



HAMMERHEAD™ LIFE PRESERVER

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1. SAFETY

1.1 General



CAUTION

The following describes potential hazards or procedures that, if not performed correctly, can result in damage to or failure of the life preserver, personal injury or death.

- Only persons who have been trained in the operation and care of this device should use it.
- This life preserver must be inflated to provide buoyancy to the user.
- Never inflate the life preserver fully by mouth first and then pull the handle to discharge the CO₂ cylinders. Doing so may cause injury to the user or damage to the life preserver.
- Each set of CO₂ cylinders will only inflate the life preserver once. The life preserver must be rearmed with new cylinders following each CO₂ inflation.
- Do not dry clean, iron or machine-wash your life preserver.
- Avoid exposure to acids or acid environments. Acids can severely degrade the nylon webbing.
- Do not use damaged life preservers. Send them to an approved repair facility for inspection, maintenance and repair.
- Unless indicated herein, no objects or equipment should be attached to the Hammerhead over-shell to avoid risk of harm to the system or user.
- No objects or piece of equipment should interfere with the chassis or slide rails as this will prevent actuation.
- Do not inhale CO₂ gas. Doing so may cause you to become nauseous.
- Discontinue use of the lightweight assault harness system and remove from service if inspection reveals an unsafe condition. Harnesses which have been subjected to the forces of arresting a fall must be removed from service and destroyed.
- Discontinue use of the harness system if it has come into contact with any corrosive or caustic chemical agents such as acids, bases or petroleum products.
- No repair is allowed to the lightweight assault harness or harness attachment strap set.

2. EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW

2.1 Hammerhead Life Preserver

The Hammerhead™ Tactical Life Preserver is a high-buoyancy, constant-wear, inflatable life preserver designed for discrete tactical operations. To function properly, it must be integrated with an Assault Harness system that incorporates leg straps. Two-quick-eject buckles and one side-release buckle on the life preserver's chassis provide secure harness attachment points.

In its packed configuration, the life preserver fits closely to the neck and extends across the shoulders at the outside of the chest area. The harness attachment points run to the outside of the hipbone at the waist and down the center of one's back. The packed side lobes extend only to the breast and should not interfere with tactical load-carriage or other equipment. When inflated, the life preserver will cover the chest area and support the neck.

The Hammerhead™ should not be worn under any other carriage system or under clothing. The life preserver system should be the outermost system in any tactical configuration.

The life preserver has a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag installed in a convenient location for ease of jacket traceability and management of inspection records and history.



Figure 2.1: Hammerhead™
P/N 67006-001
Front View - Packed



Figure 2.2: Hammerhead™
P/N 67006-001
Front View – Inflated

2.2 Harness, Safety Swimmer's (Kit)

The Harness, Safety Swimmers (kit), 67008-001, consists of a Hammerhead™ Life Preserver P/N 67006-001, a Lightweight Assault Harness P/N 67306-002 and an Assault Harness Attachment Strap Set P/N 6762-YATES.

The life preserver is attached to the modified assault harness by connecting the female portion of the side-release buckle on the chassis collar to the male portion on the back extender strap and the quick-ejector buckles on the lower portion of the life preserver chassis to the V-rings on the front straps. The two short attachment straps with V-rings are installed on the front waist belt of the assault harness. The loop on the lower portion of the back strap is installed at the center back of the waist belt.



Figures 2.3 and 2.4: Assault Harness Configuration, front and rear views

2.3 Specifications

SPECIFICATIONS		
Inflated Buoyancy		65 lbs nominal (289 Newtons)
Operating Temperature:	Automatic Inflation (in Water)	32°F to 90°F (0°C to 32°C)
	Manual Inflation (in Water)	0°F to 110°F (-18°C to 43°C)
	Manual Inflation (Air)	0°F to 110°F (-18°C to 43°C)
Dimensions:	Inflated	20" wide x 28" long x 8" thick 50.8cm x 71.1cm x 20.3cm
	Packed	13" wide x 18" long x 3" thick 33cm x 45.7cm x 7.6cm
Weight (ready to deploy)		4.6 lbs (2.1 kg)
Inflatable Buoyancy Chambers Material Construction		2 Inflatable Chambers Polyether Polyurethane Film RF Heat Sealed Seams
Cell Container Material Construction		Polyurethane-coated Nylon Sewn Seams
CO ₂ Gas Charge		2 x 35 grams (1.23 oz) cylinders
Service Life		
Hammerhead™ Life preserver		Indefinite; unit must continue to pass periodic maintenance inspections
Lightweight Assault Harness		Maximum capacity of the Lightweight Assault Harness is 310 lbs. Recommend maximum of five years for continuous use of the product. Can be extended to ten years if the product is in good condition and periodic inspections are followed throughout the life of the product.
Frequency of Inspection		See Service Schedule

Table 2.1: Hammerhead™ P/N 67006-001 Specifications

2.4 Parts and Features, Life Preserver



Figure 2.5: Hammerhead™ P/N 67006-001 Front View – Inflated

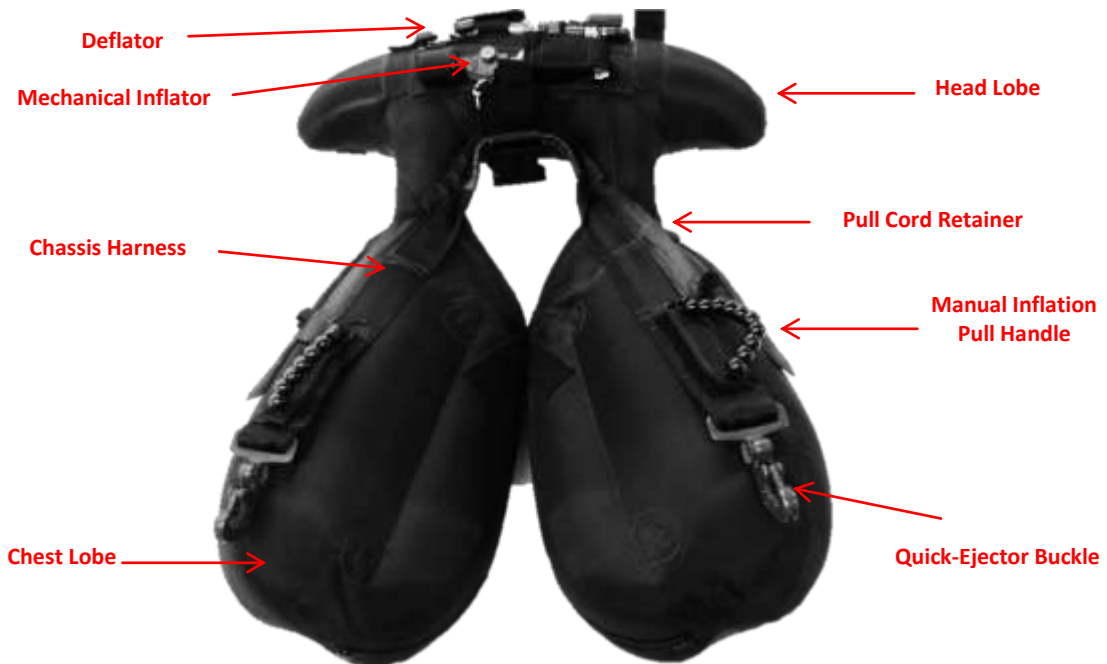


Figure 2.6: Hammerhead™ P/N 67006-001 Back View - Inflated

2.5 Component Sub-Assemblies

2.5.1 Structural Over-shell

The inflatable compartment consists of a structural over-shell container and a dual-chamber inflatable bladder. The over-shell is comprised of two chest lobes that cover the chest area when inflated, and a head lobe to support the wearer's head. Internal baffles in the chest lobes restrict the radius of the lobes upon inflation while webbing reinforcements serve to reduce stress along the baffle seams.

Hook and loop fastener strips on the inflatable cell container allow the life preserver to be folded in upon itself to form a compact package for constant wear. A hook and loop strap closure can be used to secure the chest lobes when the jacket is inflated. Retro-reflective tape patches on the side lobes are provided with covers to minimize visibility in tactical situations. A beaded loop tab is provided on the reflective patch cover. Attachment loops and patches are provided on the chest lobes to which personal locator lights or additional retro reflective patches can be fixed.

The structural cell container includes three zipper openings which allow access to the inflatable bladder for servicing or replacement.

2.5.2 Chassis Harness

The cell container is secured to a webbing chassis fitted with quick-release buckles that provide the life preserver with three-point attachment to a harness system. The neck attachment point is the female portion of a 2-inch side-release buckle. The remaining two attachment points are quick-ejector clips designed to fit with V-rings on the separate harness straps.

Slide rails located on the lower portion of the chassis harness ensure positive connection of the side lobes to the harness system while allowing the side lobes to be packed away higher on the chest.

2.5.3 Inflatable Bladder

The inflatable bladder is constructed from three layers of polyether polyurethane film sealed together to form two independent, superimposed inflatable chambers. Each chamber has a mechanical inflator, an oral inflator, and a deflation valve. The bladder extends throughout the inflation compartment so that inflation symmetry is maintained even with one chamber deflated. The bladder is designed to be larger than the over-shell to ensure that upon inflation, the bladder is not stressed. The structural over-shell bears the full force of inflation. This design feature allows the Hammerhead™ life preserver to operate at a higher than usual inflation pressure and allows for full inflation at depth.

2.5.4 Inflation System

The CO₂ (carbon dioxide) inflation system is located at the back of the neck. It consists of two Halkey-Roberts Alpha 90000 mechanical inflators, one for each chamber, attached to the underside of the head lobe. Two CO₂ cylinders are held in place by hook and loop fastener and webbing loops. Only the specified CO₂ cylinders are compatible with this life preserver (see Parts List).

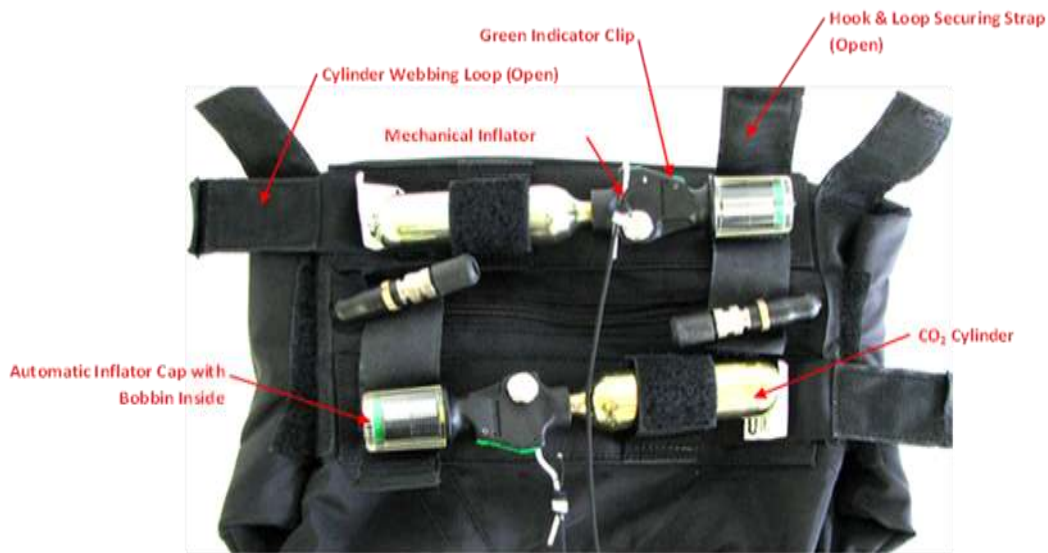


Fig 2.5: Mechanical Inflation System

The Alpha 90000 inflators have been modified by drilling out a portion of the inflator collar and installing a threaded steel insert. The purpose of this modification is to eliminate the risk of cross-threading when installing CO₂ cylinders.



Fig 2.6: *Cut-away view of modified Alpha 90000 Inflator with stainless steel insert*

Each chamber also has an oral inflation valve connected to an oral tube located on the front of the chest lobes. The valves have threaded safety locks to prevent inadvertent deflation and are secured to the over-shell with hook & loop fastener tabs. Two additional oral valves on the head lobe serve as deflation valves.

Manual activation is provided through two inflation handles located on the lower portion of the chassis. A tear-away pull cord system runs along the chassis and connects the handles to the inflator mechanism. Hook & loop fastener strips are used to secure the manual inflation handles and pull cord to the chassis to prevent any snagging.

Automatic inflation is possible when inflators are fitted with an automatic inflator cap. The automatic inflator cap uses a bobbin designed to disintegrate when exposed to water. This allows the firing mechanism to puncture the CO2 cylinder and fill the inflatable chamber.

2.5.5 Modified Assault Harness

The Modified Assault Harness, P/N 67306-002 is a YATES model 313 lightweight assault harness, modified with the addition of two comfort pads located under the leg strap buckles. The harness is adjustable at the waist and leg straps.

2.5.6 Harness Attachment Strap Set

The Strap Set, 6760-YATES consists of two adjustable front straps with V-rings and a two part adjustable back strap with male half of a 2" side release buckle.

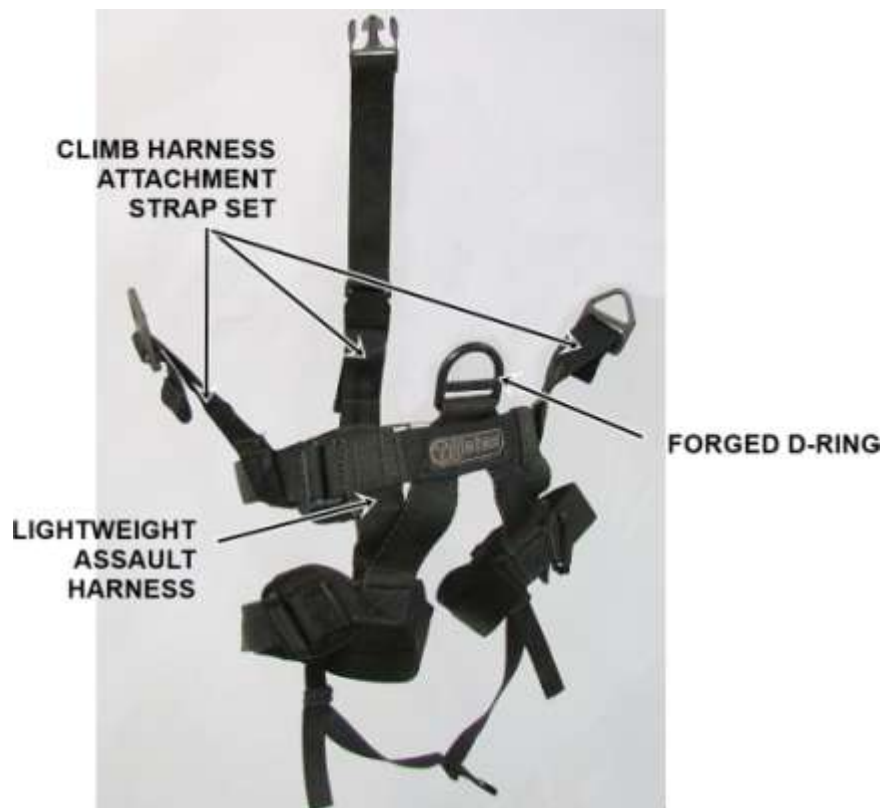


Figure 2.7: Assault harness fitted with Harness Attachment Strap Set

3. EQUIPMENT OPERATION

3.1 Pre-Donning Inspection

Before each use, the life preserver, strap set and the assault harness should be inspected as follows:

3.1.1 Inspect Life Preserver for Damage

Check that the fabric and webbing components are free of rips, tears or holes; that all seams are securely sewn and that all hardware is securely attached and operational.

3.1.2 Check the Condition of the CO2 Cylinder

To check the condition of the cylinder, unscrew it from the inflator mechanism. Once removed, look at the flat face of the cylinder just above the threads. An empty cylinder will have a visible puncture hole on the face and cannot be reused. The cylinder should also be discarded and replaced if it shows signs of corrosion. If the cylinder is serviceable and the sealing gasket is inspected and found to be undamaged and properly seated, the cylinder can then be re-installed by screwing back into the inflator mechanism. Hand-tighten only. If the cylinder is used or damaged, discard the cylinder and rearm the mechanism per the instructions in Section 4.2 Rearming the Inflation System.

3.1.3 Check the Arming Status Indicator

Check that the green indicator clip is in place on the inflator's lever. The green clip should be in place if the mechanism is properly armed. If the green clip is broken or missing, rearm the mechanism as per the instructions in Section 4.2 Rearming the Inflation System.

Check that the automatic inflator cap end is green indicating that a bobbin is installed in the automatic inflator cap assembly. If the cap assembly is red, install a bobbin per the instructions in Section 4.2 Rearming the Inflation System.

3.1.4 Inspect Harness System for Damage

Inspect the assault harness and attachment strap set to assure they are in serviceable condition. Check for worn or damaged parts, ensuring all hardware is present and do not have any sharp edges, burrs or cracks. Ensure all buckles function properly. Inspect webbings for wear, cuts, burns, frayed edges or other damage. Inspect all stitching for abrasion and wear.

Discontinue use of the harness and/or strap set and remove from service if inspection reveals an unsafe condition.

3.2 Donning the Assault Harness and Life Preserver

3.2.1 Assault Harness

Ensure Harness Attachment Strap Set P/N 6762-YATES is properly installed on the harness with the three strap adjustments facing outwards. Two short straps with V-rings are installed on the front waist belt of the assault harness. The loop on the lower portion of the back strap is installed at the center back of the harness waist belt.

Locate the forged D-Ring on front of the harness, hold up harness by this d-ring ensuring the straps are not twisted.

Step into the harness and leg straps. Pull the harness up around the waist, positioning the d-ring in front. Ensure the leg straps are not tangled and hang freely around the legs.

Adjust the waist by pulling on the waist belt through the cam lock waist buckle and adjust the strap snugly.

Pull each leg strap webbings through their respective cam lock buckles and adjust snugly.

3.2.2 Life Preserver

Place the Hammerhead life preserver around the neck so that the beaded manual inflation handles face towards the body.

Connect the male portion of the side release buckle on the back strap of the Harness Attachment Strap with the female portion of the buckle on the life preserver chassis harness.

Open the buckles on the lower front of the life-preserver chassis by pulling up on the quick ejector release and clip them to the two (2) V-rings of the front Harness Attachment Straps.

The life preserver should be worn with the collar as close as possible to the back of the neck. Fastening points on the harness should be wide, leaving the chest area free to access tactical equipment.

Tighten the adjustable straps so that the chassis is secure to the body, but range of motion is not unduly restricted. The V-rings should be worn above the hip bones.

3.3 Inflation

3.3.1 Automatic Inflation

Inflation of the Hammerhead™ will occur automatically upon immersion of the life preserver in water if the unit is configured for auto-inflation. Activation of the inflator mechanism should occur within 5 seconds of exposure and full inflation should occur within 5 seconds of activation.

3.3.2 Manual Inflation

To activate manual inflation, detach the inflation handles from the chassis by pulling outward, perpendicular to ones side at shoulder height, quickly and forcefully on both handles until inflation is activated. Approximately 25 lbs (7 Newtons) of pull force is required for manual activation.

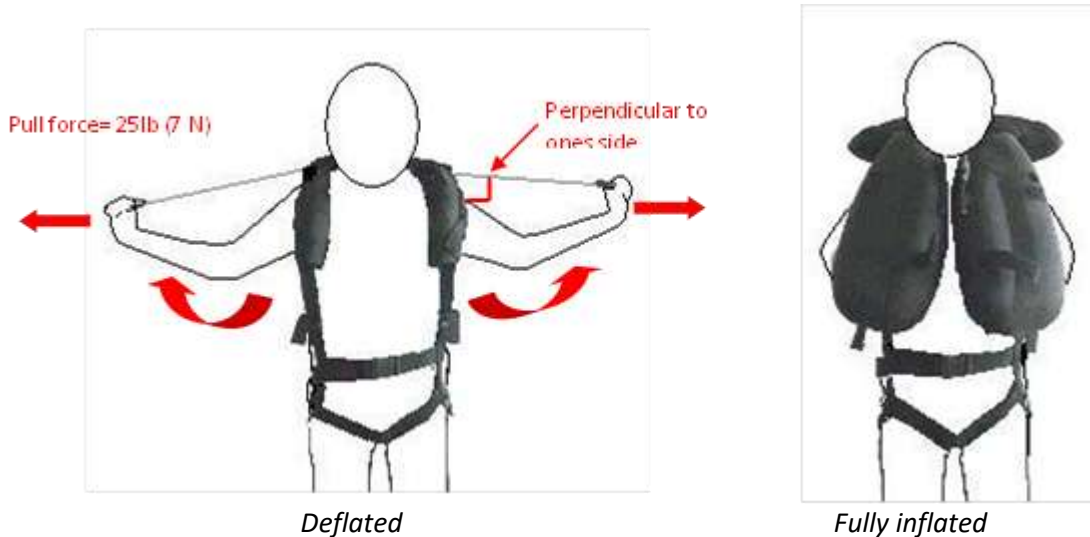


Figure 3.2: Manual Inflation of the Hammerhead™

3.3.3 Inflation by Mouth

To inflate the life preserver orally, the life preserver must first be unpacked. To unpack, separate the hook and loop fastening strips located on each of the chest lobes and the head lobe. Free the two oral tubes from their holders by releasing the hook and loop tab closures. Unlock the oral inflation valve by screwing down the safety mechanism. Depress the valve and breathe forcefully into the bladder until the life preserver is firm.

3.4 Deflation

1. Detach the Hammerhead™ from the harness and place it on a flat surface, with the inflation system on the head lobe facing downwards. Remove the oral tubes from their keepers and fully unscrew the safety lock on each oral inflation valve. Take one oral tube in each hand and depress the oral inflation valve to begin deflation. You should hear gas coming out of each oral tube and feel the life preserver deflate. You can put the chest lobes on top of each other and use your arms and body to squeeze the lobes as much as possible to push the gas out while depressing the oral tube ends (Fig. 3.3). Continue compression until no more gas comes out of the oral tubes. There may still be gas left in the cell at this time.

Figure 3.3: *Compressing the Hammerhead™ to deflate*



2. The Hammerhead™ should now be deflated enough to pack one chest lobe. To pack the first chest lobe; begin by screwing the safety lock closed on the oral inflation valve for this lobe. The oral tube end should not be able to be depressed when properly locked. Then place the oral tube back into its keeper.



Figure 3.4: *Closing the safety lock on the oral inflation valve*



Figure 3.5: *Placing the oral tube back into its keeper*

3. Grasp the bottom of the chest lobe and the harness attachment buckle. Pull the chest lobe up and fold it upon itself (Fig. 3.6). Tuck the hook strap closure into the fold. The slide rail loop will travel on the slide rail to allow the chest lobes to be folded up and limiting the extent of the fold.

Figure 3.6: Chest lobe folded upward



4. Roll the chest lobe around the oral tube towards the fastener strip (Fig. 3.7). Once it is completely rolled, fasten it closed using the hook and loop fastener strips (Fig. 3.8). At this point, there should be no gas left in this chest lobe. By packing this lobe, the gas is transferred into the remaining chest and head lobe, preventing any gas from re-entering.

NOTE: When packing and mating the hook and loop fasteners, be careful to avoid excessive tightening as this may impede inflation.



Figure 3.7: Chest lobe rolled towards the fastener strip



Figure 3.8: Chest lobe rolled and fastened closed

5. Turn the Hammerhead™ over. Unlock both head lobe deflation valves as done for the oral tubes and depress them while using your body and arms to exhaust any remaining gas.

Figure 3.9: *Deflation through head lobe deflation valves*



6. At this time the second chest lobe should be able to be packed. Grasp the bottom of the chest lobe and the harness attachment buckle. Pull the chest lobe up and fold it upon itself (Fig. 3.6). Roll the chest lobe around the oral tube towards the fastener strip (Fig. 3.7). Once it is completely rolled, fasten it closed using the hook and loop fastener strips (Fig. 3.8). At this point, there should be no gas left in this chest lobe, and any remaining small amounts of gas should be transferred to the head lobe.
7. Fold each side of the head lobe from the outside towards the inflation system until the hook and loop fastener patches on the back and front sides of the head lobe mate and secure them in place. Use the deflation valves to exhaust gas from the head lobe.

Figure 3.10: *Folding sides of neck lobe*



8. The used CO2 cylinders should now be removed. Beginning with the upper inflator; open the webbing loop covering the CO2 cylinder & unscrew the CO2 cylinder from the inflator.

NOTE: If the cylinder has been used, it will have a hole pierced in the end of it. Discard the used CO2 cylinder.

Figure 3.11: *Removing CO2 cylinder*



9. Repeat this procedure for the lower inflator.
10. Next, fold one corner of the head lobe over and apply pressure while depressing one of the head lobe deflation valves. Repeat this procedure for the other corner.

Figure 3.12: *Deflating head lobe*



11. Lock the head lobe deflation valves as done for the oral tube valves.
12. Roll the head lobe from the top towards the chassis. Secure the head lobe in the rolled position by attaching the single hook fastener strip in the center (Fig. 3.13) and the two on the sides, to the loop patches on the back of the head lobe (Fig. 3.14).



Figure 3.13: *Fastening Head Lobe Center*



Figure 3.14: *Fastening Head Lobe Sides*

13. When all the lobes can be packed without any bulging, the Hammerhead™ is sufficiently deflated. Otherwise, unpack and repeat the process until the Hammerhead™ is properly deflated.

3.5 Conversion to Manual Inflation Mode

When automatic activation upon immersion in water is not desirable, the Hammerhead™ can be set up for manual inflation only. To set up the inflation system for manual mode, remove the clear inflator caps which hold the bobbins and replace each with a yellow manual mode cap (P/N 3219-001). The automatic inflation mode is now disabled and inflation can only occur by manual activation.

Figure 3.16: *Installation of Manual Mode Cap*



To convert the life preserver back to automatic inflation mode, remove the yellow Manual Mode cap and reinstall the bobbins and automatic inflation caps (refer to Section 4.2 Rearming the Mechanical Inflators)

4. REARMING AND PACKING

4.1 Halkey-Roberts V80040 Bobbin Assembly

The V80040 Bobbin Assembly is designed to disintegrate when exposed to water. This allows the firing mechanism to puncture the CO₂ cylinder and fill the inflatable chamber. To ensure consistent service from the automatic inflator, the bobbin should be changed at Halkey-Roberts recommended service interval or replace more frequently in extreme conditions, i.e. high temperature or high humidity.

Shelf Life: Bobbin must be stored in a cool dry environment. (65 °F to 85 °F, 19 °C to 29 °C; Maximum 60% RH). Halkey-Roberts recommends a shelf life of five (5) years. Use Date Code printed on bobbin case to determine manufacturing date, when shelf life begins.



Figure 4.1: V80040 Bobbin Date Code

Service Life: Recommended service life is twelve (12) months and begins when bobbin is removed from a cool dry environment or when bobbin is installed in an inflator, whichever comes first. Shelf life plus service life not to exceed six (6) years from Date Code. Replace (Discard) bobbin within a maximum of six (6) years from Date Code.

4.2 Rearming the Mechanical Inflators

Each time the inflation is actuated, the inflators must be rearmed, the bobbins replaced (for automatic inflation) and the empty CO₂ cylinders replaced. The necessary parts, available from the manufacturer are;

Arming Kit - Tulmar Safety Systems Part No: 5675-100

The arming kit contains 2 CO₂ cylinders, 2 bobbins and 2 green indicator clips along with arming instructions. The arming components can also be procured separately.



Figure 4.2: *Mechanical Inflation System*

4.3 Rearming Procedure:

CAUTION: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE ARMING SEQUENCE AS OUTLINED BELOW. IF AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO REPLACE THE CYLINDER BEFORE REPLACING THE BOBBIN, THE PIERCING PIN WILL STRIKE THE SURFACE OF THE CYLINDER AS IT IS THREADED IN TRIGGERING INFLATION.

1. Unscrew the used CO2 cylinder in a counter-clockwise direction and immediately discard.
2. Ensure the inflator lever is properly closed and seated in the inflator body and the piercing pin is not protruding into the cylinder cavity.
3. If configured for Manual Inflation Mode as described in section 3.5, proceed to step 6.
4. To access the automatic inflator cap, undo the hook and loop securing strap. Unscrew the automatic inflator cap from the inflator head. Remove the bobbin and discard (Fig. 4.2). The bobbin should be changed if the life preserver is exposed to water, even if it was manually inflated. Blow out the automatic inflator cap and the end of the inflator with air to remove any moisture from the bobbin holder.
5. Insert a new bobbin into the bobbin holder, white side facing away from the inflator, aligning the slots on the bobbin with the ridges inside the threaded housing. The bobbin will slide in easily if correctly installed. Reinstall the automatic inflator cap. Green will appear through the end of the transparent cap indicating that the auto-inflator mechanism is armed (Fig. 4.3).



Figure 4.3: *Bobbin Replacement*



Figure 4.4: *Automatic Inflator Cap with Green Indicator*

6. Look into the threaded cylinder receiver of the inflator and view the cylinder gasket. If the gasket is missing or torn, or if the edges are frayed, it must be replaced. Remove the life preserver from service and return to an approved maintenance facility.

Figure 4.5: *Checking Cylinder Gasket at bottom of inflator cavity*



7. Before installing a new cylinder; inspect the cylinder face. Be sure it is smooth and has no holes or scratches.
8. To install the cylinder, slip it through the elastic cylinder keeper and thread it into the hole in the inflator body, turning in a clockwise direction. Ensure the cylinder is snugly seated, but do not over-tighten. Fasten the cylinder webbing loop and fasteners.
9. To indicate the inflator is armed, install a new green arming indicator clip if one is missing. Otherwise simply make sure the green clip is properly installed around the closed inflator lever. Ensure the inflation pull cords are not caught in the green clip. Close the hook and loop securing straps. This green clip indicates that the inflator lever is ready for use.

Figure 4.6: *Installing Arming Status Indicator Clip*



10. Repeat steps 1 through 9 for the other inflator.

4.4 Folding and Packing

The packing of the Hammerhead™ generally follows the deflation and re-arm procedures and is accomplished by first packing the chest lobes and then the head lobe.

1. Lay the fully deflated Hammerhead™ on a flat surface with the inflation system on the head lobe facing downwards. Ensure that the chest lobes are positioned so that the oral tubes are facing each other.



Figure 4.7: *Hammerhead™ Ready for Packing*

2. Grasp the bottom of the chest lobe and the harness attachment buckle. Pull the chest lobe up and fold it upon itself. Tuck the hook or loop strap closure into the fold. The slide rail loop will travel on the slide rail to allow the chest lobes to be folded up and limiting the extent of the fold.

Figure 4.8: *Chest Lobe Folded Upward*



3. Roll the chest lobe around the oral tube towards the fastener strip. Once it is completely rolled, fasten it closed by aligning the hook fastener strips and loop patches and then secure them in place.

NOTE: Avoid excessive force when packing the lobes and securing the hook and loop fastenings. Tightening excessively may hamper release of the hook and loop fasteners and impede inflation. When properly packed, the Hammerhead™ should form a firm, compact package.

Figure 4.9: *Chest Lobe Rolled and Fastened*



4. Fold each side of the head lobe from the outside towards the CO2 inflation system until the hook and loop fastener patches on the back and front sides of the head lobe connect and secure in place (Fig. 4.10).

Figure 4.10: *Folding and Securing Neck Lobe*



5. Roll the head lobe from the top towards the chassis. Secure the head lobe in the rolled position by attaching the single hook fastener strip in the center (Fig. 4.11) and the two on the sides, to the loop patches on the head lobe (Fig. 4.12).



Figure 4.11: *Fastening Head Lobe Center*



Figure 4.12: *Fastening Head Lobe Side*

NOTE: Avoid excessive force when packing the lobes and securing the hook and loop fastenings. Tightening excessively may hamper release of the hook and loop fasteners and impede inflation. When properly packed, the Hammerhead™ should form a firm, compact package.

6. Ensure that the inflation pull cords are not crossed and free of any snagging hazards while passing on each side of the center hook fastener strip. Attach the pull handles to their fastener locations on the chassis.

Figure 4.13: *Inflation pull cords placed on each side of center fastener strip*



7. Separate the hook and loop fastener using the pull tabs to open the pull cord retainers. Begin placing the pull cord in the retainer starting at the pull cord handles and move towards the head lobe. The small amount of excess cord can be tucked inside of the head lobe, ensuring that the cord will not get caught on anything if pulled.

Figure 4.14: *Inflation pull cords placed in the pull cord retainers*



Figure 4.15: *Hammerhead™*
P/N 67006-001
Front View - Packed



Figure 4.16: *Hammerhead™*
P/N 67006-001
Back View – Packed

5. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

5.1 Rinsing

CAUTION: WATER BORNE CONTAMINANTS SUCH AS FOUND IN SALT WATER, POOL WATER, WATERWAYS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTS MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON LIFE PRESERVER FABRIC, WEBBINGS, GASKETS AND COMPONENTS, CONSEQUENTLY ON THE UNITS SERVICE LIFE AND PERFORMANCE.

CAUTION: DISARM THE INFLATION SYSTEM BEFORE PERFORMING ANY CLEANING PROCEDURE WITH WATER TO AVOID INADVERTENT INFLATION OF THE WATER ACTIVATED COMPONENTS. TO DISARM THE INFLATION SYSTEM, REMOVE THE BOBBIN FROM THE AUTOMATIC INFLATOR CAP AND KEEP AN EMPTY CYLINDER SCREWED IN THE INFLATOR BODY TO AVOID WATER ENTERING THE BLADDER THROUGH THE INFLATION PORT.

CAUTION: AVOID CONTACT WITH ANY CORROSIVE OR CAUSTIC CHEMICAL AGENTS SUCH AS ACIDS, BASES OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. DISCONTINUE USE OF THE HARNESS SYSTEM IF IT HAS COME INTO CONTACT WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED OR ANY SUSPECT CHEMICAL AGENTS.

ALWAYS USE FRESH CLEAN WATER TO CLEAN AND RINSE LIFE PRESERVER AND HARNESS SYSTEM

1. Avoid allowing the life preserver to dry after use without rinsing.
2. If the life preserver has dried, soak it for ten (10) minutes to re-dissolve the salt crystals and/or loosen sand and silt that has accumulated in tight places. Agitate the life preserver under water to ensure proper cleaning.
3. Soak the harness system in clean water for 5 minutes, occasionally agitating the harness under water. Repeat two or three times.
4. Thoroughly rinse the life preserver and harness system.
5. Allow life preserver and harness system to air dry. Do not use forced air or dry with heat. A circulating fan can be used to assist with air drying.

5.2 Cleaning

CAUTION: DISARM THE INFLATION SYSTEM BEFORE PERFORMING ANY CLEANING PROCEDURE WITH WATER TO AVOID INADVERTENT INFLATION OF THE WATER ACTIVATED COMPONENTS.

ALWAYS USE FRESH CLEAN WATER TO CLEAN AND RINSE LIFE PRESERVER AND HARNESS SYSTEM.

1. If local contamination with oil, grease, fluids is present, wash affected area of the life preserver with a concentrated solution of clothing wash detergent. Thoroughly rinse the area with fresh clean water before proceeding to clean the entire unit.
2. Life preservers that are encrusted with sand or have had the zippers accidentally opened, should be returned to an approved maintenance facility as it may have allowed grit to enter the bladder compartment.
3. Using a solution of mild soap and water, clean the entire life preserver by lightly scrubbing or gently hand washing.
4. The harness system may be cleaned using a solution of mild soap and water, by lightly scrubbing or gently hand washing. A detergent product from McNett® called ReviveX® Climbing Rope Cleaner Concentrate is recommended. ReviveX is free of bleach, phosphates, fabric softeners, optical brighteners and perfumes.
5. Thoroughly rinse the life preserver and harness components with clean, fresh water.
6. Allow components to air dry in a 15°C to 27°C area (60°F to 80 °F), out of direct sunlight. A circulating fan can be used to assist with air drying. Do not use forced air or dry with heat.

5.3 Storage

CAUTION: CONTAMINANTS SUCH AS PETROLEUM SOLVENTS, FUEL, GREASE, OIL AND HYDRAULIC FLUIDS MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON LIFE PRESERVER FABRIC AND CONSEQUENTLY ON THE UNITS SERVICE LIFE AND PERFORMANCE.

Store the Hammerhead life preserver and harness system in a clean, dry, well-ventilated place. Recommended storage temperature is between -18°C to 43°C (0°F to 110°F). A damp or wet product should be hung on a clothesline and dried before storage. Do not store the unit where it can be exposed to chemicals. Do not leave in direct sunlight or in hot areas for long periods. Avoid storing the life preserver inflated. Thoroughly inspect the assault harness and strap set after any period of extended storage.

5.4 Service Inspection Procedures

Service Inspection includes temporarily removing the life preserver from service and performing visual inspection and firmness check following the instructions below. Service inspection should be performed at least every 180 days.

Perform an inspection of the harness system before and after each use. Discontinue use of harness and remove from service if inspection reveals an unsafe condition. Discontinue use of the harness system if it has come into contact with any corrosive or caustic chemical agents such as acids, bases or petroleum products. Harnesses and strap sets which have been subjected to the forces of arresting a fall must be removed from service and destroyed.

5.4.1 Visual Inspection

Open the hook and loop fastener strips and unfold the life preserver. Check the life preserver cover for rips, tears, holes or punctures that might indicate damage. Check the life preserver straps for loose stitching. Check the hardware for damaged or missing components. If any damages are present or components are missing, forward the unit to an approved repair facility for maintenance inspection and repair before returning the life preserver to service.

Inspect the assault harness and attachment strap set to assure they are in serviceable condition. Check for worn or damaged parts, ensuring all hardware is present and do not have any sharp edges, burrs or cracks. Ensure all buckles function properly. Inspect webbings for wear, cuts, burns, frayed edges or other damage. Inspect all stitching for abrasion and wear.

Discontinue use of the harness and/or strap set and remove from service if inspection reveals an unsafe condition.

Discontinue use of the harness system if it has come into contact with any corrosive or caustic chemical agents such as acids, bases or petroleum products.

Harnesses and strap sets which have been subjected to the forces of arresting a fall must be removed from service and destroyed.

5.4.2 Firmness Check – Life Preserver

Check the inflatable cell for leaks by inflating the life preserver orally until the cell becomes hard. Refer to Section [3.3.3—Inflation by Mouth](#). Tighten the threaded safety locks on the inflation valve. Allow the life preserver to sit overnight (11 to 12 hours) and then check to see if the inflatable cell is still firm. A leaking life preserver will have become soft and should not be used. Send leaking life preservers to an approved repair facility for maintenance inspection and repair.

5.5 Periodic Maintenance Inspection

The life preserver should undergo Periodic Maintenance Inspection by an approved repair station. The repair facility must be trained and experienced in working on inflatable life-saving appliances. If an approved facility is not available in your area, return the unit to Tulmar Safety Systems for Periodic Maintenance Inspection.

Periodic Maintenance Inspection is much more extensive than the 180 day Service Inspection (See Section 5.1) and includes a leakage test, pressure test, CO₂ cylinder weight test and replacement of automatic inflation bobbins and gaskets. Special tooling and equipment such as calibrated pressure gauges and manometers are required.

The periodic maintenance inspection should be performed within 12 months from the date a new life preserver has been entered into service. However, the first maintenance inspection must be performed no later than 24 months from the life preserver's date of manufacture. Perform all subsequent maintenance inspections within 12 months of the date of last maintenance inspection regardless of whether a life preserver has been returned to service or removed from service and placed in storage.

5.6 Service Life Limit

The Hammerhead life preserver has no prescribed service life or life limit. The life preserver may remain in service indefinitely as long as it continues to pass the Periodic Maintenance Inspections.

The Harness system has a maximum service life of 5 years continuous use. It has a shelf life of ten years from date of manufacture. If the product is in good condition after 5 years and periodic inspections are followed throughout the life of the product, the service life can be extended to ten years.

6. ACCESSORIES AND PARTS LIST

Part No	Part Description	NSN
3168	CO2 Cylinder, 35 grams, MIL-PRF 25369 TY3 equivalent	4220-21-913-8072
3219-100	Inflator Caps, Manual Mode (yellow indicator), Set of 2	
3220	Bobbin, Auto Inflation,(Halkey-Roberts V80040)	8465-21-911-8541
3251-100	Arming Indicator Clip, Green, for V90000 Inflator (Halkey-Roberts V90124)	
3251-102	Inflator Cap, Automatic	
3251-103	Instructions, Re-Arming	
6762-YATES	Strap Set, Harness Attachment	3940-20-008-1792
67306-002	Lightweight Assault Harness, Modified, NSN	4240-20-010-3198

Table 6.1: *Accessories and Parts List*

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