personnel trained by Crewsaver and holding a valid servicing certificate. Certificates are valid for a period of 3 years.

1.2 Product Description

1.2.1. The Crewfit Twin is a twin chamber 275N inflatable lifejacket.

1.2.2. The lifejacket is both SOLAS/MED  approved and CE approved to EN 399 -275N Lifejackets.

1.2.3. The lifejacket is easy to don and work in whilst still retaining high in-water performance.

1.2.4. The buoyancy of the jacket is provided by two individual chambers each providing 150N buoyancy. To ensure full buoyancy is achieved both chambers must be inflated. Each chamber is fitted with an oral tube to ensure full buoyancy can be achieved and maintained after inflation.

1.2.5. The high buoyancy of this lifejacket allows it to be suitable when the user is wearing heavy clothing and immersion suit or carrying tools.

1.2.6. This lifejacket is inflated by automatic firing mechanisms.

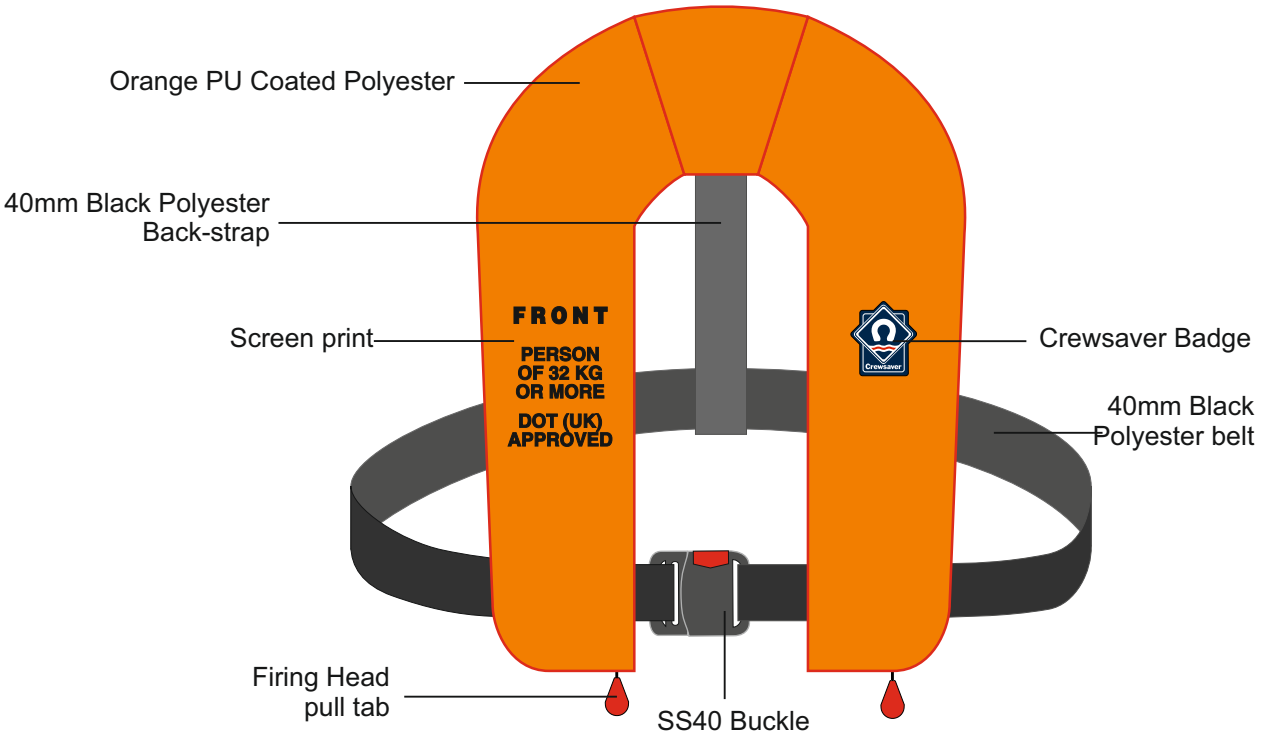
1.2.7. This lifejacket is provided with a light that operates when the lifejacket inflates. It can be fitted with a crutch strap and a spray hood that conforms to EN394.

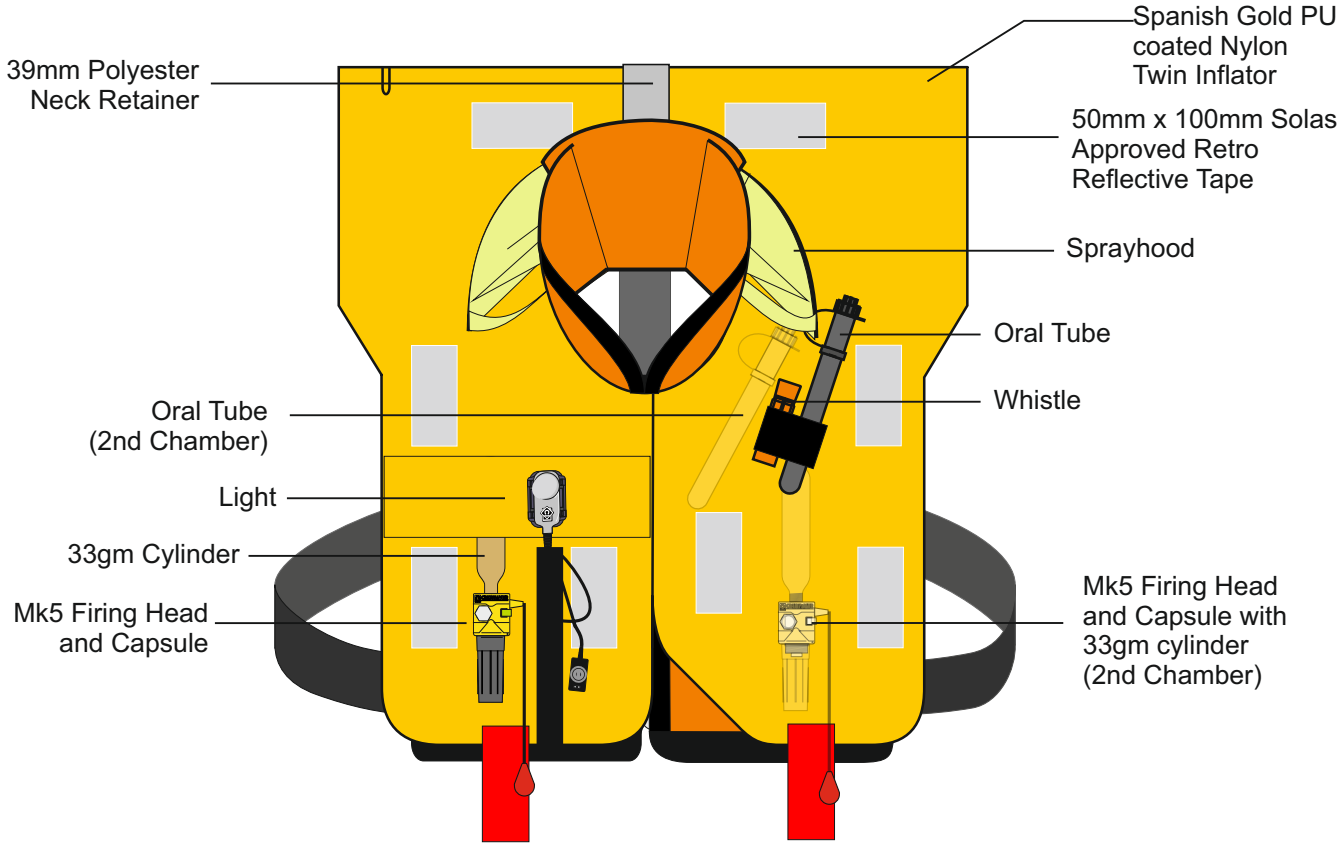
1.2.8. This lifejacket comes in two different versions, the waist belt version and integral deck safety harness version both with velcro cover closure. The Crewfit Twin can also be fitted with a fall arrest harness approved to EN361.

1.3 Data Sheet

Features:	Crewfit Twin 275N Lifejacket
Front Chamber Buoyancy:	**150N**
Rear Chamber Buoyancy:	150N
Total Chamber Buoyancy:	300N
Buoyancy category:	275N
Cover Colour	Orange
MCA (UK) Approved	X
SOLAS Approved	X
CE Approved	X
Cylinder size	33g (x2)
Standard Automatic	X
Hammar Automatic	Optional
Manual Firing head	N/A
Manual Override	X
Oral inflation tubes	X
Pressure relief valves	-
Hard wearing cover	X
Whistle - fitted	X
Retro-reflective tape	X
Lifting Becket - fitted	X
Light - fitted	X
Spray Hood	Optional
Thigh straps	Optional
Fall Arrest Harness	Optional
Closure method	Velcro
Alternative covers	-

1.4.1 General Features - Non-Harness





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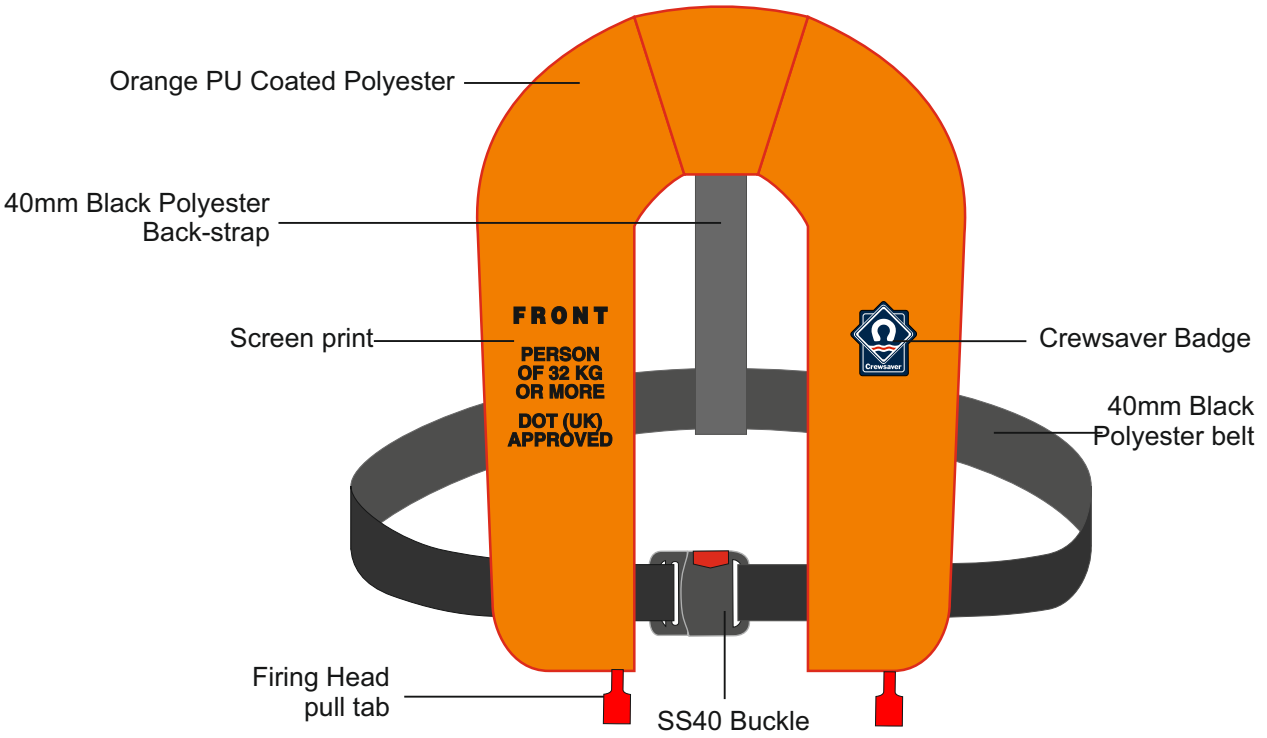

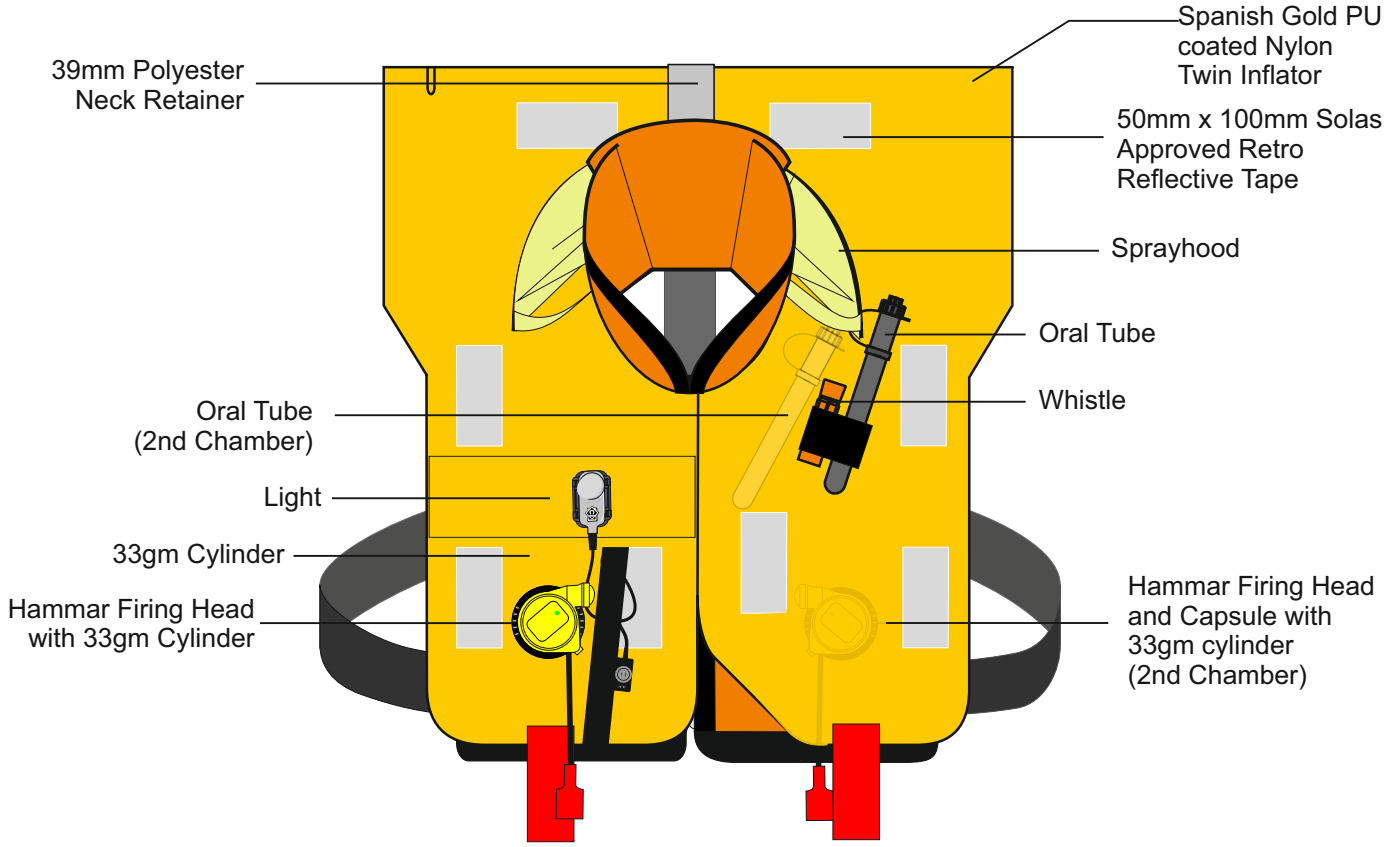

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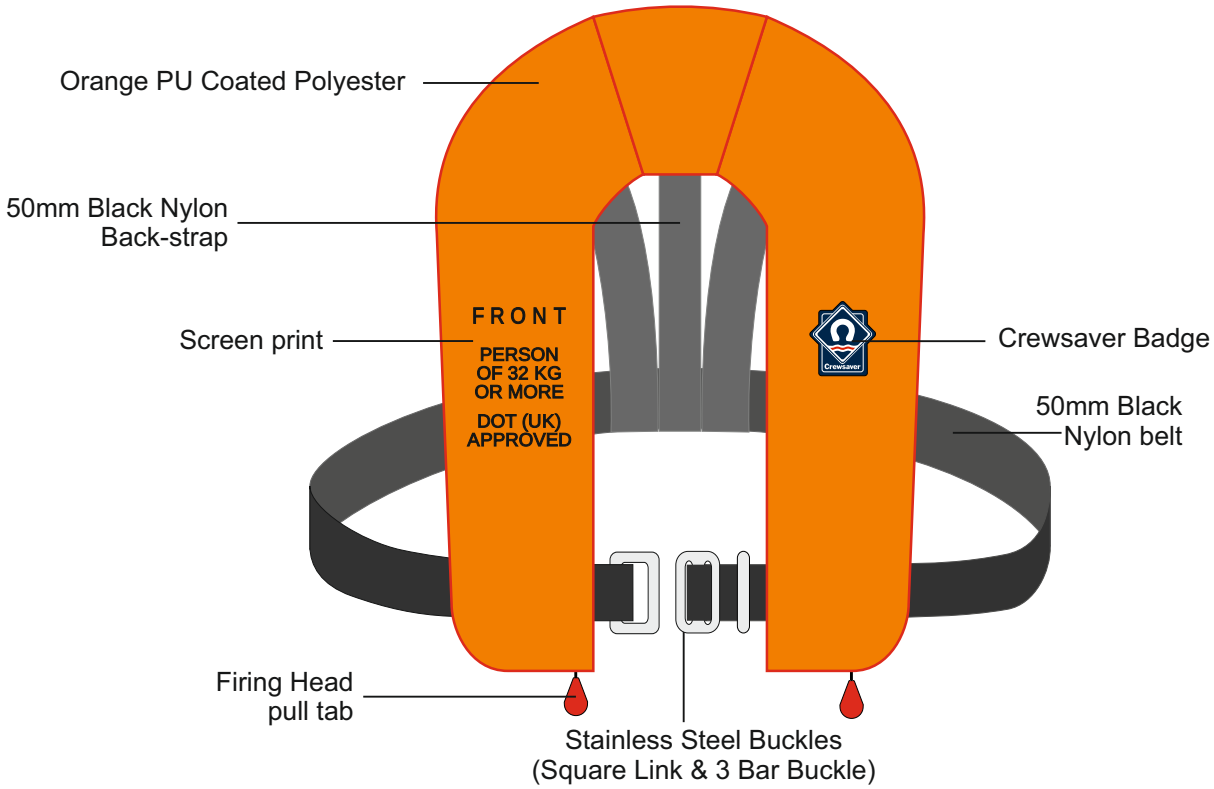

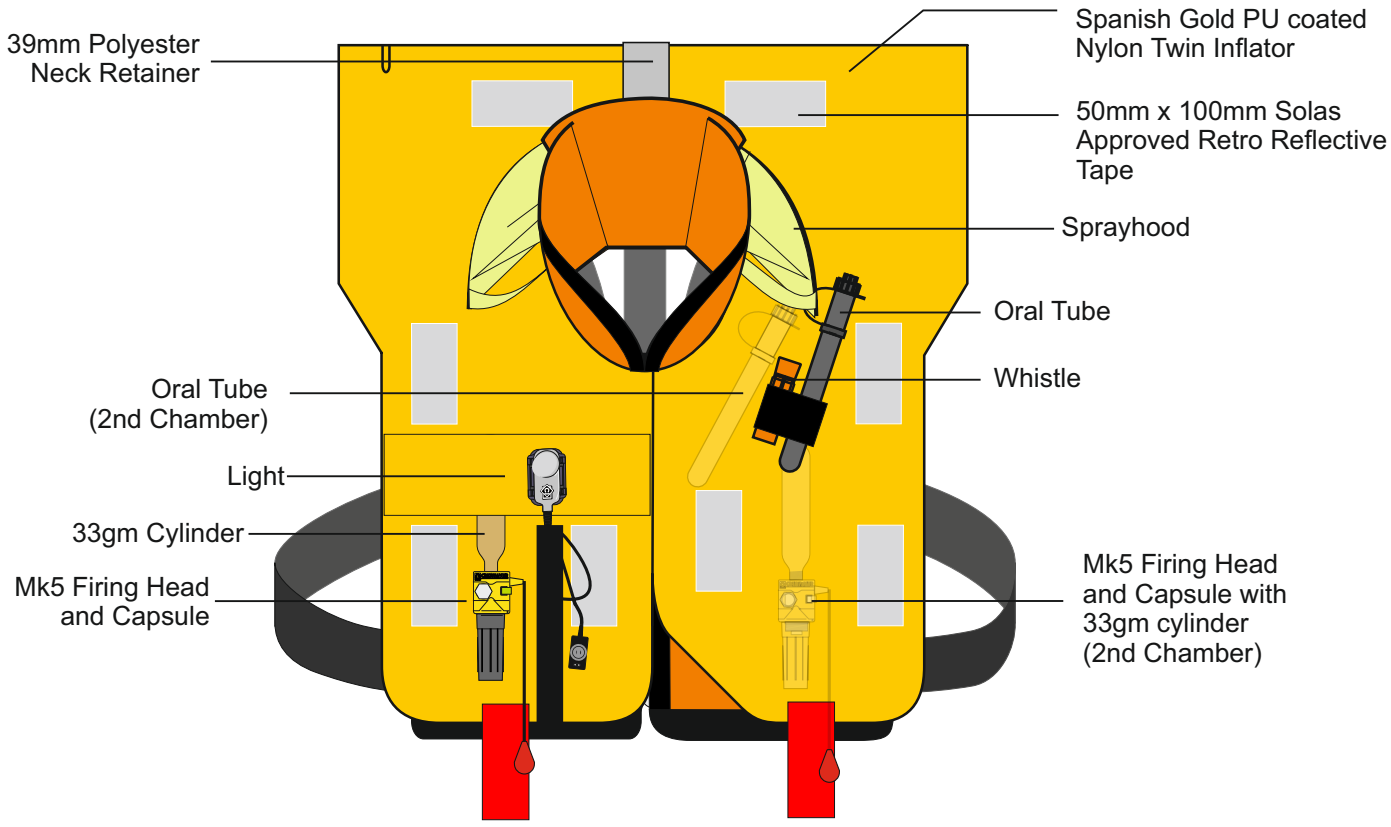

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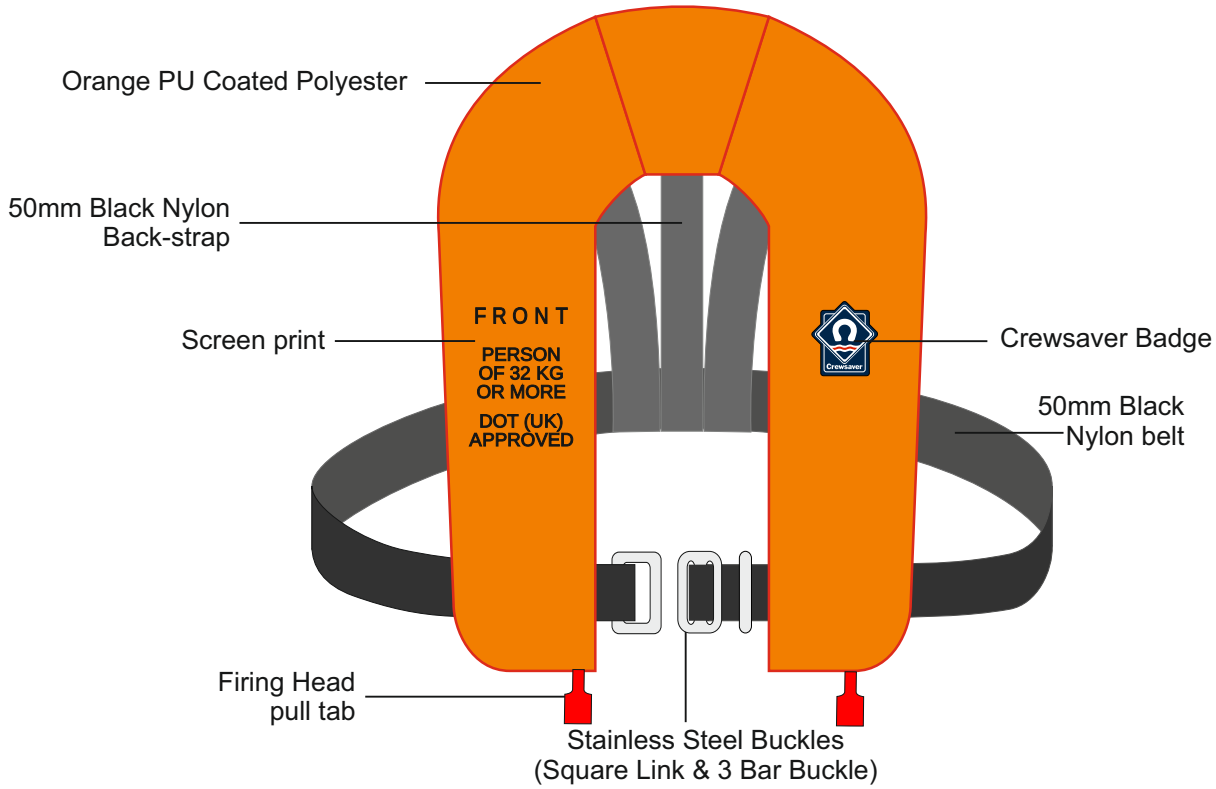

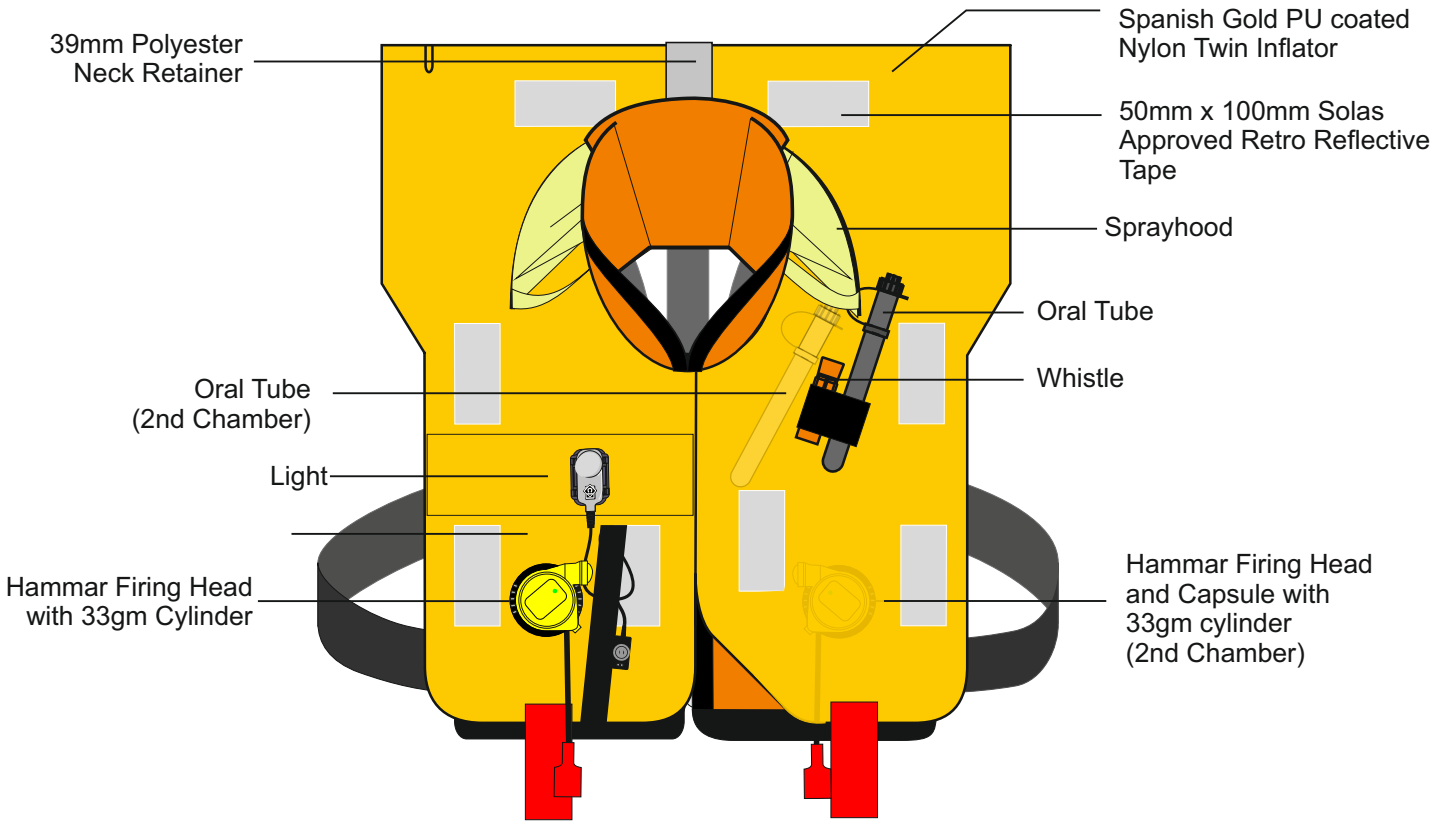

1.5.1 Donning Instructions - Crewfit Twin Non-Harness

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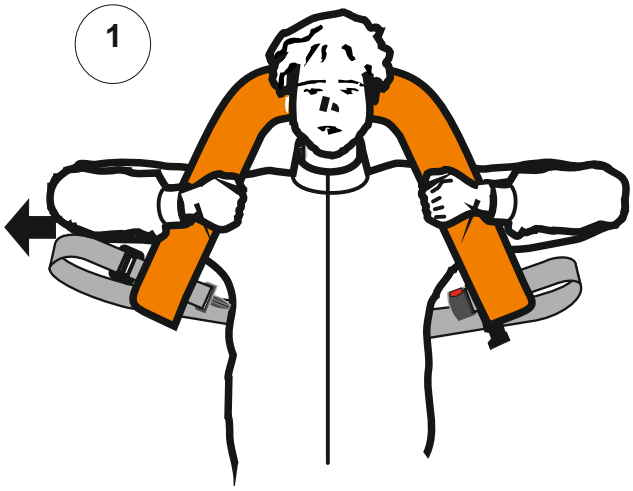

Don the lifejacket like a normal jacket

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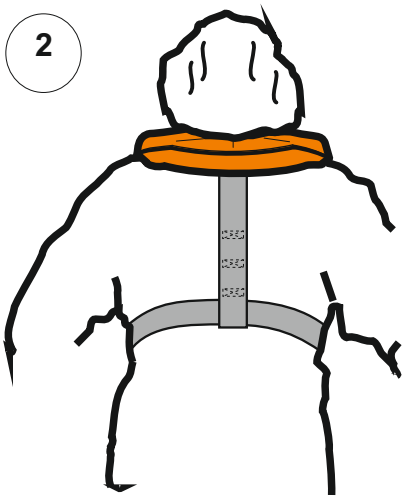

The backstrap should then be positioned down the centre of the back.

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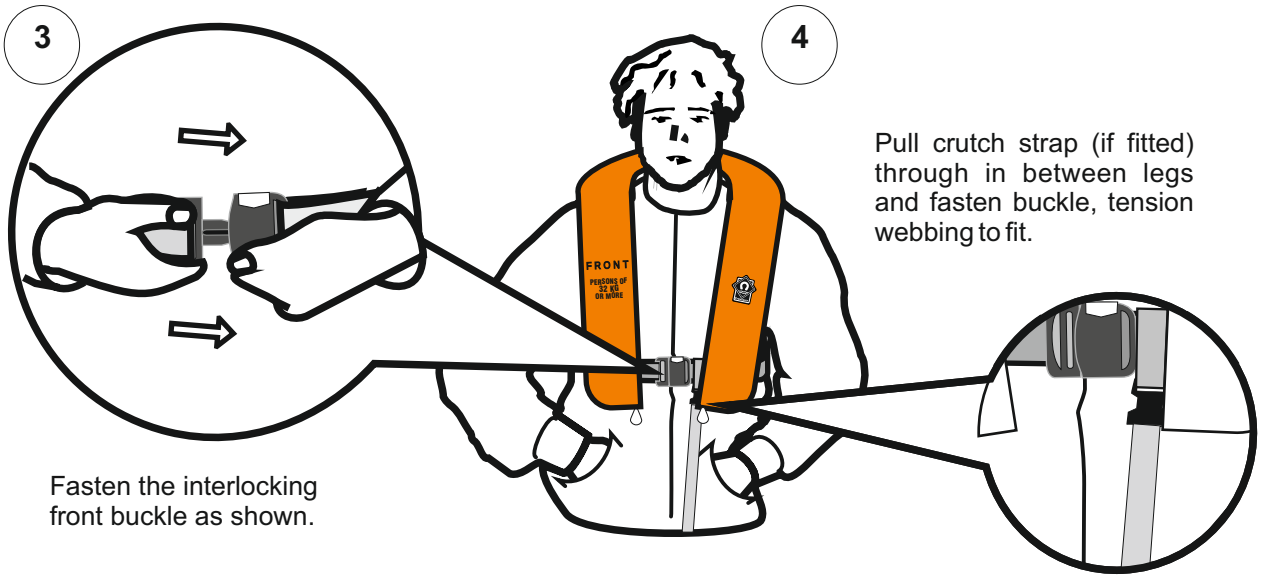

Pull crutch strap (if fitted) through in between legs and fasten buckle, tension webbing to fit.

Fasten the interlocking front buckle as shown.

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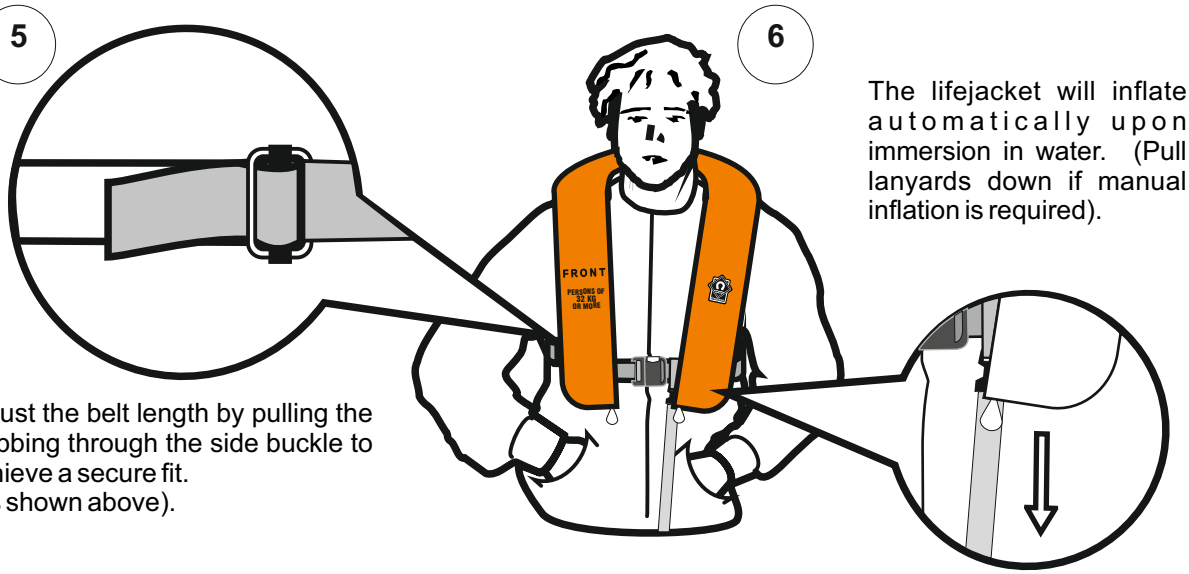
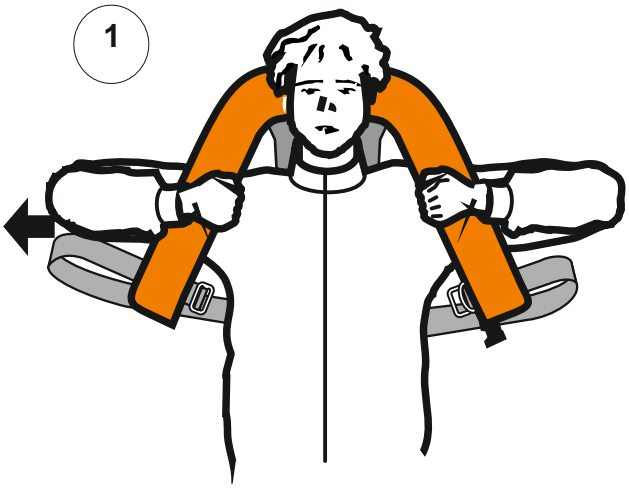


The lifejacket will inflate automatically upon immersion in water. (Pull lanyards down if manual inflation is required).

Adjust the belt length by pulling the webbing through the side buckle to achieve a secure fit.
(As shown above).

1.5.2 Donning Instructions - Crewfit Twin Harness



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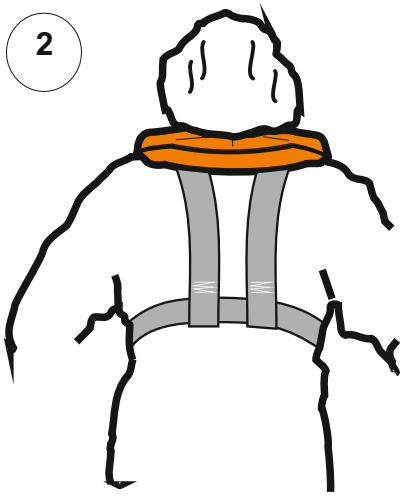
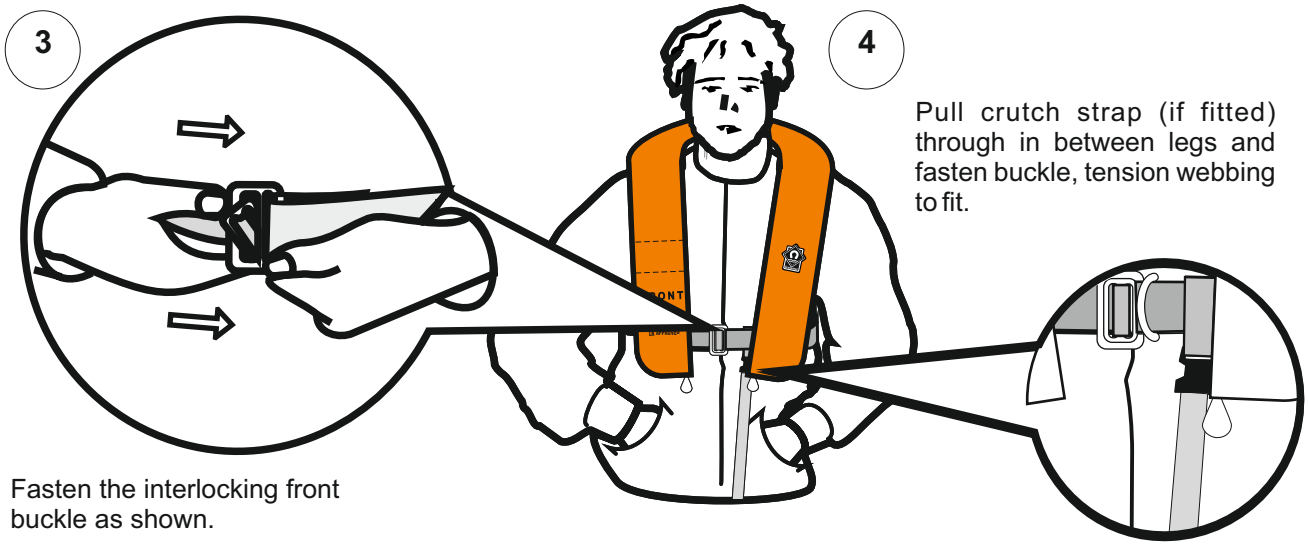
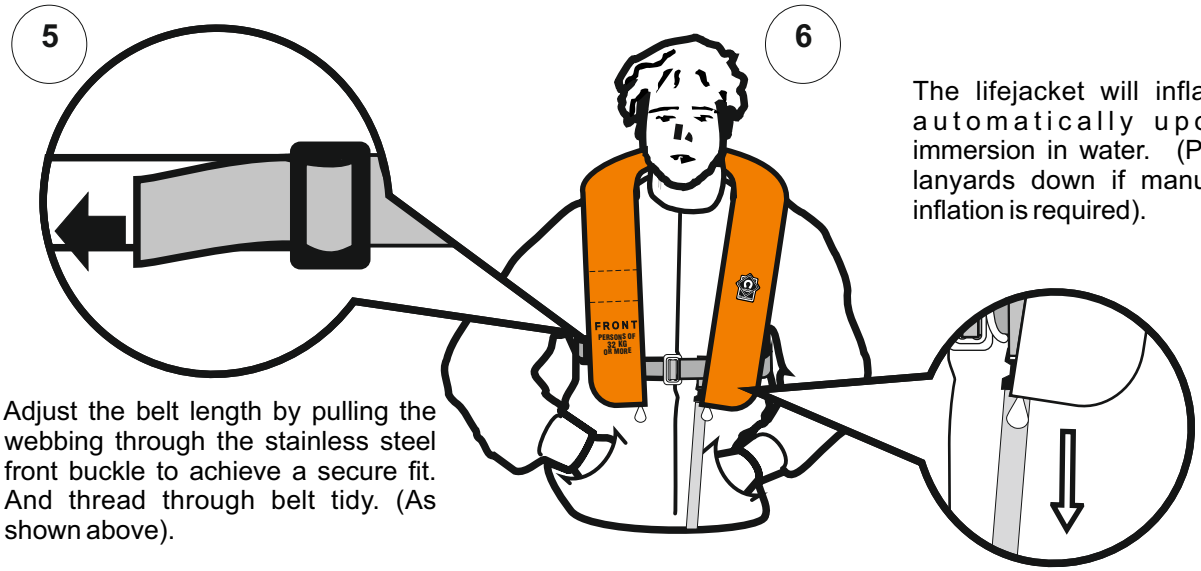


The shoulder straps should then be positioned down the centre of the back.



Fasten the interlocking front buckle as shown.

Pull crutch strap (if fitted) through in between legs and fasten buckle, tension webbing to fit.



Adjust the belt length by pulling the webbing through the stainless steel front buckle to achieve a secure fit. And thread through belt tidy. (As shown above).

The lifejacket will inflate automatically upon immersion in water. (Pull lanyards down if manual inflation is required).

2.1 Service Stations

2.1.1 Service stations shall comply with the following as a minimum;
2.1.1.1 Servicing of Inflatable Lifejackets shall be carried out in a fully enclosed area only.
2.1.1.2 The area shall be well lit and protected from direct sunlight.
2.1.1.3 The temperature and humidity shall be sufficiently controlled to ensure that the servicing of inflatable Lifejackets may be carried out successfully.
2.1.1.4 The area shall be efficiently ventilated but free from draught.
2.1.1.5 Sufficient Tools (including specialist tools) shall be available to ensure Lifejackets may be disassembled, tested and reassembled in accordance with this Manual. These shall include but not limited to:
2.1.1.5.1 Manometers and pressure gauges.
2.1.1.5.2 Oil free and dry air supply.
2.1.1.5.3 Scales for weighing Gas Cylinders.
2.1.1.5.4 Crewsaver Service tool kit (See 2.6). This is recommended but similar calibrated devices may also be used.
2.1.1.6 Stock of materials and components to allow efficient servicing with readily available replacement parts to ensure a prompt service for the customer.
2.1.1.7 Only personnel trained and certified in accordance with Crewsaver requirements are approved to carry out Servicing and Maintenance. They must be holders of a valid (3 years from date of issue) Certificate.
2.1.1.8 The service station shall be of an approved standard.
2.1.1.9 Procedures shall be introduced to ensure that service bulletins, Manuals and replacement parts are obtained from Crewsaver.
2.1.1.10 Subsequent to initial approval and there after the service station shall be subject to regular surveillance by Crewsaver.
2.1.1.11 The service station must comply and have met all QA criteria in the Crewsaver servicing protocol file.

2.2 On Receipt Inspection

2.2.1 On receipt of the Lifejacket(s), check the state of the packaging before opening and notify the owner and the company delivering the package of any defects or damage.
2.2.2 On opening the package, check the contents for their general condition and quantity.
2.2.3 Prepare Servicing Record Sheet.
2.2.4 Visually inspect the cover and inflation chamber for damage, abrasion, contamination etc. In accordance with this manual.
2.2.5 Note repairs or replacements required on the record sheet.
2.2.6 Unless obvious damage is evident test the Lifejacket in accordance with Section 6. If it is considered that the damage found would cause the Lifejacket to fail the tests then corrective action shall be carried out prior to testing.
2.2.7 Damaged areas shall only be marked using wax based crayon; Marks shall be with a small circle or cross. Ballpoint, rollerball or other forms of ink shall not be used. If in doubt refer to Crewsaver for guidance.
2.2.8 Repairs to the outer cover are limited to that detailed in section 7.1.
2.2.9 Repairs to welded components including the inflation chamber are expressly forbidden.

2.3 General Care

2.3.1 This automatic jacket should be stowed in accordance with the manufacturers instructions

2.3.1.1 Lifejackets should be stowed in a dry compartment. Avoid high humidity, such as a car boot.

2.3.1.2 Lifejackets should have stowage facilities which are provided with a method to encourage moisture removal.

2.3.1.3 Lifejackets should be stowed vertically, for example hung on hooks, in order that any trapped water or condensation can drain away naturally.

2.3.1.4 Lifejackets should be rinsed in fresh water and dried thoroughly after use.

WARNING

Prior to sponging or washing remove automatic capsules from the firing mechanism. Allow to dry thoroughly afterwards.

2.3.2 Contaminants such as oil or diesel fuel may be sponged off immediately with clean water and allowed to dry naturally.

2.3.3 Mud can be removed with a stiff (not wire) brush when dry.

2.3.4 The outer cover may be hand washed in good quality mild detergent in cool water (40°C) rinse well, drip dry naturally in air.

2.3.5 Sponge the inflation chamber with pure soap solution only. Rinse in clean water immediately, inflate and allow to dry naturally in air.

WARNING

Do not use proprietary cleaning fluids, thinners, spirits or similar substances.

2.3.6 In cases of severe contamination the unit shall be deemed beyond economic repair and the customer advised to purchase a replacement lifejacket

WARNING

Make sure you know how to use and fit this lifejacket before an emergency occurs.
Always try and inflate the lifejacket in the water. If already inflated, cross arms over the chest before jumping.

2.3.7 It is advised that personnel are familiarised with the operation of all lifejackets and lifesaving appliances.

2.4 Lifejacket Servicing Tools

Fig. 2.4 Table of Tools Required

Description	Type
Crewsaver Servicing Tool Kit	
A fine screw driver or tool suitable for removing gaskets	
Boning tool	
Roller	
Brushes	
Scissors good quality trimming shears	
“Chinagraph” pencil	
Tailors chalk	
Fine point indelible pen	
1 off metal calibrated metre stick	
Scales to weigh gas cylinders	0-1000gram (+1/-1 grams)
Adaptor/tee piece for testing inflation chambers.	
Manometer	0-500Mbar
Timing Device	
Thermometer	0-40ºC
Crewsaver Venturi Vacuum System	
Back pressure test unit	
Clean and dry air supply	
1 off ball pein hammer	
450mm wide bag sealer (3mm element)	
Suitable large surface area for the work to be carried out	
1 off FR lockable cabinet (adhesive store)	
1 off HD industrial sewing machine (e.g. Singer 96K, Juki, Durkopp etc.)	

*N.B. In case of difficulty contact Crewsaver direct (*not sewing machines, **cabinets or ***tables) these parts may be sourced locally.*

Note: Prior consent to carry out any repairs must be pre-approved by Crewsaver. All repairs to stitching must be in accordance with this manual.

2.5 Lifejacket Service Record Sheet

2.5.1. An electronic copy of the sheet is available to aid reproduction (or copy next page).

2.5.2. Each lifejacket serviced should be recorded either individually or as a batch, showing the serial numbers and the work performed during the service.

2.5.3. The service record sheet should be signed and a copy given to the owner certifying that the lifejacket has been serviced.

2.5.4. All replacement parts should be noted - recording either the serial numbers of the component or the expiry date.

2.5.5 The record sheet shown on the next page is a recommended version. Similar record sheets, including the same information, may also be used.

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CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

LIFEJACKET SERVICING SCHEDULE

W/O Number:

TYPE	
CUSTOMER	
VESSEL	
LAST SERVICED BY	DATE OF LAST SERVICE

SERIAL NUMBER/S:

CHAMBER INSPECTION	☑☒	COMMENTS
GENERAL CONDITION		
MATERIAL		
WELDS		
WEBBINGS		
RETRO TAPE		
WHISTLE		
ORAL TUBES		
RELIEF VALVES		
MANIFOLDS		
Schrader VALVES		
CYLINDERS		
LIGHT		
CYALUME POCKET		
BUDDY LINE		

COVER	☑☒	COMMENTS
MATERIAL		
VELCRO		
ZIP		
PLB POCKETS		

INFLATION MECHANISM	☑☒	COMMENTS
OPERATING MECHANISM		
CORD		
AUTOMATIC CAPSULE		
WASHERS		
RETAINING NUT		
RETAINING CLIP		
TOGGLE		

SPRAY HOOD	☑☒	COMMENTS
FABRIC		
ATTACHMENT		
VELCRO		

WEBBINGS	☑☒	COMMENTS
WAIST BELT / HARNESS		
BACK STRAP		
LIFTING BECKET		
CROTCH STRAP		
BUCKLES		
STITCHING		

PRESSURE TEST RESULTS

TIME		FRONT CHAMBER	REAR CHAMBER
ON			
OFF			
TEMP.		ON	OFF

RELIEF VALVE TEST RESULTS	FRONT CHAMBER	REAR CHAMBER
OPEN		
CLOSE		

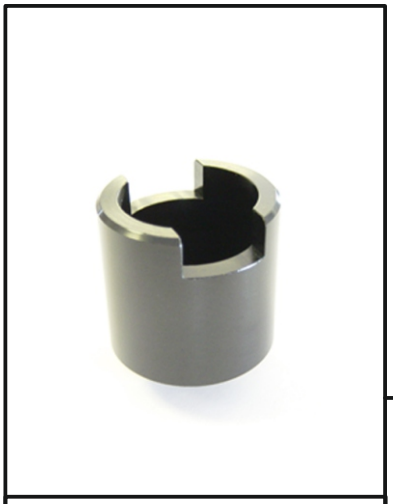
REPAIRED ITEMS (COMMENTS)

SERVICED BY:		DATE:	

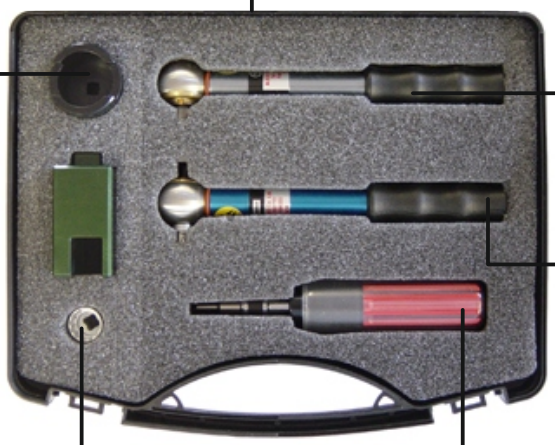
2.6 Lifejacket Servicing Tool Kit

Cylinder Torque Strap

Calibrated Socket Driver
(Tighten Cylinder)



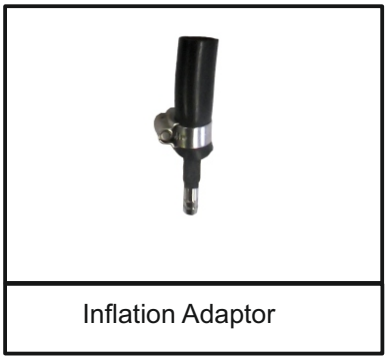
UML Mk5 Auto Socket



Calibrated Socket Driver
(Remove & Replace Locking
Nuts For UML & HR)

Turned Socket

Manometer



Inflation Adaptor

Calibrated Torque Driver
(Schraeder Valve)

Valve Extraction Tool

Pressure Measuring
Adaptor

3.1 Unpacking

3.1.1. Starting at the bottom of the outer cover, unpeel the velcro and open up the lifejacket, exposing the operating heads and cylinders. See Fig 3.1.

WARNING: Care should be taken not to snag the firing line

3.1.2. Open the zip around the outside of the two inflation chambers by peeling the chambers apart. Care should be taken not to snag the operating cords.

WARNING: All defects should be noted onto the service record sheet.

3.1.3. Remove the operating mechanisms.

3.1.3.1 Following unpacking refer to Fig 3.2 - Crewsaver Mk5 Automatic operating head removal. If the jacket is fitted with United Moulders Mk3 operating heads, refer to Fig 3.3.

3.1.3.1.1 Unscrew the Automatic Capsule from the operating mechanism. Place to one side for testing and reassembly later. See Section 6 for details.

3.1.3.1.2 Carefully remove the inflation cylinder by unscrewing it from the operating mechanism. Retain for further Inspection. Refer to Section 5.

3.1.3.1.3 Remove Operating Mechanisms by unscrewing the retaining nut on the top of the inflation mechanism. Retain for further Inspection. Refer to Section 5.

3.1.3.2 If Hammar operating mechanisms are fitted, remove using the special Hammar operating head "Service Key". See Fig 3.4. Place to one side for further inspection. Refer to Section 5.

3.1.4. Remove light and battery if required. Place to one side for further inspection. Refer to section 5.

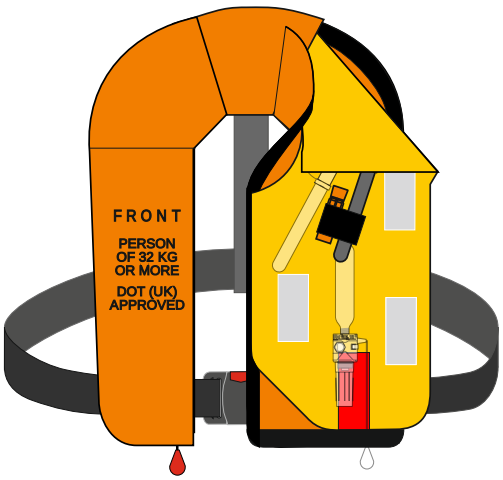
3.1.5. For Cleaning. Refer to Section 4.

3.1.6. Carry out visual inspection. Refer to section 5.

Fig 3.1 Unpacking the Lifejacket

Fig. 3.1.1

Fig. 3.1.2



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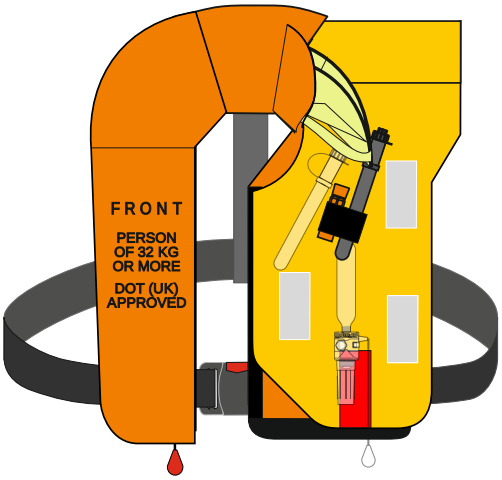

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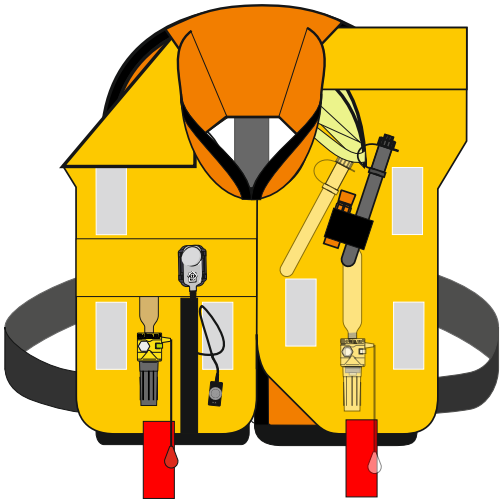

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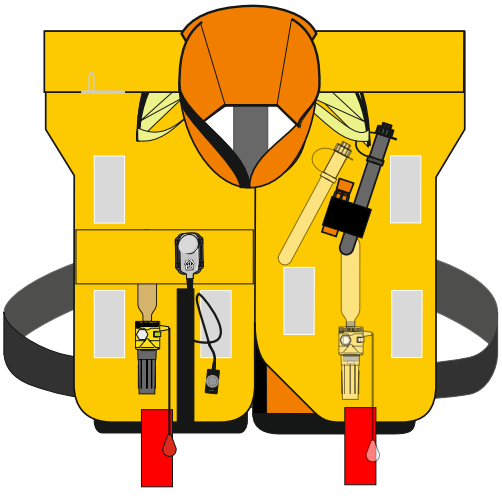

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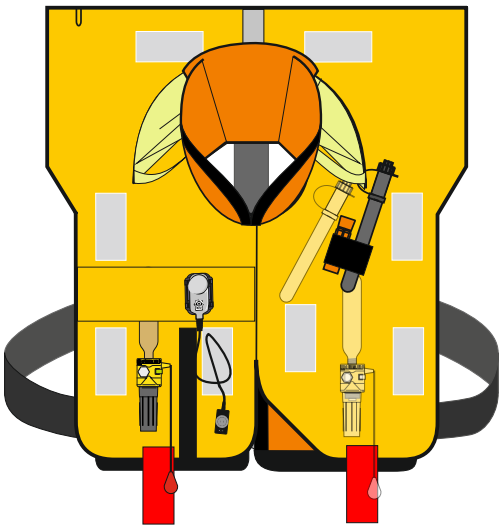
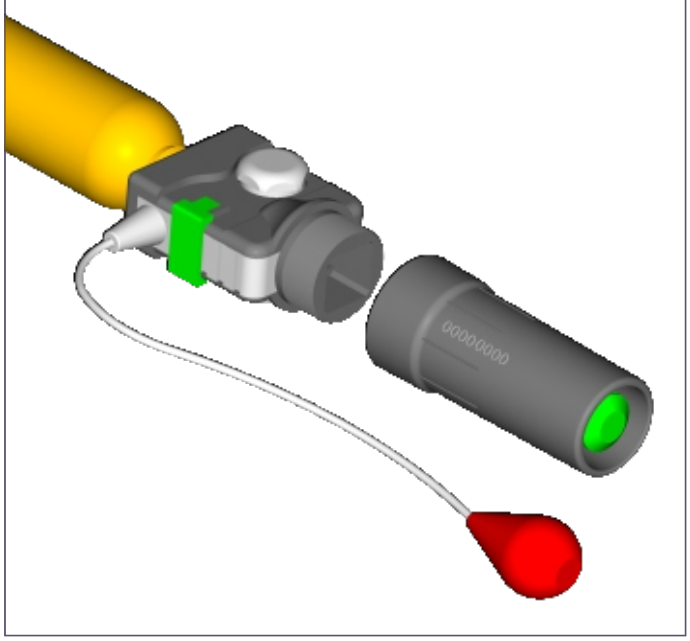


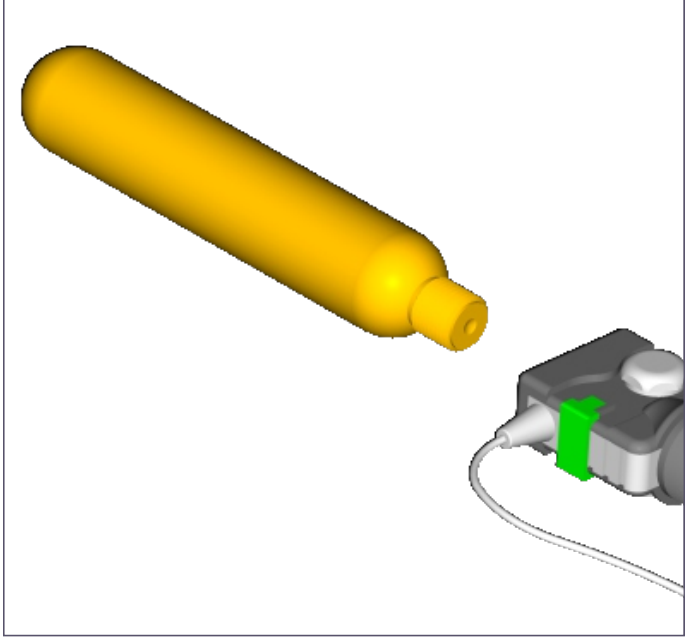
Fig 3.2 Crewsaver Mk5 Operating Head

Fig. 3.2.1



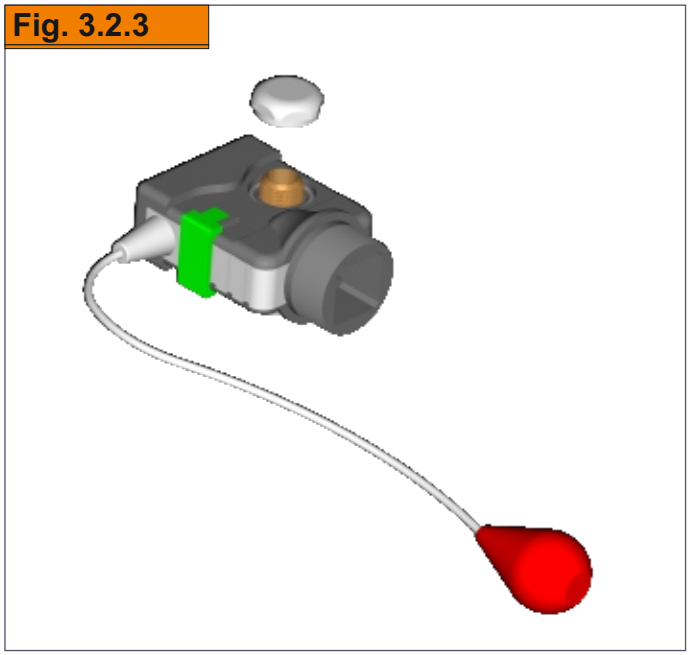
Unscrew the Automatic firing capsule from the end of each operating head. This should only be done after the test detailed in Section 6 has been performed in order to test the old unit, or if the operating head has already been fired. Discard and replace with a new automatic firing capsule upon reassembly. The Capsule must be replaced if it expires before the date of the next annual service.

Fig. 3.2.2



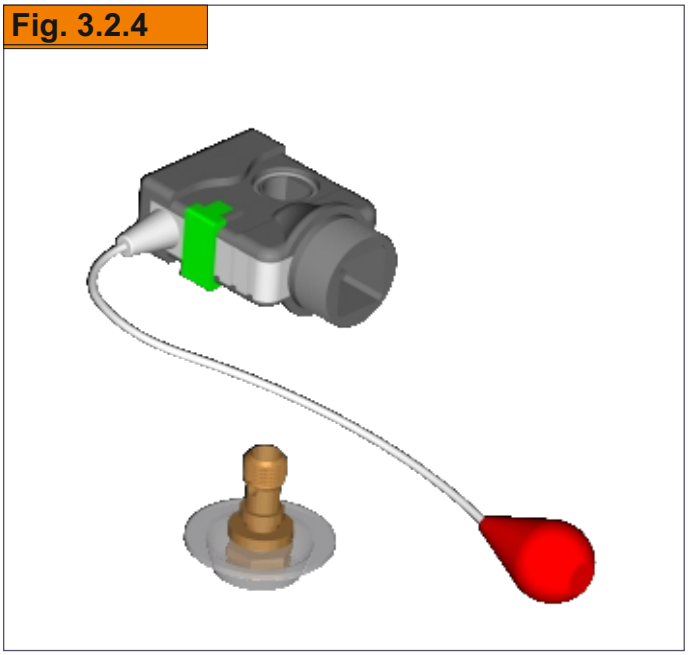
Unscrew the 33 gram cylinders from the automatic operating heads. Once the cylinders have been removed inspect the cylinder O-Ring seal. Check the seal is in place and that it is in a good condition. Take the cylinder and check to see if the cylinder has been used. This should be performed by check weighing. If under the minimum weight as displayed on the cylinder body, discard in a safe manner.

Fig. 3.2.3



Unscrew the retaining nut from the top of the operating head. Check for corrosion and discard if corroded. Inspect the top sealing O-ring. This must be replaced with a new part if damaged.

Fig. 3.2.4



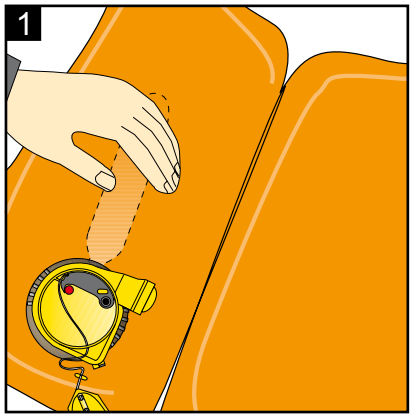
Remove the operating head from the manifold which is welded to the inflation chamber fabric. Inspect the bottom sealing O-ring. This must be replaced with a new part if damaged.

Fig 3.3 United Moulders Mk3 Operating Head

JACKETS FITTED WITH THE Mk3 OPERATING HEAD AS ILLUSTRATED ABOVE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO CREWSAVER WHO WILL DETERMINE WHETHER A REPLACEMENT Mk5 OPERATING HEAD CAN BE FITTED.

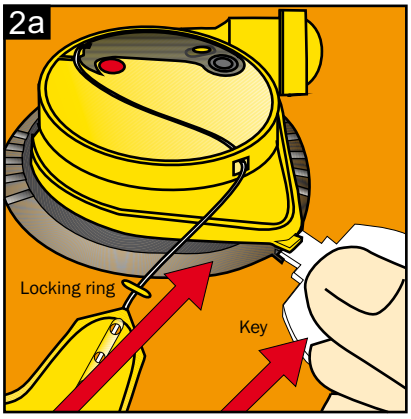
Fig 3.4 Hammar Operating Head

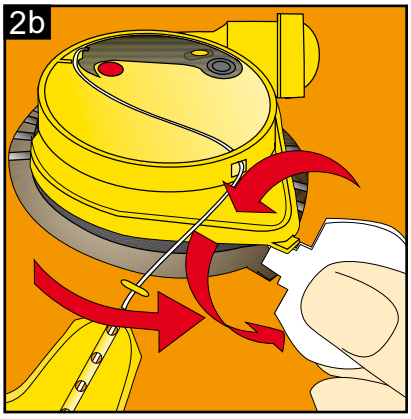
Fig. 3.4.1



1.
Place the lifejacket on a smooth, flat surface and wipe off any water. Hold the gas cylinder through the fabric, using one hand.

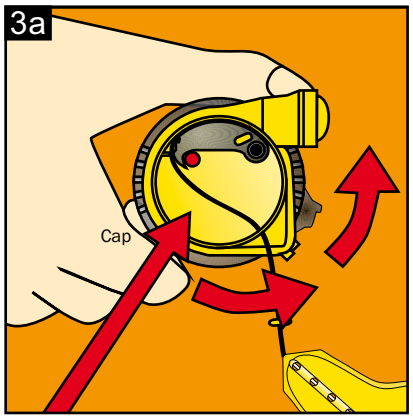
Fig. 3.4.2

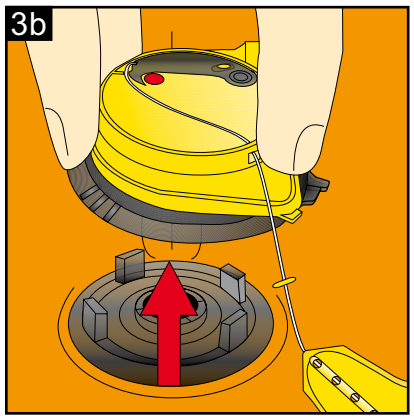




2.
Insert metal key as shown in 2a and turn the key counter-clockwise (2b) between black locking ring and labelled yellow cap. The black locking ring will now turn counter-clockwise.

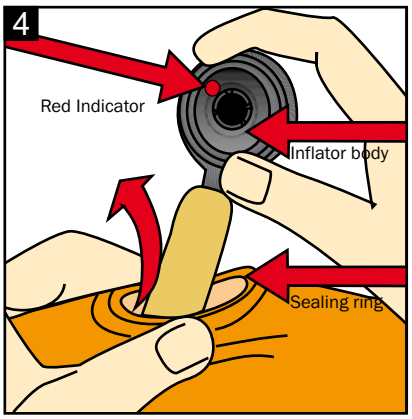
Fig. 3.4.3





3.
Now turn black locking ring counter-clockwise (3a) and lift cap (3b). (cap = yellow inflator operating head) Dispose of used cap.

Fig. 3.4.4



4.
Squeeze sealing ring to elongate and remove the inflator body through the sealing ring.Dispose of used inflator body in an environmentally approved manner.

Please Note: The operating head may not match the images above, but the processes are always the same.

4.1 Cleaning Lifejackets

4.1.1 The current standard cover of the Crewfit Twin is made from a 300d polyester fabric with a polyurethane coating that can be cleaned with care. In the event that contamination is such that the materials are inherently damaged refer to section 7.

4.1.2 For all types of cover, mud can be removed with clean water and the zip can be cleaned with a stiff (not wire) brush when dry.
4.1.2.1 Contaminants such as oil or diesel fuel may be sponged off immediately with clean water and allowed to dry naturally.
4.1.2.2 Mud can be removed with a stiff (not wire) brush when dry.
4.1.2.3 Covers may be hand washed in good quality mild detergent in cool water (40°C) rinse well, air drip dry.

4.1.3 Sponge the inflation chamber with PURE SOAP SOLUTION ONLY. Rinse in clean water immediately, inflate and air dry.

WARNING: Do not use proprietary cleaning fluids, thinners, spirits or similar substances.

5.1 Outer Cover Inspection

5.1.1 Visually inspect the cover material for wear, abrasion, pulled threads, contamination, cuts and holes.

5.1.2 If necessary the cover may be washed. Refer to Section 4.

5.1.3 Effect repairs if necessary and re-inspect for quality of repaired cover. Refer to Section 7.

5.1.4 If it is considered that the cover is beyond economic repair the customer shall be advised and offered a replacement lifejacket.

NOTE: Due to the construction of this lifejacket no individual cover is available for replacement, therefore the lifejacket as a whole must be replaced.

5.2 Inflation Chamber Inspection

5.2.1 Visually inspect the inflation chamber material for wear, pulled threads, contamination or signs of mistreatment .

5.2.2 Visually inspect all welds.

5.2.3 Carefully examine the zips and the slider for wear, broken teeth or slider and worn or fraying tape.

5.2.4 Visually inspect all webbings in accordance with Section 5.7.

5.2.5 Visually inspect the whistle and its attachment to the lifejacket for mistreatment, defects, and fraying of the cord and its attachment.

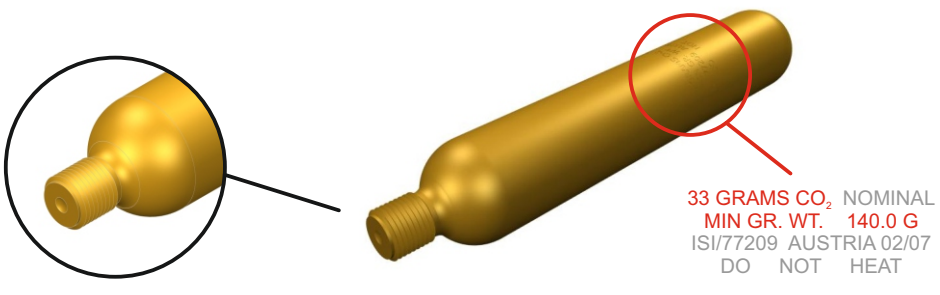
5.2.6 Test Lifejacket in accordance with Section 6.

5.3 Gas Cylinders

5.3.1 Visually examine:
5.3.1.1. For Corrosion (All cylinders corroded with red rust or with visible pitting must be replaced).
5.3.1.2. Pierced or damaged piercing disc.
5.3.1.3. That the two cylinders have the correct gas charge - 33 grams CO_2

5.3.2 Check Min Weight of Cylinder against that marked on the barrel. If the lifejacket is fitted with a Hammar Inflation system (either A1 or MA1) the cylinder will be glued into the Hammar backplate. Do NOT attempt to unscrew the cylinder from the backplate. Instead add 22 grams to the minimum weight shown on the cylinder.

Fig. 5.3



Remedial Action: If any of the above conditions are found to be incorrect the cylinder shall be replaced. See Section 9.

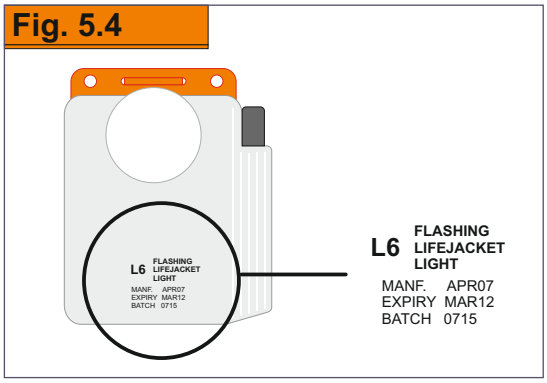
5.4 Light and Battery

5.4.1 Visually inspect the L6 light for signs of damage to:
5.4.1.1. the trip line; ensure that the toggle is securely attached.
5.4.1.2. the cable.
5.4.1.3. the lens and its mounting or housing.

5.4.2 Check expiry date on battery. The expiry date must exceed the date of the next annual service. If the light has expired or expires before the next service then it must be replaced with a CSL Light. (See Section 9).

5.4.3 Test the assembly as detailed in Section 6.

Fig. 5.4

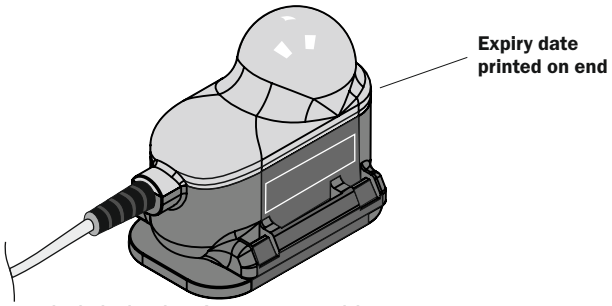


Remedial Action: These items are not repairable refer to Section 9 for replacement Part.

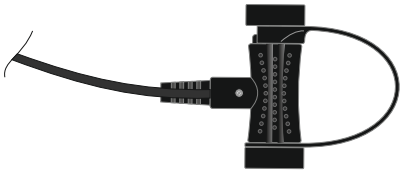
5.4.4 More recent jackets may be fitted with the Crewsaver CSL Water Activated Light.

Visually inspect the light for signs of damage to:
5.4.4.1. The switch.
5.4.4.2. the cable.
5.4.4.3. the lens and its mounting or housing.

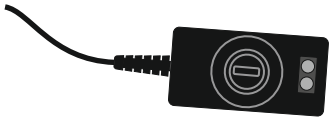
5.4.5 Check expiry date on battery. The expiry date must exceed the date of the next annual service. If the light has expired or expires before the next service then it must be replaced. (See Section 9).



5.4.6 Ensure that the switch is in the Auto-on position.



Water activated switch in Auto-on position (Earlier models)



Water activated switch in Auto-on position (Later models)

5.4.7 Test the assembly as detailed in Section 6

5.5 Mouth Inflation Valves

5.5.1 Visually inspect for damage.

5.5.2 Test in accordance with Section 6.

Remedial Action: These items are not repairable refer to Section 9 for replacement Part.

5.6 Inflation System

5.6.1 Visually inspect the Operation of the Mechanism for:

5.6.1.1 Operation of the Manual override lever. This shall move easily and freely.

5.6.1.2 Operation of the firing pin cam action. Similarly this shall be a smooth action when the lever is operated.

5.6.1.3 Firing Pin centre discharge hole clear.

5.6.1.4 Activation cord for frays and damage.

5.6.1.5 Moulded body for cracks and damage. Special attention to be given to the areas around the operating lever/body connection pin.

5.6.1.6 Check the Automatic plunger.

Remedial Action: In the event that the Operating Mechanism fails any of the above inspection procedures, the complete unit shall be replaced. No Repairs are allowed. Refer to Section 9 for the part number of the relevant replacement part.

5.6.2 Visually inspect the Operation of the Automatic Capsule:

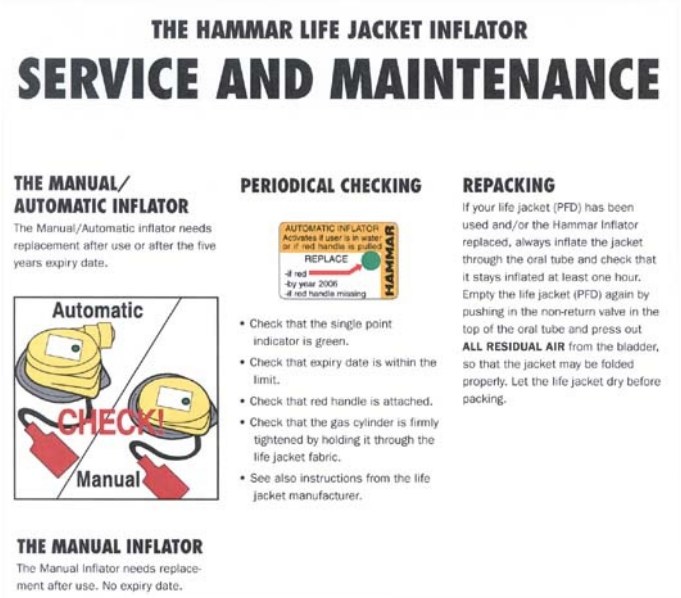
5.6.2.1 Check plug is in place at the base of the capsule.

5.6.2.2 New Capsules are to be fitted when the expiry date is before the next annual service of the lifejacket. E.g. Capsules marked ‘Replace by 2010’ expire at the end of 2010.

5.6.2.2.1 If the capsule is to be replaced – Re-fit the old capsule and carry out operational tests refer to section 6.

5.6.3 For Hammar Manual or hydrostatic remove and inspect. For the Hydrostatically operated head ensure that indicator is green, and that the handle has not been pulled, or displaced. See Fig 5.6 below.

Fig 5.6



Remedial Action: In the event that the Operating Mechanism fails any of the above inspection procedures, the complete Unit shall be replaced. No repairs are allowed. Refer to Section 9 for the part number of replacement parts.

5.7 Webbings

5.7.1 Visually inspect for damage:
5.7.1.1. Fraying
5.7.1.2. Pulled Threads
5.7.1.3. Broken Stitches

Remedial Action: Effect repairs in accordance with the Repair Procedures within the limits defined in Section 7.

5.8 Buckles

5.8.1 Visually inspect all buckles used on the webbings for signs of damage or corrosion.

Remedial Action: No repairs are allowed. In the case of damage being found return the lifejacket to Crewsaver.

5.9 Spray Hood (if fitted)

5.9.1 Visually inspect the spray hood for:
5.9.1.1. Damage to the points of attachment to the Lifejacket.
5.9.1.2. Cracking or crazing of the clear plastic face shield.
5.9.1.3. Damage or degradation of the velcro.
5.9.1.4. Fraying of material.
5.9.1.5. Check stiffening tube of hood.

Remedial Action: This item is not repairable. Refer to Section 9 for the Part Number of a new Spray Hood

5.10 Labelling/Markings

5.10.1. Check all Markings and Labelling are clear and legible.

Remedial Action: No repairs are allowed. In the case of damage being found return the lifejacket to Crewsaver.

6.1 Inflation Chamber

6.1.1. Air Holding Test.

6.1.1.1 Connect through a suitable Tee piece and adaptor, the oral tube with the oral valve in the open position, to a graduated water manometer (or a similar digital device for measuring back pressure).

Note: Hammar inflators must be tested with the Hammar operating head fitted to the inflation chamber.

6.1.1.2 Slowly inflate the lifejacket from a regulated supply until manometer reads 200mbar

Warning: Regulated supply pressure must not exceed 20psi.

6.1.1.3 Close off the air supply and leave for 10 minutes to ensure pressure is stable.

6.1.1.4 Check and record the pressure and temperature reading on the Service Record Sheet.

6.1.1.5 Leave for 30 minutes.

6.1.1.6 Check and record the pressure and temperature reading on the Service Record Sheet.
The maximum difference in the two pressure readings (pressure drop) allowed is 10%. The temperature differential shall be within plus or minus 3 degrees of the original reading. For each degree Centigrade rise in temperature subtract 2.5 mbar. For each degree Centigrade drop in temperature add 2.5 mbar to the readings to obtain the actual pressure variation. Should the temperature variation be outside 3 degrees either way then the test shall be repeated.

PSI	in/H2O	in/Hg	mm/H2O	mm/Hg	kg/cm2	bar	mbar	Pa	kPa
1.0	27.71	2.036	703.1	51.75	0.0703	0.0689	68.95	6895	6.895
1.1	30.48	2.240	773.4	56.93	0.0773	0.0758	75.85	7585	7.585
1.2	33.25	2.443	843.7	62.10	0.0844	0.0827	82.74	8274	8.274
1.3	36.02	2.647	914.0	67.28	0.0914	0.0896	89.64	8964	8.964
1.4	38.79	2.850	984.3	72.45	0.0984	0.0965	96.53	9653	9.653
1.5	41.57	3.054	1054.7	77.63	0.1055	0.1034	103.43	10343	10.34
1.6	44.34	3.258	1125.0	82.80	0.1125	0.1102	110.32	11032	11.03
1.7	47.11	3.461	1195.3	87.98	0.1195	0.1171	117.22	11722	11.72
1.8	49.88	3.665	1265.6	93.15	0.1265	0.1240	124.11	12411	12.41
1.9	52.65	3.868	1335.9	98.33	0.1336	0.1309	131.01	13101	13.10
2.0	55.42	4.072	1406.2	103.50	0.1406	0.1378	137.90	13790	13.79
2.1	58.19	4.276	1476.5	108.68	0.1476	0.1447	144.80	14480	14.48
2.2	60.96	4.479	1546.8	113.85	0.1547	0.1516	151.69	15169	15.17
2.3	63.73	4.683	1617.1	119.03	0.1617	0.1585	158.59	15859	15.86
2.4	66.50	4.886	1687.4	124.20	0.1687	0.1654	165.48	16548	16.55
2.5	69.28	5.090	1757.8	129.38	0.1758	0.1723	172.38	17238	17.24
2.6	72.05	5.294	1828.1	134.55	0.1828	0.1791	179.27	17927	17.93
2.7	74.82	5.497	1898.4	139.73	0.1898	0.1860	186.17	18617	18.62
2.8	77.59	5.701	1968.7	144.90	0.1968	0.1929	193.06	19306	19.31
2.9	80.36	5.904	2039.0	150.08	0.2039	0.1998	199.96	19996	20.00
3.0	83.13	6.108	2109.3	155.25	0.2109	0.2067	206.85	20685	20.69
3.1	85.90	6.312	2179.6	160.43	0.2179	0.2136	213.75	21375	21.37
3.2	88.67	6.515	2249.9	165.60	0.2250	0.2205	220.64	22064	22.06
3.3	91.44	6.719	2320.2	170.78	0.2320	0.2274	227.54	22754	22.75
3.4	94.21	6.922	2390.5	175.95	0.2390	0.2343	234.43	23443	23.44
3.5	96.99	7.126	2460.9	181.13	0.2461	0.2412	241.33	24133	24.13
3.6	99.76	7.330	2531.2	186.30	0.2531	0.2480	248.22	24822	24.82
3.7	102.53	7.533	2601.5	191.48	0.2601	0.2549	255.12	25512	25.51
3.8	105.30	7.737	2671.8	196.65	0.2671	0.2618	262.01	26201	26.20
3.9	108.07	7.940	2742.1	201.83	0.2742	0.2687	268.91	26891	26.89
4.0	110.84	8.144	2812.4	207.00	0.2812	0.2756	275.80	27580	27.58
4.1	113.61	8.348	2882.7	212.18	0.2882	0.2825	282.70	28270	28.27
4.2	116.38	8.551	2953.0	217.35	0.2953	0.2894	289.59	28959	28.96
4.3	119.15	8.755	3023.3	222.53	0.3023	0.2963	296.49	29649	29.65
4.4	121.92	8.958	3093.6	227.70	0.3093	0.3032	303.38	30338	30.34
4.5	124.70	9.162	3164.0	232.88	0.3164	0.3101	310.28	31028	31.03
4.6	127.47	9.366	3234.3	238.05	0.3234	0.3169	317.17	31717	31.72
4.7	130.24	9.569	3304.6	243.23	0.3304	0.3238	324.07	32407	32.41
4.8	133.01	9.773	3374.9	248.40	0.3374	0.3307	330.96	33096	33.10
4.9	135.78	9.976	3445.2	253.58	0.3445	0.3376	337.86	33786	33.79
5.0	138.55	10.180	3515.5	258.75	0.3515	0.3445	344.75	34475	34.48
5.1	141.32	10.384	3585.8	263.93	0.3585	0.3514	351.65	35165	35.16
5.2	144.09	10.587	3656.1	269.10	0.3656	0.3583	358.54	35854	35.85
5.3	146.86	10.791	3726.4	274.28	0.3726	0.3652	365.44	36544	36.54
5.4	149.63	10.994	3796.7	279.45	0.3796	0.3721	372.33	37233	37.23
5.5	152.41	11.198	3867.1	284.63	0.3867	0.3790	379.23	37923	37.92
5.6	155.18	11.402	3937.4	289.80	0.3937	0.3858	386.12	38612	38.61
5.7	157.95	11.605	4007.7	294.98	0.4007	0.3927	393.02	39302	39.30
5.8	160.72	11.809	4078.0	300.15	0.4077	0.3996	399.91	39991	39.99
5.9	163.49	12.012	4148.3	305.33	0.4148	0.4065	406.81	40681	40.68
6.0	166.26	12.216	4218.6	310.50	0.4218	0.4134	413.70	41370	41.37

6.1.1.7. If Lifejacket fails the Air holding test inspect as follows.

6.1.1.7.1 With the lifejacket inflated carefully brush the surface with a weak solution of soap and water or alternatively lower the lifejacket into a tank of water to observe for bubbles.

6.1.1.7.2 Identify and mark the source of leakage. Wash off in clean water and allow to dry naturally in air.

6.1.1.7.2.1 Special Attention to be given to:

a) Manifold Schraeder Cores
b) Oral Tubes/ Top-up Valves

6.1.2 If the test is satisfactory deflate the Lifejacket in preparation for re-assembly. Refer to Section 8.

6.1.2.1. Insert the inverted oral valve dust cap into the top of the oral valve and expel the air. Lifejackets may also be deflated using the Crewsaver Venturi Vacuum System. For the part number, refer to Section 9.

6.1.3 Effect repairs in accordance with the Repair Procedures within the limits defined in Section 7.

6.1.4 Subsequent to remedial action being taken (see Section 7), retest the lifejacket in accordance with Section 6.

6.2 Valves

6.2.1. Oral Valves.

6.2.1.1. When removing the test adapter from each oral valve check that the oral valve reseats. If in doubt this may be checked by placing the valve underwater.

6.2.2 Schraeder valves.

6.2.2.1 Should a leak be found in the Schraeder valve the faulty core must be removed and a new valve inserted using the Torque Screwdriver from the tool kit.

6.3 Inflation Mechanisms

6.3.1 Operational Test for Automatic Operating Heads (to be performed when capsules have expired).

6.3.1.1 Remove the operating mechanism from the lifejacket and remove the cylinder.

6.3.1.2 Assemble the expired capsule onto the body of the operating mechanism.

6.3.1.3 Place the complete unit into water and check that the unit operates within 5 seconds.

6.3.1.4 If the mechanism fails to pass this test replace the complete unit. Refer to Section 9 for part Number of the replacement part.

NOTE: all failures of this test must be reported to Crewsaver. Crewsaver may require the failed units to be returned, please do not discard.

6.4 Lights and Batteries

6.4.1. Testing Procedure for lights fitted to lifejackets.

The following lights have been fitted to Crewsaver Commercial and Leisure lifejackets.
All light units used have a detailed expiry date, after which the light should be carefully disposed of.

6.4.2. McMurdo L6

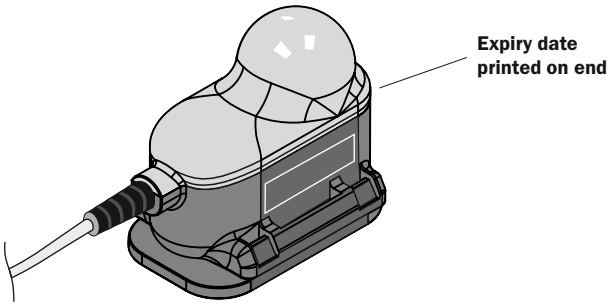
The McMurdo L6 can be tested using the switch located on the right side (as looked at).

WARNING. If the light has expired regardless of its functionality it must be discarded and replaced with a CSL Light.

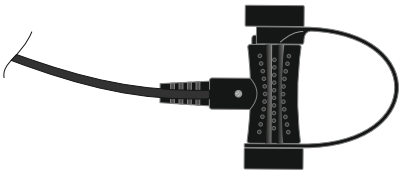
6.4.3 Crewsaver CSL Water Activated Light.

Visually inspect the light for signs of damage to:
6.4.3.1 the switch.
6.4.3.2 the cable.
6.4.3.3 the lens and its mounting or housing.

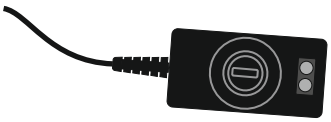
6.4.4 Check expiry date on battery. The expiry date must exceed the date of the next annual service. If the light has expired or expires before the next service then it must be replaced. (See Section 9).



6.4.5 Ensure that the switch is in the Auto-on position.



Water activated switch in Auto-on position (Earlier models)



Water activated switch in Auto-on position (Later models)

6.4.6 Test the assembly as detailed in Section 6

6.5 Retro Reflective Tape

6.5.1 If the retro reflective tape shows any signs of degradation the following tests shall be carried out in accordance with Marine Guidance Note MGN 105 (M+F) Issued by the UK Marine and Coast guard Agency March 1999.
6.5.1.1 Place a new piece of the same retro-reflective material to, and on the same plane as, a representative piece of material fitted to the appliance.
6.5.1.2 Pour water over both pieces of material.
6.5.1.3 Using a powerful torch or "Aldis" lamp held at eye level, compare the performance of the two pieces of material from a distance of 10 Metres.
6.5.1.4 If a noticeable deterioration in performance is observed then the retro-reflective material on the appliance should be replaced.
6.5.1.5 Dry off the lifejacket before re-packing.

7.1 Outer Cover

7.1.1 No repairs are permitted to the outer cover.

7.2 Inflation Chamber

7.2.1 No repairs are permitted to the inflator fabric or its assembly, due to the construction of this lifejacket.

7.2.2 Components attached to the inflator may be repaired in line with the limits defined below.

7.3 Gas Cylinders

7.3.1 No repairs permitted. For the Part No. of the replacement part refer to Section 9.
7.3.2 Please ensure cylinders are disposed of in accordance with local regulations.
Treat empty cylinders as steel for recycling purposes.

7.4 Light and Battery

7.4.1 No repairs permitted. For the Part No. of the replacement part refer to Section 9.

7.5 Valves

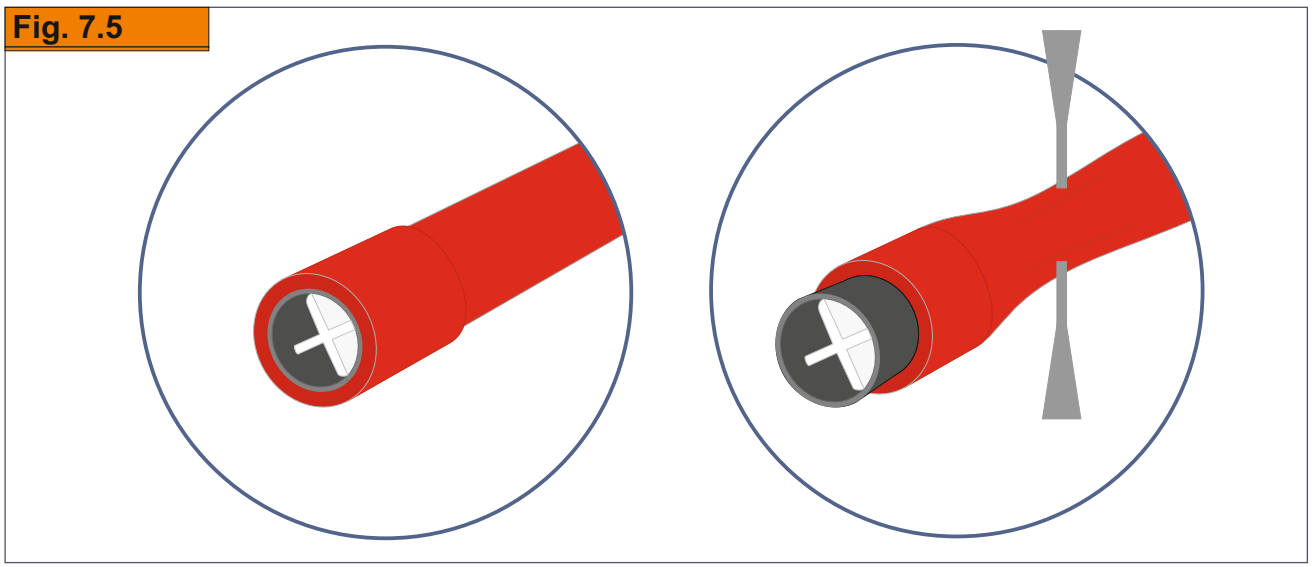
7.5.1 No repairs permitted. For the Part No. of the replacement parts refer to Section 9.

7.5.2 Replacement of the Oral valve may be achieved by:

7.5.2.1 Carefully removing the defective unit by applying force, with a blunt instrument, behind the oral valve Squeezing the tube and gently pushing the valve out.

7.5.2.2 Push the replacement valve into the oral tube.

Fig. 7.5



7.6 Inflation System

7.6.1 A Schraeder core is located inside the Valve Stem.

7.6.1.1 Remove and replace using the calibrated torque driver for Schraeder valves set to 0.32 - 0.36 Nm. Refer to Section 9 for the Part No. of the replacement part.

WARNING: Only fit replacement Schraeder valves obtained from Crewsaver.

7.6.2 Operating Mechanism.

7.6.2.1 No repairs permissible. Replace the complete unit. Refer to Section 9 for the Part No. of the replacement part.

7.7 Webbings

7.7.1 No cuts are allowed in the webbing of any of these components. No repairs are permitted on Harness Lifejackets. Worn, broken or cracked stitches are to be over sewn by 25mm in each direction past the extent of the fault, use only approved thread. (Refer to Crewsaver) In the Case of the Crutch Strap replace damaged unit. Refer to Section 9 for Part No. of the replacement part.

NOTE: Only pre approved stitching repairs are allowed. All persons carrying out repairs must be authorised by Crewsaver.

7.8 Buckles

7.8.1. These components are not repairable or replaceable. Lifejackets with damaged buckles should be returned to Crewsaver..

7.9 Spray Hood

7.9.1. No Repairs Permitted. Refer to Section 9 for Part Number of replacement Spray Hood.

8.1 Assembly

8.1.1 Ensure the whistle is positioned and tied in correctly.

8.1.2 Expel the air from the chamber by inverting the dust cap on the oral tube. Lifejackets may also be deflated using the Crewsaver Venturi Vacuum System. For the part number, refer to Section 9.

8.1.3 Assemble the Operating Mechanism to the inflator.

8.1.3.2 For United Moulders Mk5 Automatic Operating Mechanisms. See Fig 8.2

8.1.3.2.1 A new retaining clip must be fitted. Refer to Section 9 for replacement parts.

8.1.3.2.2 Fit the new automatic firing capsule to the operating head, screw hand tight.

8.1.3.2.3 Locate Operating head onto the Manifold.

8.1.3.2.4 Tighten the retaining nut onto the body using the Calibrated torque driver provided in the Crewsaver servicing tools. Note: Retaining nut must be tightened to between 2.5 and 2.7 Nm.

8.1.3.2.5 Firmly screw the cylinder adaptor by hand into the head

8.1.3.1.6 Connect the cylinder adaptor to the pressure test unit

8.1.3.1.6 Pressurise the head to between 25 and 30 psi and release the control to its vertical position.

8.1.3.1.7 There may be a slight decrease in pressure over the first 2 seconds as the unit stabilises. Leave for 10 seconds and check for any further decrease in pressure shown on the gauge

8.1.3.1.8 Release the pressure by turning the control to deflate.

8.1.3.1.9 If there had been any decrease in pressure remove the cylinder adaptor, remove the operating head and check the following.

a. Thick and thin washer either side of the head.
b. Damage to the D post seating.
c. Cross thread chrome nut
d. The cylinder seating washer.
e. The schrader or pang valve in the ‘D’ post.
f. The operating head

Warning: Care must be taken not to ‘cross thread’ the connection.

8.1.3.2.10 Fit the gas cylinder to the firing mechanism by hand then check using the torque wrench and head adaptor from the tool kit (4Nm). The operating head is gripped in one hand and the cylinder tightened using the torque wrench with the cylinder tightening tool held in the other hand.

8.1.3.3 For Hammar Hydrostatic and Manual Operating Mechanisms. See Fig 8.4

8.1.3.3.1 If the operating head has been fired, tampered with, does not comply with any of the details in 5.5.3 or the red firing handle is missing; a replacement operating mechanism must be fitted.

8.1.3.3.2 If a new CO_2 cylinder is required a replacement cylinder ALREADY ATTACHED to an inflator body must be purchased from Crewsaver.

8.1.3.3.3 Insert the cylinder and inflator body into the inflation chamber through the sealing ring, ensure that the cylinder is vertically positioned in the inflation chamber.

8.1.3.3.4 Seat the inflator body underneath the sealing ring. Locate the inflation mechanism to the sealing ring and the inflator body, with the red firing handle facing directly down the inflation chamber away from the cylinder. Using the Hammar operating head tightening key, clip the mechanism closed.

Warning: Care must be taken not to ‘cross thread’ the connection.

8.1.4 To re-pack the lifejacket see Fig 8.5 (Crewfit 290 Standard), Fig 8.6 (Crewfit 290 Hammar) or Fig 8.7 (Crewfit 290 Fire Resistant).

8.1.5 Expel additional excess air, during the packing operation, from within the inflator by again inverting the cap on the oral tube and inserting it into the oral valve. When all excess has been expelled replace the cap.

8.1.6 Mark Service Label on Lifejacket (using an indelible pen) and Service Record Sheet with the date of the service.

8.1.7 Ensure the serial number has been correctly recorded and that it is clearly marked on the Record Sheet.

Warning: The lifejacket folding procedures must be followed accurately to ensure that the lifejacket inflation mechanism operates and the lifejacket deploys correctly. The lifejacket shall not be folded and/or packed using any other method or procedure than that specified.

7.11 Repair Parameters - Stitching

All repairs to stitching must be carried out by a company deemed fit to perform the repair by Crewsaver prior to the work commencing.

a.) Stitching repairs should be performed when the visible inspection as detailed in section 5, Para 5.7 identifies broken or pulled stitches. The following repairs maybe made:

- ai. Repairs to broken stitches should be over sewn following the same line of stitching , ensuring that the stitching continues for a minimum of 20mm past the repair section, each end must be back tacked twice.
- aii. Repairs to pull threads should be repaired by first trimming the lose ends and then repeating the process as detailed above.
- aiii. Any repairs carried out must be made using the correct thread available from Crewsaver. No other types of thread are to be used.
- aiv. No stitching repairs are to be made to the inflation chamber, or parts stitched to it.
- av. No stitching repairs are to be made on Harness Lifejackets

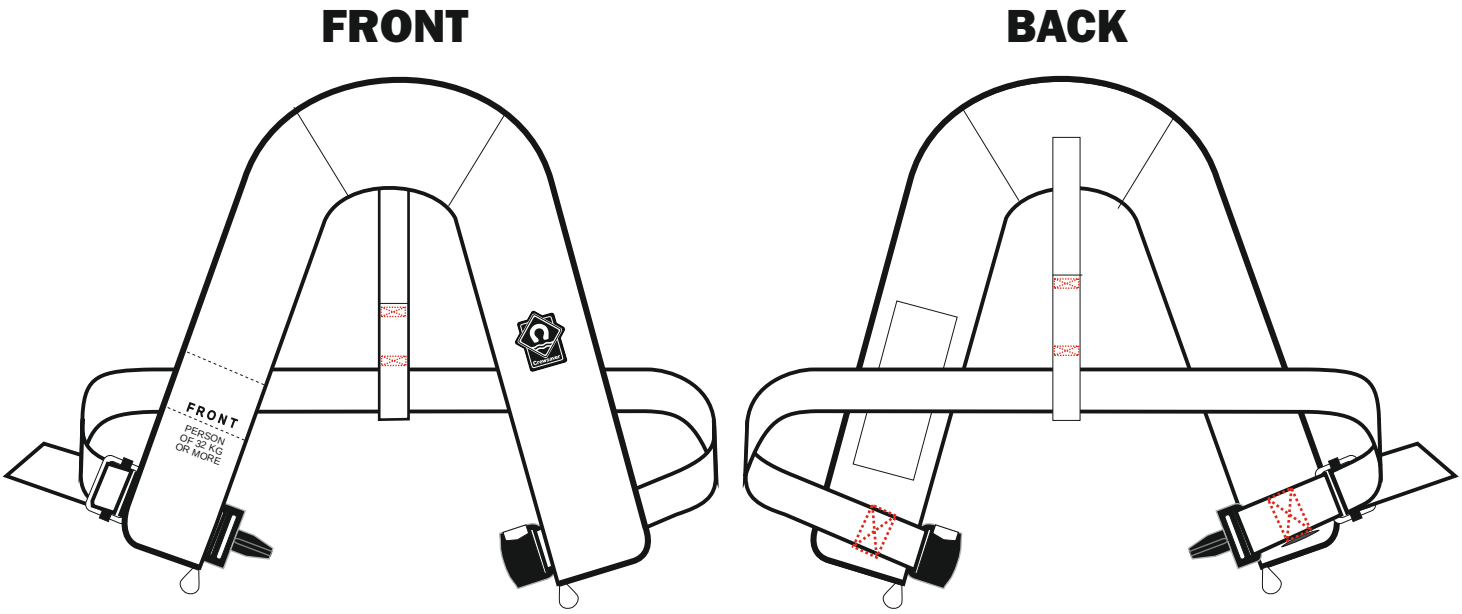


Fig 8.1 Crewsaver Mk5 Operating Head

Check that the cylinder sealing gasket in the end of the operating head has been correctly fitted, or replaced if necessary. Fit the 33 gram CO_2 cylinder. Ensure that the cylinder has been check weighed before fitting to the lifejacket. Fit the gas cylinder to the firing mechanism using the torque wrench (4Nm) and head adaptor from the tool kit. The cylinder is gripped in one hand and the head tightened using the torque wrench held in the other hand.

Fig. 8.1.1

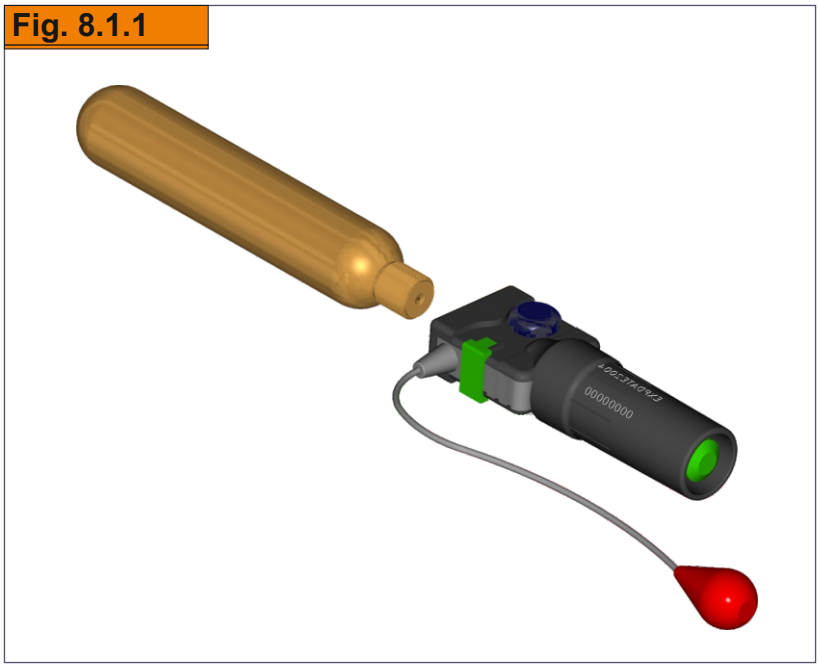
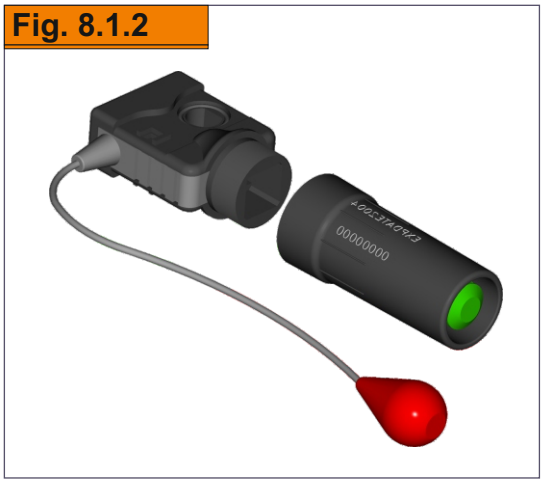
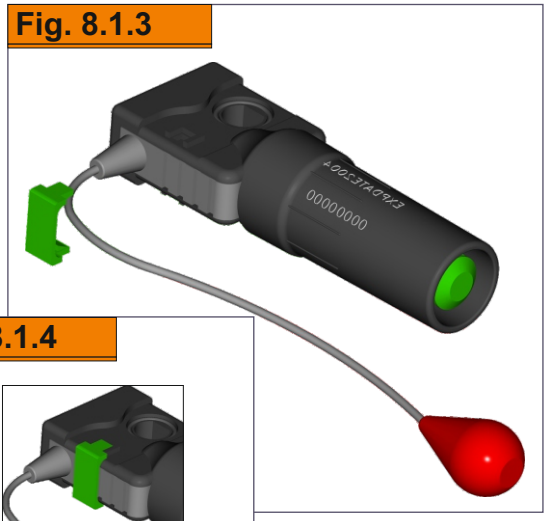


Fig. 8.1.2



Fit the new firing capsule onto the operating head. Capsules fitted on the Crewsaver Mk5 head are navy blue in colour. The capsule should be screwed tight to the end. Make a note of the batch number and manufacture date on to the service record sheet.

Fig. 8.1.3

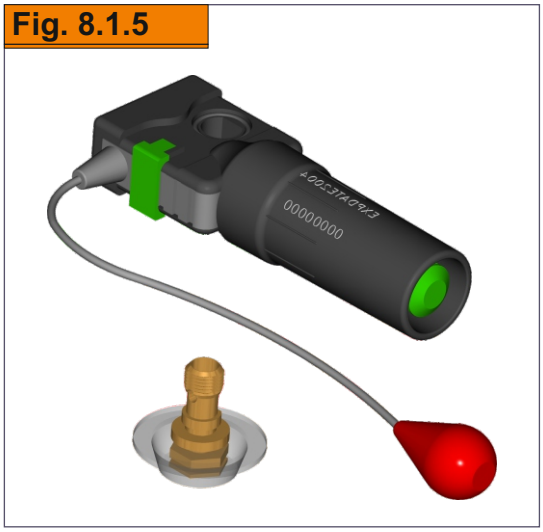


With the firing capsule fitted, fit the retaining clip. The clip is fitted by pressing it over the firing arm and in to the recess either side in the centre of the operating head. The clip will click into place, thereby preventing the arm from moving.

Fig. 8.1.4

Fig 8.1 Crewsaver Mk5 Operating Head

Fig. 8.1.5

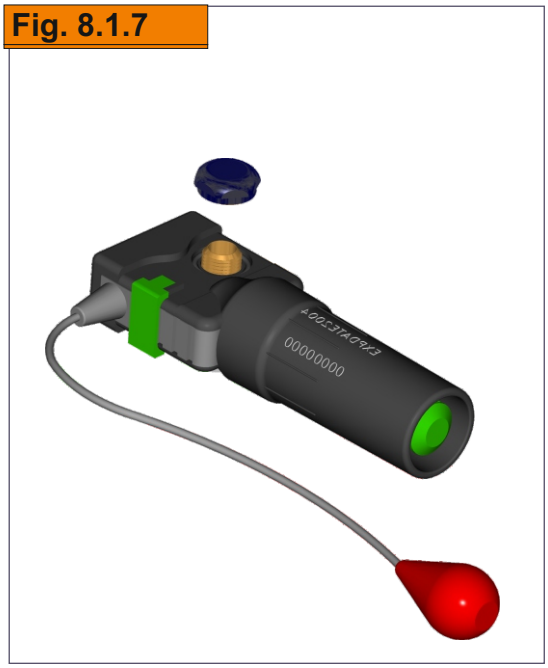


Check the bottom O-ring seal is in place. Before fitting the operating head onto the manifold, check that the schraeder valve is fitted. If fitting a new schraeder valve use a calibrated torque driver set to 0.32 - 0.36 Nm. Then place the operating head onto the manifold , so that the cylinder is pointing upwards.

Fig. 8.1.6

Sealing O-Ring

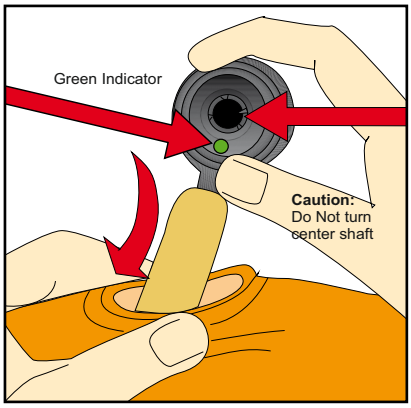
Fig. 8.1.7



Check the O-ring seal is in the recess on the top face of the operating head. With the top O-ring in place, fit the retaining nut. The retaining nut should be screwed into place using a torque wrench or driver fitted with a 9/16” socket. The wrench or driver should be set to between 2.5 and 2.7 Nm. This will prevent damage to the operating head and ensure a good seal is maintained.

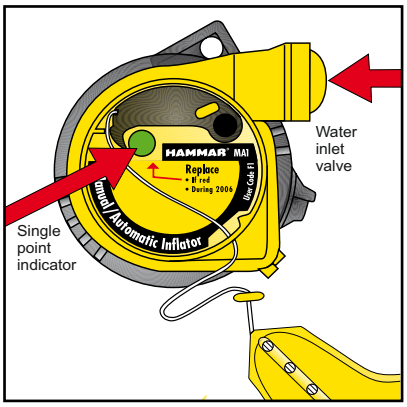
Fig 8.2 Hammar Operating Head

Fig. 8.2.1



Check that the indicator is green. Insert new inflator body with gas cylinder pointing upward inside the lifejacket (PFD). Let the sealing ring rest on the inflator body around the four lugs.

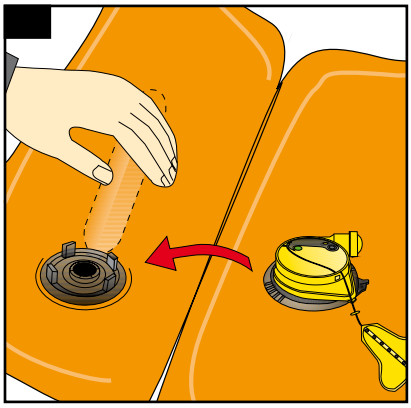
Fig. 8.2.2



Now check the new manual/ automatic cap as follows:

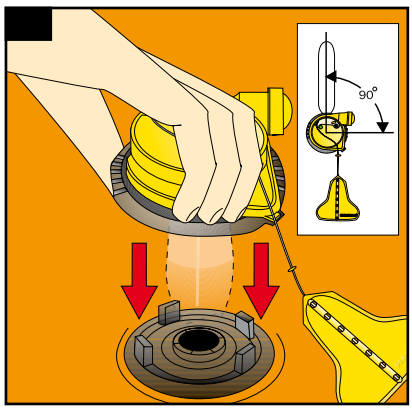
1. Single point indicator showing green?
2. Expiry date OK?
   If YES is the answer to both these questions, then proceed as follows.
   If NO get a new cap.

Fig. 8.2.3



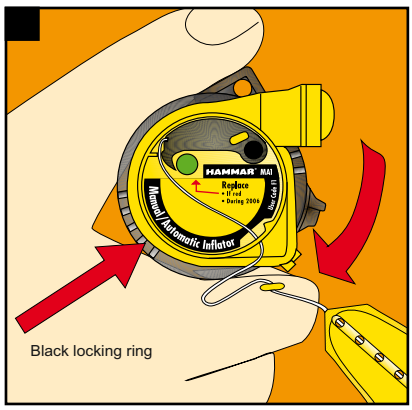
Hold the gas cylinder through the fabric of the lifejacket.

Fig. 8.2.4



Position the replacement cap with the water inlet valve pointing to the right (7b) and press it FIRMLY onto the inflator body and sealing ring.

Fig. 8.2.5

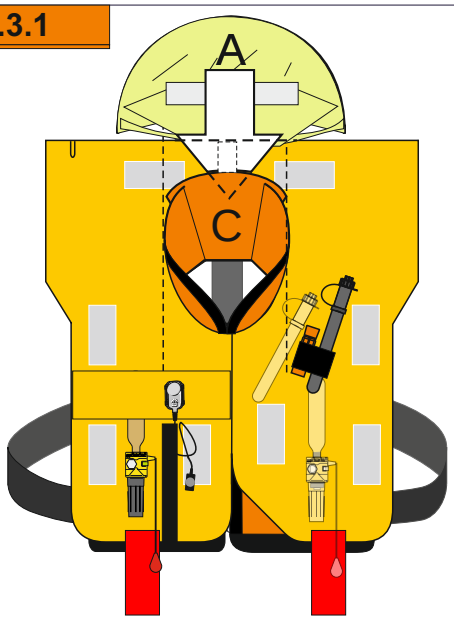


While pressing FIRMLY onto the inflator body turn the BLACK locking ring clockwise into the locked position. Pull on the cap to make sure it has locked onto the inflator body.

Please note: The operating head may not match the images above but the processes are exactly the same.

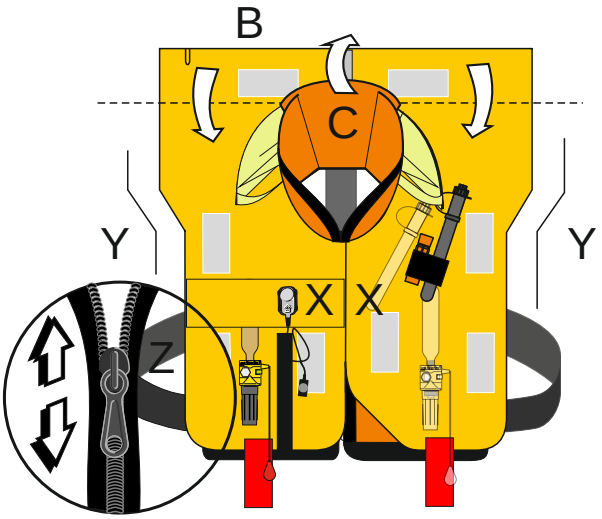
Fig 8.3 Crewfit Twin Packing Instructions

Fig. 8.3.1



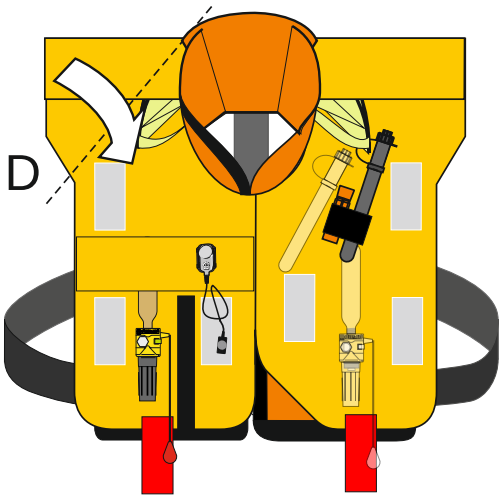
Fold the Hood (A), if fitted, down in a concertina fashion and slide down under cover (C).

Fig. 8.3.2



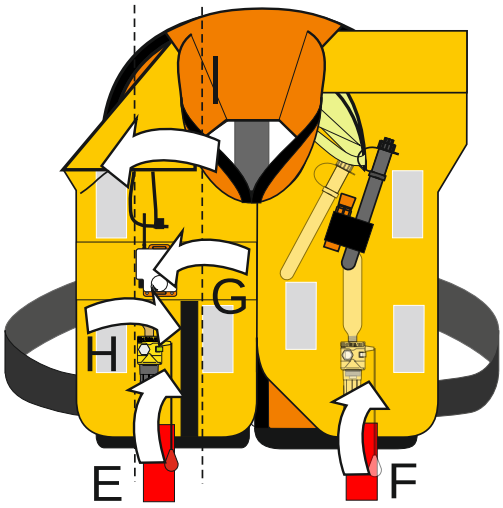
Run the zip slider (Z) round the outside of the inflator legs to (X) and back to (Y) to close zip. Repeat on the other leg of the inflator. Fold the top of the inflator (B) down over the hood, pull the neck cover C over the partly folded inflator neck and fasten the velcro.

Fig. 8.3.3



Fold the corner of the lifejacket (D) over at 45 degrees.

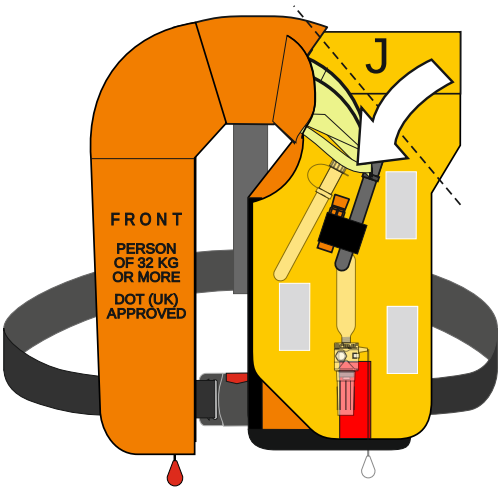
Fig. 8.3.4



Fold the webbing retainers (E) and (F) up over the inflators. Fold the sides of the inflator (G) and (H) over each other, pull the cover (I) over and fasten.

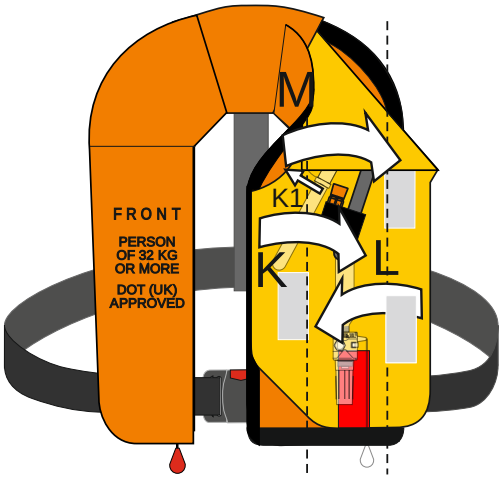
Fig 8.1 Crewfit Twin Packing Instructions

Fig. 8.3.5



Fold the other corner (J) over at 45 degrees.

Fig. 8.3.6

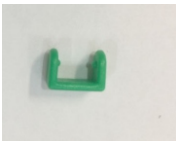
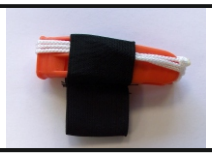


Fold the sides of the inflator (K) and (L) over, after moving the inflation tube (K1) over to follow the fold, then pull the cover M over and fasten the Velcro.

Fig. 8.3.7

The packed jacket is shown above with the lanyards (O) and (P) visible, ready for use.

9.1 Parts List

Part No.	Description	
12050	60gm CO_2 Cylinder	
10550	Halkey Roberts 840 Manual operating head	
10097	Operating Head sealing washer Top.	
10098	Operating Head sealing washer Bottom	
10382	Cylinder sealing washer	
10096	Operating Head indicator pin	
11047	Operating head Nut	
900009	Whistle elastic complete	
11049	Shrader valve (Green)	
11044	United Moulders Mk5i automatic head	
11042	United Moulders Mk5i automatic capsule	

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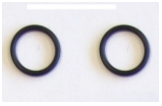
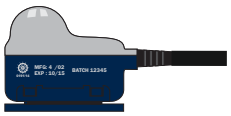
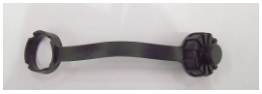
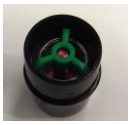
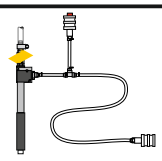
10373	Auto Head Sealing Gasket (Top and Bottom)	
11048	UM Mk5 Auto Head Cutter 'O' Ring	
11020	Hammar automatic cap A1	
11010	Hammar Back Plate A1 fitted with 33gm cylinder	
10226	CSL Crewsaver Light	
10151	Oral Tube Cap	
10208	Oral Tube Valve	
10497	50mm Webbing Tidy	
11018	Hammar release key	
10481	Crewsaver Venturi Vacuum System	
10467	Servicing tool kitl	

9.1 Parts List

Part No.	Description	
900031	Back pressure test unit	
900030	Hammar cylinder tightening tool	
11056	Manometer	
11054	Valve extraction tool	
10252	Pressure measuring Adaptor	
900032	Cylinder adaptor for back pressure System