

## **SAFETY BULLETIN – DIVING NEW INSTRUCTIONS, March 13, 2003**

**INTERSPIRO VALVE CONE ASSEMBLY, No. 336 190 064 & 336 890 129  
USED IN INTERSPIRO BREATHING VALVE (SECOND STAGE REGULATOR) FOR DIVING  
(HEREAFTER CALLED VALVE CONE)**

Referring to our recent communication concerning the valve cone we now find it necessary to give you further instructions on this matter. This message refers to:

- Interspiro breathing valve (second stage regulator) for diving, with serial no. 0227000-0306999 or deliveries since July 1, 2002.
- All types of Interspiro breathing valve for diving, serviced with valve cone, delivered since July 1, 2002.
- Spare parts including valve cones intended for breathing valve for diving, delivered since July 1, 2002.

**The valve cone in question has a silicon sealing that is transparent and is attached to a black or white plastic housing. If the silicon sealing on the valve cone is blue or red it is not covered by this bulletin and requires no further action.**

As previously stated Interspiro has determined a potential safety concern regarding the transparent valve cone above, which is a key component in the breathing valve. Further testing of an aggressive nature has indicated that there is still a risk with the present design of the valve cone. Therefore Interspiro will return to the design prior to July 2002, which has a proven track record of more than 20 years. As a precautionary measure Interspiro will provide replacement valve cones, for all above assemblies and parts.

### **WARNING:**

- 1. You must remove the Interspiro equipment defined above from service immediately and ensure that the equipment is not used until the valve cones are replaced.**
- 2. If you already have received replacement valve cones with the transparent silicon seal, you should scrap them and await new ones that will be delivered within the next two weeks.**
- 3. Failure to perform the actions stipulated in this notice may result in an uncontrolled air flow, which will greatly reduce the duration. This could cause serious risks to the user.**

Although no further incidents have been reported since the initial three, described in the Safety Bulletin from February, Interspiro urges you to follow the above instructions.

We would ask you to use a certified technician to replace and test the suspect valve cones in the breathing valves, replace parts in your stock and destroy the replaced valve cones. Please record the serial number of each modified breathing valve and report to your local distributor or local Interspiro office the serial numbers for the breathing valves receiving replacement valve cones.

If you have any immediate questions please contact your local distributor or the local Interspiro office.