

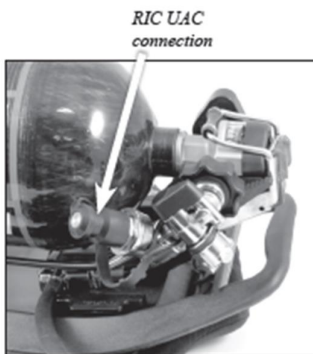
IMPORTANT NOTICE

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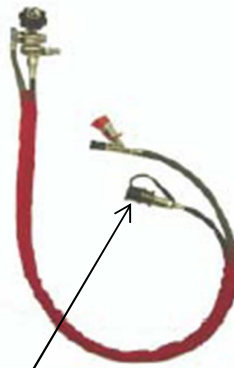
DESCRIPTION

Interspiro has received a Campaign Bulletin from our supplier of the FD17-1082-10-04 Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Universal Air Connection (UAC) male coupling (Interspiro p/n 96797-51) and FD17-1003-04-04 RIC UAC female coupling (Interspiro p/n 33932-01) delivered as part of Interspiro S4 through S8 series SCBA and RIT Rescue Packs stating that the couplings may contain some manufacturing inconsistencies. The supplier has determined that the inconsistencies could potentially result in a cup seal blow-out in the male coupling when the female/male couplings are connected by hand. If the male coupling has the cup seal blow-out, the coupling male/female halves cannot be coupled.

APPLIES TO



S4 through S8 Series SCBA RIC UAC



RIT Rescue Pack female RIC UAC

ACTION

This requires the immediate inspection of all RIC UAC male couplings delivered as part of Interspiro S4 through S8 series SCBAs and RIC UAC female couplings delivered as part of Interspiro RIT Rescue Packs shipped from Interspiro between March 1st 2015 and April 8, 2016.

The coupling supplier has identified specific manufacturing date code ranges for the male and female couplings that need to be replaced as soon as possible and returned to Interspiro. These date codes are located on the male and female couplings as shown below. The affected date code ranges are:

Female Coupling (see Figure 1)

March 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016

Date codes from 061 15 through 031 16.

Male Coupling (see Figure 2)

March 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015

Date codes from 061 15 through 214 15.

Note: If the date code stamped on the coupling contains six digits, use only the first five digits to determine the date code of the coupling.

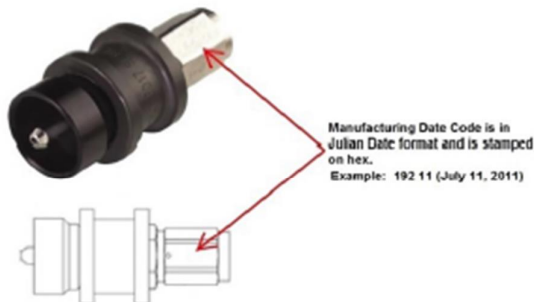


Figure One - Female Coupling



Figure Two - Male Coupling

Our records indicate the highlighted items and quantities delivered to you on the attached Packing List during this timeframe are affected by this Campaign Bulletin.

An S4 through S8 series SCBA with a RIC UAC male coupling or a RIT Rescue Pack with a RIC UAC female coupling identified in the affected ranges may temporarily remain in service until the coupling is replaced provided a connection test is performed to determine whether a cup seal blow out condition exists.

To perform this test, pressurize the SCBA and then connect a pressurized Interspiro RIT Rescue Pack high pressure hose with a female RIC UAC coupling to the male RIC UAC coupling. Verify that the connection between the Interspiro RIT Rescue Pack high pressure female coupling and the male RIC UAC coupling can be made, and check for audible leaks from the male coupling. If the connection cannot be made, or if leaks are present, remove the SCBA or RIT Rescue Pack from service immediately and have the male RIC UAC coupling or female RIC UAC coupling replaced before the SCBA or RIT Rescue Pack is put back into service.

If the connection can be made and no leaks are present, disconnect the Interspiro RIT Rescue Pack fill hose from the male RIC UAC coupling. If you hear or detect an abnormally loud sound or rush of air during disconnection, repeat this connection test to ensure a cup seal blow-out has not occurred and that a successful connection can be made.

A successful connection test indicates the male or female RIC UAC coupling can remain in temporary service. This test must be performed after every use of the RIC UAC coupling to determine if the SCBA or RIT Rescue Pack should continue in service. However, any male or female RIC UAC coupling with a date code within the range specified in this Campaign Bulletin must be replaced as soon as possible.

Replacing the male or female RIC UAC coupling must be done by an Interspiro certified service technician.

Any RIC UAC male/female couplings found to have date codes listed in this notice will be replaced under warranty. Contact Interspiro for replacement couplings.

All RIC UAC male/female couplings found to have date codes listed in this notice must be returned to Interspiro after replacement couplings have been installed.

After completion of the RIC UAC male/female couplings inspection and replacement if necessary, contact your regional Interspiro Sales Manager or Interspiro Inc., and confirm that all actions regarding this Campaign Bulletin have been taken.

Note: The Interspiro S4 through S8 series SCBA RIC UAC male quick coupling includes a valve as part of the RIC UAC male quick coupling. The valve is opened by the pin in the center of the female coupling when the male/female couplings are coupled together. The Interspiro design also includes an additional one-way valve under the male RIC UAC quick coupling. This design ensures that high pressure air can only enter the SCBA cylinder from a separate rescue breathing air supply. High pressure air cannot be transfilled between two SCBAs because of this design.

The S4 through S8 series SCBA RIC UAC male coupling is not pressurized when the SCBA is pressurized during normal use because of this additional one-way valve. Because of this design, the likelihood of a cup seal blow out is very low.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or require any technical assistance regarding this notice, please contact Interspiro at 262-947-9901 or via e-mail at info@interspiro.com.

Contact Interspiro for replacement couplings and to obtain a Return Authorization (RA) number to return Male or Female RIC UAC couplings affected by this Campaign Bulletin. Identify return shipments with the assigned RA number. Ship to:

Interspiro Inc.
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Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158