

Urgent and important information from Interspiro AB regarding Spiroscape – escape breathing apparatus

Dear user of Spiroscape,

For more than seven years Interspiro has successfully delivered close to 30 000 units of Spiroscape - escape breathing apparatus. It's a well-accepted and proven product on the market.

However due to a production quality issue, related to a specific batch and a likely material default in the regulator we have until further notice postponed our deliveries of Spiroscape.

The quality issue has been identified in four recently produced units. The regulator unit of these four units separated from the cylinder letting all air out, but both the regulator unit and the cylinder stayed in their red storage bag, without causing any further damage. The four failures were identified before the units had been shipped to end-users. In order to guarantee the continued high quality of Spiroscape we are of course carefully investigating the cause of the event that occurred.

As a measure of caution we will replace all regulators in Spiroscares delivered since April 1 or with regulator identity number higher than P0215000.

After negotiations with our sub suppliers we are convinced we are in a position to produce necessary quantities of the regulator in a fairly short period of time. Our first priority will of course be to replace the regulator units mounted in Spiroscares that are already in operation on board ship. The logistics of how this will be accomplished will be detailed to you at a later date. Please be assured we are making every effort to ensure that this is carried out rapidly and with as little disruption as possible.

Until we have replaced the regulators in question we recommend the users, as a measure of caution to:

- **Not handle the apparatuses in any way and let the Spiroscape remain in its red storage bag. In the event of any emergency the risk of using the product is regarded as limited.**
- **An alternative is to empty the cylinder. See special instructions from Interspiro shortly.**

The recommendation concerns Spiroscares received after April 1 or with regulator identity number higher than P0215000.

We will continuously keep you updated until this matter is completed. We sincerely apologize for all the inconvenience that will affect you. Please be assured we are making every effort to resolve this situation and maintain our reputation as manufacturer of high quality respiratory protective products. If you have any immediate questions please get in touch with your contact person at your supplier.

Best regards
Interspiro AB

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