

October 11, 2010

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

To: **All Users of Sperian Warrior Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipped with the Sperian IntelliPASS™ Personal Alert Safety System (PASS)**

The purpose of this Important Safety Notice is to advise you of a potential safety issue with the Sperian IntelliPASS Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) used with Sperian Warrior SCBAs. *This notice does **not** apply to the COMPASS PASS device used with Survivair Panther™ SCBAs.*

There are certain rare conditions under which remaining battery life may not be detected properly by IntelliPASSes manufactured prior to April 1, 2010. These circumstances only occur in used batteries toward the end of the useful battery life. It is possible that a Warrior could have batteries with low voltage that seem to be working properly, but when attempting to go into full PASS alarm, the IntelliPASS will shut down and reset to sensing mode, either immediately or after a few full alarm cycles.

Even though such occurrences are unlikely, Sperian is requiring that all users of Warriors with the IntelliPASSes manufactured before April 1, 2010 take immediate corrective action. They may return their front IntelliPASS module (the electronic module that contains the analog pressure gauge) to Sperian for a firmware upgrade or have the firmware upgrade done in the field by Sperian or Sperian-authorized personnel. The firmware upgrade will ensure that the IntelliPASS will provide a low battery status when it is supposed to. If you are not sure when your IntelliPASS was manufactured, look for an “R” engraved into the back of the unit. The “R” identifies the IntelliPASS as being manufactured on or after April 1, 2010 (see Figure 1). All IntelliPASSes that do not have the “R” marking must be upgraded. IntelliPASSes that have the “R” marking do not require an upgrade for this safety issue.



Figure 1



As a temporary measure until the firmware upgrade occurs, replace all batteries immediately with four new batteries. This should allow you to use the IntelliPASS for up to two months of normal functioning (based on a use rate of 30 minutes per day) without experiencing this issue. Higher use rates or frequent use of the IntelliPASS in pre-alarm or alarm mode may shorten the life of the batteries to less than two months. In such cases, batteries should be replaced more often. Your local authorized Sperian Warranty Service Center will provide you with a set of batteries per SCBA at no charge. Use only "C" type Duracell alkaline MN1400 or Procell alkaline PC1400 batteries. Please complete the attached form and give it to your local Sperian Warranty Service Center.

Any IntelliPASS submitted for the firmware upgrade referred to in this notice will also be upgraded to the current motion sensitivity settings, if not already done.

Please choose one of the following procedures immediately:

(1) Please return your front PASS module to Sperian Respiratory Protection for reprogramming. Again, please complete the attached form and give it to your Sperian Warranty Service Center or fax it to Sperian Respiratory Protection if you are requesting Sperian to do the reprogramming.

or

(2) Contact Sperian Respiratory Protection or your Sperian Warranty Service Center to arrange for the reprogramming to be done locally. This may occur either at your facility or at the Sperian Warranty Service Center's facility. Please complete the attached form and give it to your Sperian Warranty Service Center or fax it to Sperian Respiratory Protection if you are requesting the reprogramming to be done in the field.

Sperian Respiratory Protection (formerly known as Survivair Respirators LLC) is providing this information in the interest of your safety. We apologize for any inconvenience. All questions should be directed to **Sperian Technical Services** at **(800) 394-0410**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven H. Weinstein".

Steven H. Weinstein
Technical Services Manager