

APEKS EXOTEC Buoyancy Control Device (BCD)

Dear Customer,

Aqualung Group is announcing a pending safety bulletin of a limited number of the APEKS EXOTEC BCD that have been produced and distributed since August 2021. The bulletin concerns four models where it has been identified the BCD should have a longer “Pull Cord”, as shown in Fig2 below. Fig 1 shows the affected model with the shorter length cord.

Why is this a problem?

When the BCD is inflated, the grey pull dump knob retracts towards the stitched channel of the jacket. The channel then prevents the knob from further retracting and slightly opens the dump valve. As a result, the BCD cannot be fully inflated, which could lead to a lack of buoyancy control.



Fig 1. With Short Pull



Fig 2. With correct length Pull Cord

Instructions for

Customers:

Customers are kindly asked to:

- Immediately **stop using their EXOTEC BCD** if it is one of the affected models as per the “Identification guide” provided hereunder
- Immediately **return it to the Specialized Dealer** where they bought the unit; the Dealer will make the necessary adjustments in accordance with the Instructions provided in this communication to allow the device to perform correctly.
- **Alternatively**, you can send the affected BCD for repair at *Aqualung Technical Center – After Sales*, 2105 Rutherford Road – Carlsbad, CA 92008

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact customer service at the following address: consumersupport@aqualung.com

Thank you for your understanding and unwavering support.

The Aqualung Team

IDENTIFICATION GUIDE FOR PRODUCTS CONCERNED BY THE BULLETIN & INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPAIR

A. IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS CONCERNED BY THIS BULLETIN

The total of four models have been identified to be affected by this issue. Please refer to the below references to verify if your BCD is concerned by this bulletin:

1) Models & Serial numbers of the affected EXOTEC BCDs are:

Model **BC, APEKS EXOTEC, BLK/ORANGE, ML/LG** having an article number (CPN) **BT1380108ML** and bearing one of the below serial numbers:

BB831728	TO	BB831757
BB831758	TO	BB831787
BB832298	TO	BB832327
BB832508	TO	BB832537
BB832598	TO	BB832627
BB832538	TO	BB832567
BB836899	TO	BB836928
BB837109	TO	BB837138
BB837334	TO	BB837363
BB839055	TO	BB839084
BB839295	TO	BB839324
BB839475	TO	BB839504
BB845500	TO	BB845529
BB848615	TO	BB848644

Model **BC, APEKS EXOTEC, BLK/ORANGE, XL/XXL** having an article number (CPN) **BT1380108XLXXL** and bearing one of the below serial numbers:

BB833639	TO	BB833668
BB836239	TO	BB836268
BB838905	TO	BB838934
BB839785	TO	BB839814

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Serial# BB845500


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WARNING

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PELIGRO: Un chaleco de estabilización no es un chaleco de salvamento. No está concebido para mantener las vías respiratorias fuera del agua en todas las situaciones.

PERICOLO: Questo non è un giubbetto di salvataggio. In superficie non garantisce la posizione a capo eretto.

WARNUNG: Dieses Taierjacket ist KEINE Rettungsweste! Es garantiert keine Schwimmage mit dem Gesicht nach oben und erfüllt daher nicht die nationalen Anforderungen einer Rettungsweste.

DANGER: Un Gilet de stabilité n'est pas un gilet de sauvetage. Il n'est pas conçu pour maintenir les voies respiratoires hors de l'eau dans toutes les situations.

VAROVANÍ: Kompensátor vzduchu není záchranná vesta! Jedině se o plavání, který ve vlně udržuje hlavu nad hladinou, zajišťuje stabilizaci nad hladinou.

WAARSCHUWING: Dit is GEEN zweemvest. De BC garandeert niet dat de draager ervan aan het wateroppervlak met het hoofd boven water staat.

ADVARSEL: Dette er IKKE en redningsvest. Den garanterer ikke at en person blir snudd med ansikt opp i overflatskilling.

TRIEDI/TYPENGEWISSE: Kompensator ni nadyshnitsy ne soderzhit volnykh Gosnachochek. On ne rapartevnyet nodyshaniye na nodyshnitsy vzduhu nad vodoi vo vsey konfiguratsii.

Serial# BB845500

Model:

Size:

Lot#

BT1380108ML

ML/LG

21349AD003

Buoyancy:

46 LBS 20 LITRES

210 NEWTONS

Weight Capacity:

10 LB (4.5 kg) x 2 Releasable And

5 LB (2.2 kg) x 4 Non-Releasable



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Serial# BB850625

Model:

Size:

Lot#

BT1380108XLXXL

XL/XXL

22020AD023

Buoyancy:

46 LBS 20 LITRES

200 NEWTONS

Weight Capacity:

10 LB (4.5 kg) x 2 Releasable And

5 LB (2.2 kg) x 4 Non-Releasable



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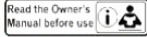
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BB845740	TO	BB845769
BB845950	TO	BB845979
BB846625	TO	BB846654
BB849050	TO	BB849079
BB847360	TO	BB847389
BB849725	TO	BB849754
BB852344	TO	BB852373

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PERICOLO: Questo non è un giubbotto di salvataggio! In superficie non garantisce la posizione a capo eretto.

WARNING: Dieses Taileckjacket ist KEINE Rettungsweste! Es garantiert keine Schwimmage mit dem Kopf nach oben und erfüllt daher nicht die nationalen Anforderungen einer Rettungsweste.

DANGER: Un Gilet de stabilisation n'est pas un gilet de sauvetage. Il n'est pas conçu pour maintenir les voies respiratoires hors de l'eau dans toutes les situations.


VAROVANÍ: Kompensátor vzduchu není záchranná vesta! Jedině se o plavání, který ve většině situací nezaručuje močnou hlavu nad hladinou.

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Serial# BB845395




Model: BT1380110ML
 Size: ML/LG
 Lot# 21343AD035

Buoyancy: 46 LBS 20 LITRES 210 NEWTONS

Weight Capacity: 10 LB (4.5 kg) x 2 Releasable And 5 LB (2.2 kg) x 4 Non-Releasable





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Model **BC, APEKS EXOTEC, BLK/GREY, XL/XXL** having an article number (CPN) **BT1380110XLXXL** and bearing one of the below serial numbers:

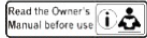
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BB841015	TO	BB841044
BB841255	TO	BB841284
BB841375	TO	BB841404
BB841735	TO	BB841764
BB842950	TO	BB842979
BB843160	TO	BB843189

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Serial# BB860905




Model: BT1380110XLXXL
 Size: XL/XXL
 Lot# 22091AD037

Buoyancy: 46 LBS 20 LITRES 200 NEWTONS

Weight Capacity: 10 LB (4.5 kg) x 2 Releasable And 5 LB (2.2 kg) x 4 Non-Releasable





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2) Where to find the Serial Number.

Location of Serial Number on the product

