

IMCA Safety Flash 04/02

June 2002

These flashes summarise key safety matters and incidents, allowing wider dissemination of lessons learned from them. The information below has been provided in good faith by members and should be reviewed individually by recipients, who will determine its relevance to their own operations.

The effectiveness of the IMCA safety flash system depends on receiving reports from members in order to pass on information and avoid repeat incidents. Please consider adding the IMCA secretariat (imca@imca-int.com) to your internal distribution list for safety alerts and/or manually submitting information on specific incidents you consider may be relevant. All information will be anonymised or sanitised, as appropriate.

A number of other organisations issue safety flashes and similar documents which may be of interest to IMCA members. Where these are particularly relevant, these may be summarised or highlighted here. Links to known relevant websites are provided at www.imca-int.com/links. Additional links should be submitted to webmaster@imca-int.com

I DSI Air Helmets – Leakage of Water into Regulator

We received the attached safety flash yesterday from Divex Ltd, who are distributing the information to all potential users, who should fully check and test their equipment to ensure continued safe usage and operation.



DIVEX CAUTION/SAFETY NOTICE

Safety Notice No. DVX001/2002

DSI AIR HELMETS

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DIVEX LTD HAVE BECOME AWARE OF A POTENTIAL PROBLEM WITH LEAKAGE INTO THE REGULATOR ON DSI HELMETS.

Divex Ltd would advise all users of KMBDSI air helmets that we have been informed of a potential problem with leakage of water into the following air diving helmets and bandmasks through the mushroom valve.

TYPE

	DE028	Exhaust Mushroom valve	KMDSI part # 510-552
"	DE055	Kirby Morgan 18B Bandmask	KMDSI part # 500-026
"	DE056	Kirby Morgan 17B Helmet	KMDSI part # 500-011
"	DE1121	Kirby Morgan 17B Helmet	KMDSI part # 500-010
"	DE1141	Kirby Morgan 18B Bandmask	KMDSI part # 500-025
"	DE1101	Kirby Morgan 28B Bandmask	KMDSI part # 500-029
"	DE128	Kirby Morgan Regulator Kit	KMDSI part # 525-309

It would appear that water is entering the regulator on the above detailed helmets through the mushroom valve in the regulator. Divex, who are in contact with the manufacturer, is undertaking the investigation into the reason for this failure at this time. It is envisaged a definitive conclusion will be available within the next week (by 20th June 2002).

Divex Ltd has produced this notice to ensure all users of these helmets fully check and test their equipment to ensure continued safe usage.

The information available to date is that all helmets, with mushroom valves detailed above, that carry numbering may be suspect. Mushroom valves that are not numbered, are at this time considered fit for purpose. The numbering can be found moulded into the mushroom valve.

This is all the information available. This notice will be followed up with a final notice when more information becomes available.

In the interest of safety, I am sure that you will agree with the Divex Ltd action to distribute this notice as early as possible, even though a full detailed investigation has not been completed.

**For further information contact Kathleen Scanlan on the above telephone or fax number.
Alternatively e-mail to safety@divex.co.uk**

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G. T. Gilbert, For and on behalf of Divex Ltd.

DATED: 14th June 2002