



FOR MODEL NUMBER MD3070

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# OWNER'S MANUAL

# MINIMALIST BELT PACK

**MD3070** MANUAL INFLATABLE FLOTATION DEVICE

APPROVED BY UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND  
TRANSPORT CANADA

**WARNING:** THE MD3070 WILL NOT INFLATE  
AUTOMATICALLY UPON IMMERSION. TAB MUST BE  
PULLED TO ACTIVATE INFLATION MECHANISM.

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## ABOUT THIS PRODUCT

The **Minimalist Belt Pack (MD3070)** is from Mustang Survival's Inshore Flotation series, specifically designed for activities where adventurers can see the shore in calm or inland waters.

Your Mustang Survival **Minimalist Belt Pack** flotation device is designed for multi-sport individuals seeking a versatile solution. It is discreet and lightweight and can support any adventure without compromising safety in inshore conditions.

Here are some of the features that set this product apart, and make it particularly well suited to many inshore activities:

- Manually inflates when inflator tab is pulled
- Soft fabric against body increases comfort
- Easy-access inflator for simple re-arming
- Provides at least 70 newtons (15.7 lbs) buoyancy when inflated
- High visibility, contrasting fabric when inflated increases visibility
- Belt extender sold separately (model MA7635)

This flotation device is designed for wearers over 16 years of age, with a chest range and waist range of 76-132 cm (30-52 inches), and weighing over 40 kg (88 pounds).

## WHAT IS AN INFLATABLE FLOTATION DEVICE?

While traditional flotation devices are inherently buoyant, this flotation device relies entirely on inflation for buoyancy. Uninflated, your device is designed to offer maximum mobility with minimum bulk. The **Minimalist Belt Pack** is a comfortable inflatable that can be inflated at any time with a 16-gram carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) gas cylinder to provide at least 70 newtons (15.7 lbs) buoyancy. It can be inflated either manually by jerking the pull-tab or orally (by mouth). We recommend that you familiarize yourself with your device as described in “Instructions for Use.”

## AIRLINE OPERATOR POLICY ON CARRIAGE OF INFLATABLE PFDs AND CO<sub>2</sub> CARTRIDGES

Please be aware that regulations may apply to the air transport of this product. With the approval of the aircraft operator, CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder(s) may be carried by a passenger or crew in checked or carry-on baggage.

Please consult airline operator policy.

## APPROVAL CONDITIONS AND CARRIAGE REGULATIONS

This inflatable flotation device is approved by Transport Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard. It is not approved for white water paddling, water skiing or other high impact, high speed activities. This inflatable flotation device was designed to be more comfortable and less restrictive to wear than inherently buoyant flotation devices. When worn, used, and serviced according to this owner’s manual, this flotation device can greatly increase your chances of survival in the water. Not recommended for nonswimmers or weak swimmers. Users of this inflatable flotation device must be at least 16 years old.

## **MANDATORY CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The U.S. Coast Guard and Transport Canada require you to carry approved flotation devices of the correct size for each person on board that are legibly marked with an approval number and are in good and serviceable condition. To be considered serviceable, this flotation device shall not exhibit deterioration that could diminish its performance such as broken or deformed hardware, detached webbing, rotted structural components, air leaks, or nonfunctional oral inflation tube. Unless worn inflated, this flotation device must also be properly armed with a full CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder, inflation system status indicator, and an accessible manual inflation lanyard. A flotation device which is “approved only when worn” or “required to be worn” must be worn under the specified conditions.

## **WHY ARE FLOTATION DEVICES REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT?**

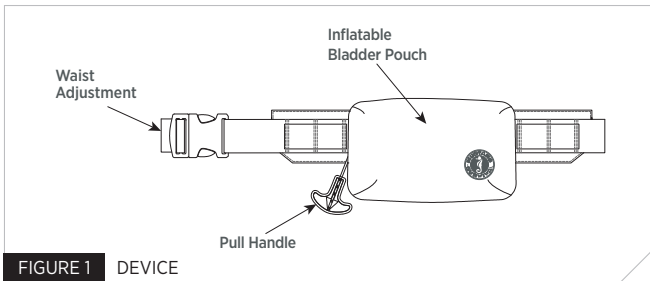
Drowning is the leading cause of fatalities involving recreational boating. In over 80 percent of fatal incidents the person was not wearing flotation and most of these occurred after falls overboard or capsize of small boats. An approved flotation device, when worn, helps raise your head above water in the first critical moments of immersion. Some devices are designed to keep you face up in the water, and increase your chances for survival and rescue. Different body types float differently and some boating activities require special features in a flotation device.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE**

Because your flotation device is designed to save your life, you need to be comfortable using it and thoroughly familiar with how it works. If you just purchased or have not yet used your flotation device, Transport Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard recommend that you immediately test it as described in “How and Why to Test Your Flotation Device,” (page 19). This will not only ensure your device is in good condition, it will give you experience using all methods of inflation.

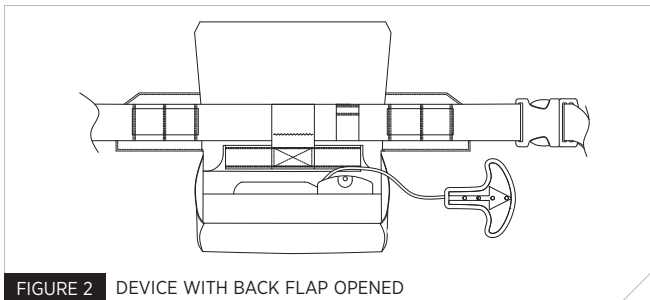
After initial testing, get in the habit of inspecting your flotation device before each use, re-arming it after each use, and of course wearing it every time you go out on the water.



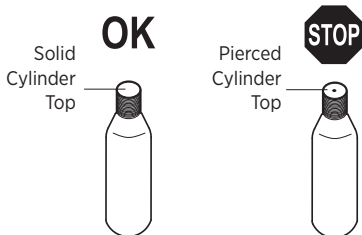
## INSPECTING COMPONENTS

Before each use, check your flotation device for readiness:

1. Place your flotation device on a flat surface with the bottom of the device facing you and the logo facing down. Detach the hook and loop fastener and open the back flap to access the bladder and inflator (see Fig. 2).

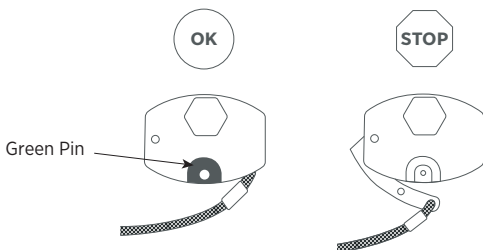


2. Unscrew and remove the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder from the inflator and inspect its small end (see Fig. 3). If it is pierced, discard it and replace with a new cylinder. Make sure the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder is screwed hand-tight into the inflator. Failure to do so may cause the inflatable not to inflate (see “Re-arming” on page 10).



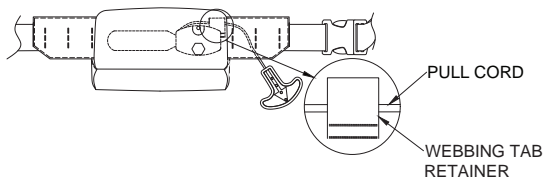
**FIGURE 3** CO<sub>2</sub> CYLINDER CHECK

3. Make sure the manual lever is in the ready position and the green indicator pin is in place (see Fig. 4).



**FIGURE 4** INFLATOR STATUS CHECK

4. Check for damage or excessive abrasion, wear, tear and/or any visible foreign matter, such as mildew or oil stains. Check that all seams are secure, and all straps and hardware are sound. If you see any signs of damage, perform the “Every Six Months” tests, described in “Care and Maintenance,” page 17.
5. Route the pull-tab lanyard through the cord retainer (see Fig. 5). This prevents the pull-tab from dangling.



**FIGURE 5** CORD RETAINER ROUTING



- Tuck in the bottom of the back flap and secure the hook and loop fastener (see Fig. 6).

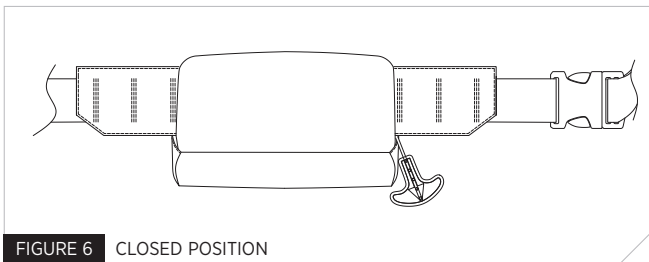


FIGURE 6 CLOSED POSITION

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CONTACT YOUR MUSTANG DEALER IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE READINESS OF YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE.

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## USE AT COLD TEMPERATURES

As temperatures approach freezing, your flotation device will provide less buoyancy and will inflate more slowly. At temperatures near freezing, the device should be worn *partially inflated* with the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder to ensure that some buoyancy is immediately available to you if you fall overboard. The oral inflator can then be used to adequately top up the flotation device after CO<sub>2</sub> inflation.

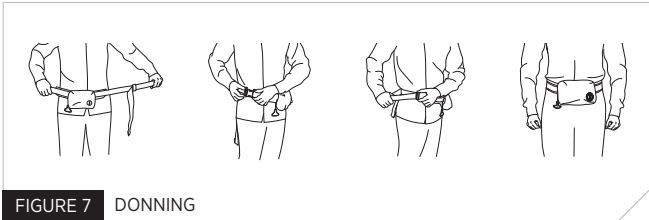
**Caution:** Do not fully inflate the device orally and then activate the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder. The resulting overpressure could seriously damage the device resulting in loss of flotation.

Inflatable flotation devices are not recommended for use in temperatures below freezing.

## PUTTING IT ON (DONNING)

It is important that your flotation device fits properly. Incorrect fit or improper fastening of attachments could impede its effectiveness.

1. Put the flotation device on around the waist and fasten the buckle (see Fig. 7).
2. The logo on the pouch should face out and be right-side-up.
3. The pouch must be worn on the front of the body. If the pouch is worn at the back of the body, there is risk of drowning as the inflatable may force your face into the water.
4. Adjust the waist belt so it fits snugly and secure the belt's loose end with the belt keeper. Check the fit by pinching the belt strap, just as you would a waistband. If you can pinch the material together, tighten your flotation device.



5. If the device is inflated, put the neckstrap over your head to secure the bladder against your torso (see “Inflating” below).

### **Wear it on the outside and intact!**

Always wear inflatable flotation devices over clothing (as the outermost layer) to avoid restricted inflation, which could cause personal injury and/or damage to your device.

Do not tie or sew anything to the outside of (or around) your flotation device, as it may compromise your device's ability to inflate.

## TAKING IT OFF (DOFFING)

If your flotation device has been inflated and the bladder has been secured by placing the neckstrap over the head:

1. Partially deflate it while still wearing it to make doffing easier.
2. Remove neckstrap.
3. Unfasten the buckle and remove.

If your flotation device has not been inflated, simply unfasten the buckle and remove.

## INFLATING

Your flotation device inflates manually and orally. No matter how your flotation device inflates, it can always be topped up orally – extending your ability to keep afloat.

### 1. Manually

Activate the inflation system by jerking firmly downward on the pull-tab (Fig. 8). The flotation device should fully inflate within five seconds. Put the neckstrap over your head to secure the bladder against your torso (Fig. 9).

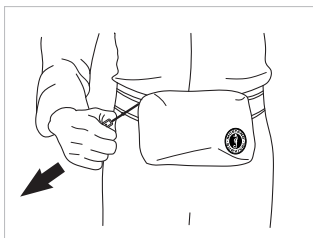


FIGURE 8 PULL-TAB

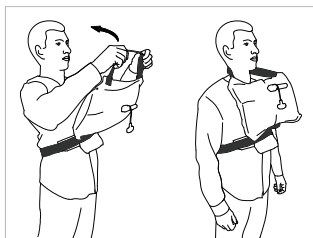


FIGURE 9 SECONDARY DONNING

### 2. Orally

To orally inflate the flotation device, first locate the oral inflation tube by opening the pouch and unfurling the bladder. Remove the cap from the end of the oral inflation tube and blow into the tube until the flotation device is fully inflated (Fig. 10). Place the oral tube cap back in the stowed position (Fig. 12). Put the neckstrap over your head to secure the bladder against your torso (Fig. 9).

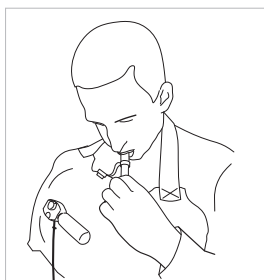


FIGURE 10 ORAL INFLATION

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## CO<sub>2</sub> ESCAPES THROUGH THE MATERIAL OVER TIME

MANUAL INFLATION USES CARBON DIOXIDE (CO<sub>2</sub> GAS) TO FILL YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE. OVER TIME, THE CO<sub>2</sub> GAS WILL SLOWLY ESCAPE THROUGH THE FABRIC, AND YOU MAY FEEL THAT THE FLOTATION DEVICE IS LOSING PRESSURE. IF YOU'RE IN THE WATER FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD, YOU MAY NEED TO TOP UP YOUR DEVICE ORALLY.

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## AVOID DOUBLE INFLATION!

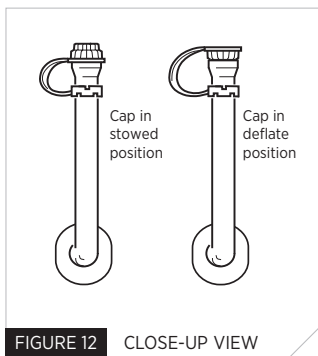
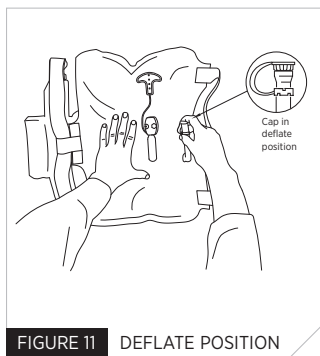
DO NOT MANUALLY ACTIVATE THE INFLATOR WHEN YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE IS FILLED WITH AIR. DOING SO WILL RESULT IN EXCESSIVELY HIGH PRESSURE WITHIN THE INFLATION CHAMBER, WHICH MAY CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE TO YOUR DEVICE AND/OR EXTREME DISCOMFORT TO YOU.

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## DEFLATING

Complete deflation is easiest when you are not wearing the flotation device.

1. To deflate the flotation device, reverse the oral inflator cap and insert it into the valve. The cap will not lock in the deflate position, so you must hold it in place (Fig. 12).
2. Gently squeeze the flotation device until all gas has been expelled. Put the cap back in its stowed position on the oral inflator (Fig. 12).

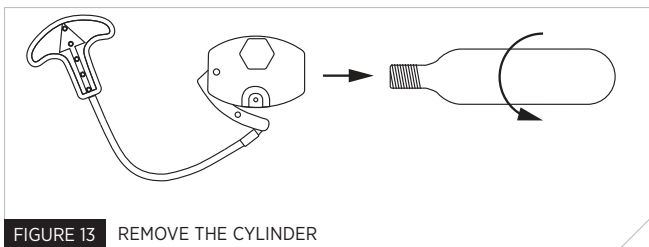


## RE-ARMING

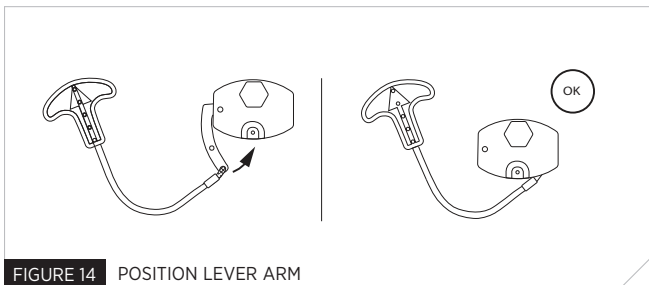
To re-arm your flotation device, you will need Mustang Survival's Re-Arm Kit J (MA3070). The spent inflation parts will first be removed, and replacement parts will be installed. The re-arm kit includes:

- 16g CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder
- Ready status indicator pin

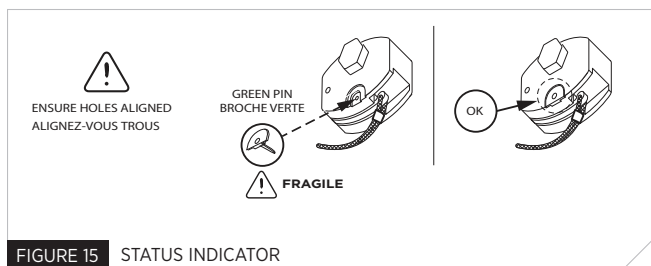
1. Place your flotation device on a flat surface with the bladder unfolded.
2. Deflate using the oral tube (see Fig. 11).
3. Remove the cylinder by rotating counterclockwise and then pull out (see Fig. 13). **Discard the used cylinder.**



4. Check the manual inflation system to determine that the lever arm and piercing pin move freely when moving the lever (attached to the pull tab) several times down and up. There should be no binding of mechanical parts.
5. Position lever arm (see Fig. 14).

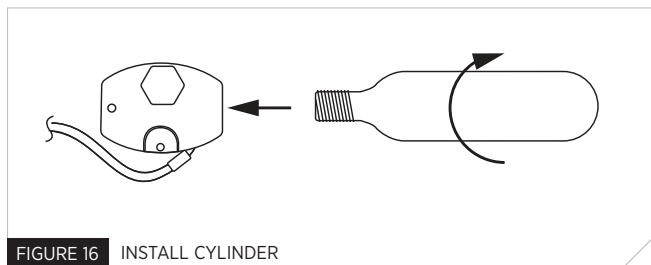


6. Insert status indicator pin (see Fig. 15).



7. Check the new cylinder. Ensure that the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder has not been pierced (see Fig. 3).

8. Install new cylinder (see Fig. 16). Hand-tighten.



## REPACKING

Repacking should only be done after deflating and re-arming the flotation device. It is important that as much gas has been removed from the device as possible during deflation. Otherwise it may be difficult to repack.

Place your flotation device on a flat surface with the bladder unfolded and the oral inflator and manual inflator face up. Ensure the oral inflation cap is in the stowed position.

1. Fold the bladder away from you on the dotted line (1).

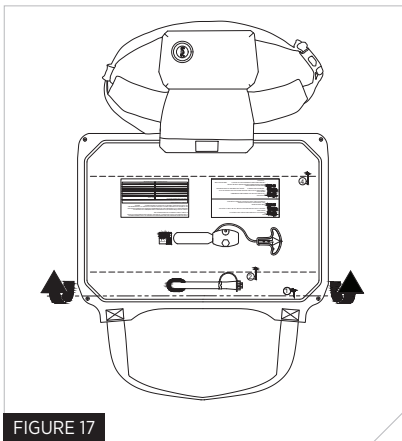


FIGURE 17

2. Fold the bladder away from you on the dotted line (2).  
Tuck the neckstrap flat under this fold.

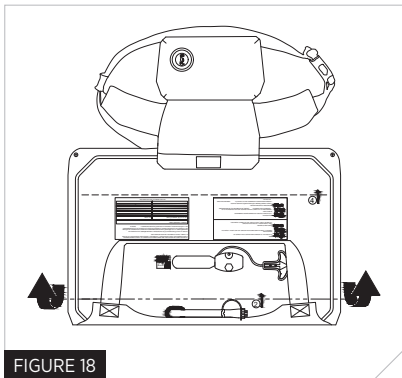
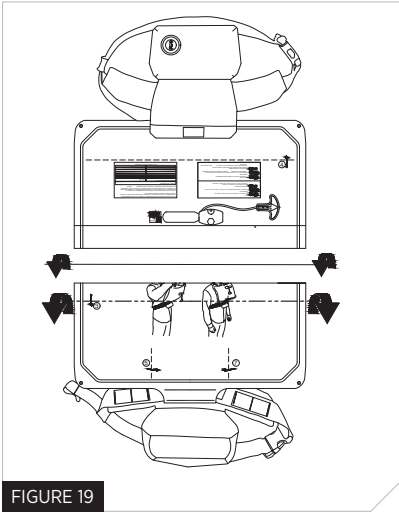
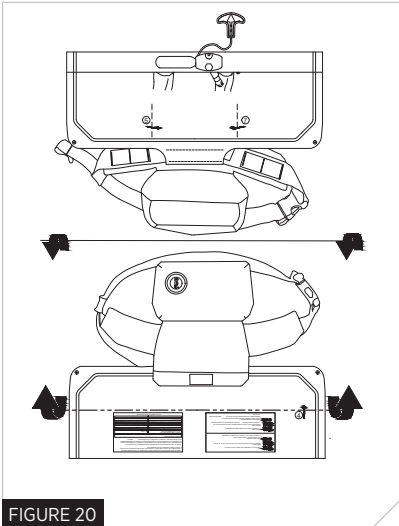


FIGURE 18

3. Flip the bladder over to view (3) right-side up. Fold the bladder toward you on the dotted line (3).

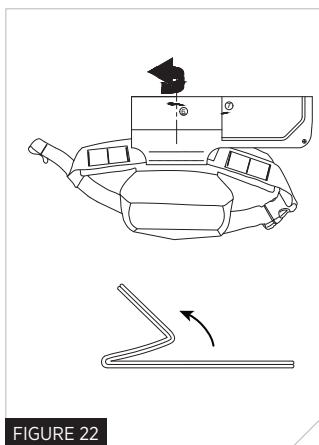
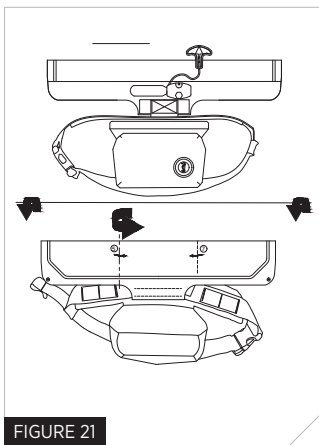


4. Flip the bladder over to view (4) right-side up. Fold the bladder away from you on the dotted line (4).

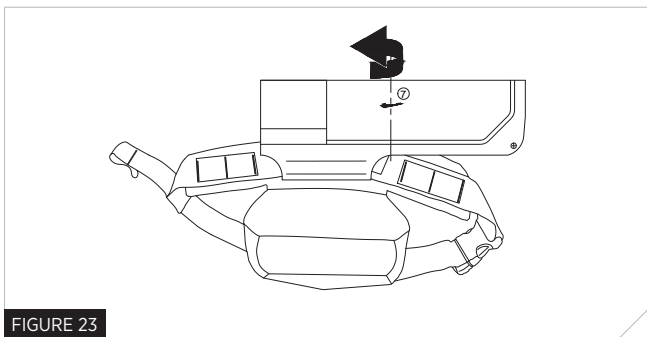




5. Flip the bladder over to view (5) right-side up. Make a “Z” fold by folding across the dotted line (5), and then folding the same section back on itself across dotted line (6).



6. Make a “Z” fold by folding across the dotted line (7), and then folding the same section back on itself across dotted line (8).



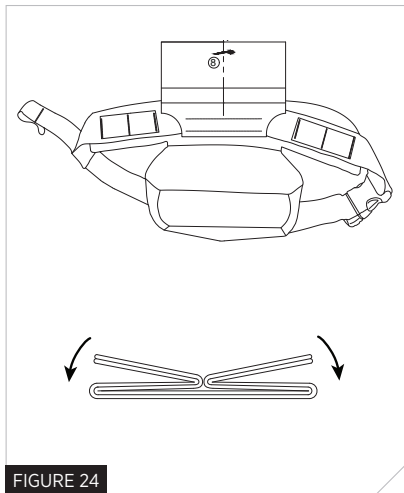


FIGURE 24

7. Flip the bladder into the pouch.

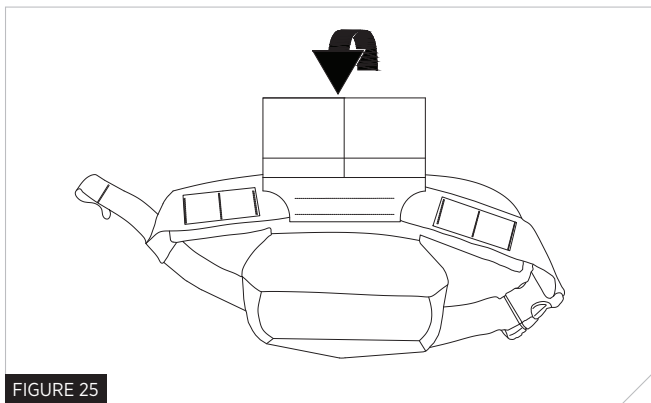


FIGURE 25

8. Fold the foam panel and waist belt towards you to cover the bladder. The inflator cord should be routed through the webbing tab to prevent the pull-tab from dangling (see Fig. 27, page 16). Be careful not to pull the lever during this step or your device will inflate.

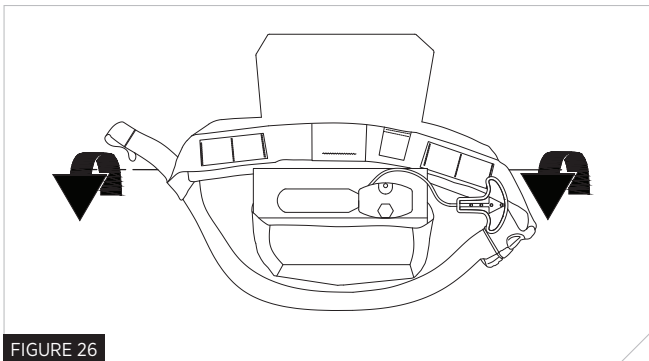


FIGURE 26

9. Engage the hook and loop strips to secure the foam panel over the bladder.
10. Ensure the inflator pull-tab is visible and accessible.

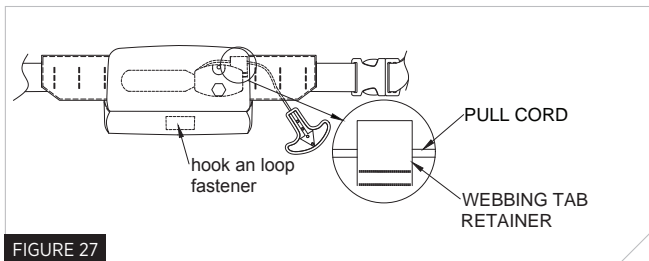


FIGURE 27

## IS YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE IN GOOD AND SERVICEABLE CONDITION?

Check your flotation device between outings to be sure that it is properly armed; that it is free of rips, tears, or holes; that all seams are securely sewn; and that the fabric, straps, and hardware are still strong. Inspect the inflatable portion of the flotation device in accordance with “Care and Maintenance,” next page.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

To ensure your flotation device performs when you need it, you must care for and maintain it in serviceable condition (see “Mandatory Carriage Requirements,” page 3). Failure to follow these instructions rigorously could result in a non-functioning flotation device causing injury or death. We suggest you keep a record of the inspections performed on your flotation device using a soft-tipped permanent ink pen or marker on the Care and Storage label printed on the bladder. If you are not confident that you can care for and maintain your flotation device, or if you are in doubt about these instructions, contact Mustang Survival customer service.

You are required to check this flotation device:

- Before each wear (component inspection)
- Every six months (leak test and thorough visual examination)
- After each inflation (perform re-arm)
- Annually (suggested at the beginning of each boating season)

## BEFORE EACH WEAR

See “Inspecting Components,” page 4 for instructions. If you see any signs of damage, perform the “Every Six Months” tests below.

## EVERY SIX MONTHS

The following tests are suggested every six months at minimum or whenever you see signs of damage to your flotation device. Perform these tests more often if the flotation device is exposed to potential damage or used in extreme conditions.

### • **Leak Test**

Orally inflate your flotation device until firm and let stand six hours minimum. If your flotation device has been inflated orally (not by CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder) it should hold its firmness for this length of time. If this is not the case, your flotation device is leaking and should be replaced. If your flotation device leaks, contact Mustang Survival customer service.

### • **Thorough Visual Examination**

See “Inspecting Components,” page 4.

## AFTER EACH INFLATION

Deflate and re-arm, as described in “Re-arming,” page 10.

## ANNUALLY

Perform the following at the beginning of each boating season, after inflation, or whenever the integrity of the flotation device is in doubt:

1. Check all components for dirt or corrosion (see “Inspecting Components,” page 4). Clean or replace, as necessary.
2. Visually examine your flotation device for damage or excessive abrasion, wear, tear, or contamination. Particular attention must be paid to the stitching, straps, and hardware. If in doubt, contact Mustang Survival customer service for evaluation and/or servicing.
3. Perform the Leak Test (see “Care and Maintenance/Every Six Months,” page 17).
4. Deflate as outlined in “Deflating,” page 9.
5. Ensure green indicator pin is installed in the manual inflator.
6. Record the date, noting “annual” in permanent ink on the Care and Storage label, located on the bladder.

## CLEANING AND STORING

To clean your flotation device:

- Hand wash flotation device or sponge it down in warm, soapy water
- Rinse with clean water
- Hang to dry on a plastic coat hanger
- Store the dry flotation device in a warm, dry, and well-ventilated place out of direct sunlight

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**DO NOT DRY-CLEAN, USE CHLORINE BLEACH, OR APPLY DIRECT HEAT.**

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## HOW AND WHY TO TEST YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE

An inflatable device does not have inherent buoyancy, meaning that it must be inflated to provide flotation. You must understand how to arm, inflate, and maintain your inflatable device. Familiarize yourself with the use of your inflatable so you know what to do in an emergency.

Always test your flotation device in a safe manner, under controlled conditions, and where help is readily available.

Inflate your flotation device and try it out in a pool, or some other calm protected water, with proper supervision.

### **Make sure it floats you**

- Comfortably (when worn properly)
- Adequately for expected wave conditions (body shapes/densities affect performance)

### **Make sure it works**

- A flow of bubbles should not appear (See “Care and Maintenance/ Every Six Months”, page 17 for Leak Test)
- It should inflate quickly and easily

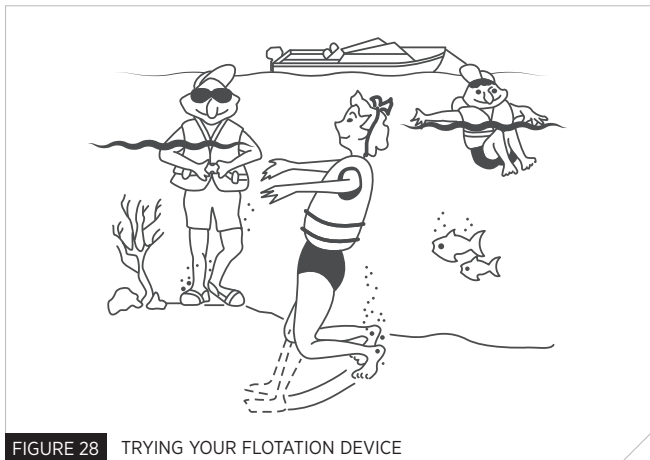
### **Learn how it works**

- Activate the CO<sub>2</sub> inflation system
- Re-arm the CO<sub>2</sub> inflation system
- Use the oral inflation tube

To properly test your flotation device and to ensure you have a replacement re-arming kit, you should purchase two re-arming kits: one to be used immediately in testing the inflation system and the other to carry on board as a spare. Remember you must re-arm your inflatable after discharging the CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge.

Check the manual inflation system by first removing the green indicator tab and the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder: rotate counterclockwise and pull out. On the flotation device, move the lever (attached to the pull-tab) several times down and up to determine that the lever arm and piercing pin move freely. There should be no binding of the mechanical parts.

## TRYING YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE



**FIGURE 28** TRYING YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE

Try on your flotation device to see if the fit is comfortably snug. Then test it in shallow water to see how it handles. To check the buoyancy of your flotation device in the water, relax your body and let your head tilt back. Make sure your flotation device keeps your chin above water and you can breathe easily.

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**BE AWARE: YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE MAY NOT ACT THE SAME IN SWIFT OR ROUGH WATER AS IN CALM WATER. THE CLOTHES YOU WEAR AND THE ITEMS IN YOUR POCKETS MAY ALSO CHANGE THE WAY YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE WORKS.**

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If your mouth is not well above the water, get a new flotation device or one with more buoyancy.

A flotation device is designed not to ride-up on the body when in the water. But when the wearer's stomach is larger than the chest, ride-up may occur. Before use, test this flotation device in the water to establish that excessive ride-up does not impair performance.

In order to understand how your inflatable operates you should inflate it. Depending on the type of inflatable you have you can inflate it automatically, manually, or by the oral inflator. The following sections will guide you through each process:

# HOW TO TEST YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE USING THE MANUAL INFLATOR

Always test your flotation device in a safe manner, under controlled conditions, where help is readily available.

- M1.** To test your flotation device, you will need:
  - your fully armed device
  - the re-arming kit approved for your flotation device (MA3070)
- M2.** Put on the flotation device.
- M3.** Actuate the inflation system by jerking firmly downward on the pull tab. The flotation device should fully inflate within five seconds.
- M4.** Get into shallow water, just deep enough that you can stand with your head above the surface.
- M5.** See if the flotation device will float you on your back or just slightly back of vertical. In a relaxed floating position, verify that your mouth is above the water's surface. Note the effect of where you hold your legs on how you float.
- M6.** Get out of the water and remove the flotation device. Remove the used CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder from the inflator. Completely deflate the flotation device using the oral inflator (see "Deflating," page 9).
- M7.** Let the flotation device dry thoroughly. Re-arm and repack the flotation device (see "Re-arming," page 10; see "Repacking," page 12).



## HOW TO TEST YOUR FLOTATION DEVICE USING THE ORAL INFLATOR

Always test your flotation device in a safe manner, under controlled conditions, where help is readily available.

You will not need any spare parts, or re-arming kits, to test your inflatable flotation device with oral inflation, and it gives you the opportunity to learn about how much inflation is needed to float you.

01. Remove the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder to prevent inadvertent inflation, which could potentially damage the flotation device. Inspect the cylinder to confirm that it has not been pierced and is unused (Fig. 3).
02. Put on the flotation device. Locate and release the oral tube from its cover.
03. Get into shallow water, just deep enough that you can stand with your head above the surface.
04. To learn how much inflation is needed to float you, blow a full breath into the oral tube and then try lifting your feet from the bottom to see if your airway stays clear of the water. If not, try adding another breath and lifting your feet, and then another if needed and so forth so that you are supported well enough to be able to complete inflation without touching bottom or treading water. There may be situations where you wish to wear your device partially inflated (see “Using Your Device in Cold Temperatures,” page 6). However, when you are immersed in the water, your device must be fully inflated to function as designed and approved.
05. Remember as your breath air cools down, it contracts in volume. You may require more topping up breaths to maintain this level. This level of inflation may be the level of partial inflation to use where complete manual inflation could be delayed.
06. Then see if the turning characteristics of the flotation device are different with this level of flotation, as they most likely will be.
07. Fully inflate the flotation device using the oral inflation tube.
08. See if the flotation device will float you on your back or just slightly back of vertical. In a relaxed floating position, verify that your mouth is above the water’s surface. Note the effect of where you hold your legs on how you float.
09. Get out of the water and remove the flotation device. Completely deflate the flotation device using the oral inflation tube (see “Deflating,” Page 9).
010. Let the flotation device dry thoroughly. Re-arm and repack the flotation device (see “Re-arming,” page 10 and “Repacking,” page 12).

## **CHOOSE A FLOTATION DEVICE THAT YOU WILL WANT TO WEAR**

A good choice for a flotation device is one that will offer sufficient buoyancy for your size and body type to raise your airway (mouth and nose) above water. Also important is comfort and mobility out of the water so that it can be worn at all times during your boating activity. An increased performance level (more flotation and turning) should be considered when in rougher waters or when further offshore where rescue assistance may be a long time coming. Some activities require special features or accessories for better visibility, for a more secure fit in wave conditions, and for thermal protection.

## **COLD SHOCK**

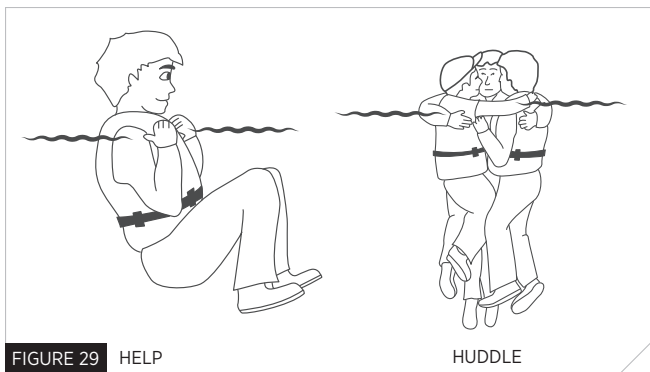
Unexpected immersion (even in moderately cold water) can cause involuntary gasping and loss of muscle control. It can take one minute or more for these reactions to subside and there is a risk of inhaling water. You really need the support of a flotation device in this situation. In colder water, swim failure can occur even for strong and experienced swimmers. Trying to put on and fasten a flotation device after immersion can be impossible. Remember that on a hot sunny day the water can still be cool and the effect of sudden immersion is shocking to the nervous and breathing systems. Choosing a comfortable device and being diligent about wearing it can save you in these critical first moments.

## HYPOTHERMIA

Prolonged immersion in cold water (after one hour or more) leads to a loss of body heat. Over time (depending on water temperature, body type, and thermal protection) the core temperature of the body decreases. This produces a condition called hypothermia, which is very serious and can lead to unconsciousness and circulatory failure.

Swimming and treading water accelerates heat loss. Wearing a flotation device is essential to help you conserve body energy and increase your survival time. It enables you to float quietly and curl up arms and legs in a Heat Escape Lessening Posture (HELP), see “HELP,” Figure 29, with the head out of water, also reducing heat loss from the head, under the arms, and the groin area. If there is more than one person in the water, gathering together in a huddle is recommended while waiting to be rescued. See “Huddle,” Figure 29.

Preparation, good safety practices and strong spirit are the keys to survival. Stay calm and don't give up.



## **MAKE SURE YOUR DEVICE FUNCTIONS PROPERLY**

For your flotation device to function properly, follow these suggestions to verify that it fits, floats, and remains in good condition.

1. Check the inflation mechanism status indicator before each use.
2. Get in the habit of re-arming the inflation mechanism right after each inflation.
3. Try your flotation device on and adjust it until it fits comfortably in and out of the water.
4. Mark your flotation device with your name if you are the only wearer.
5. Do not alter your flotation device. If it doesn't fit properly, get one that does. An altered device is no longer approved.
6. Your flotation device is not intended for use as a fender or kneeling pad.
7. If your flotation device is wet, allow it to dry thoroughly before storing it. Store it in a well-ventilated area.
8. Do not dry your flotation device in front of a radiator or other source of direct heat.

## **DO NOT ATTACH FLOTATION DEVICES TO YOUR BOAT**

Each flotation device has straps, hooks, buckles, or other means for securing the device in place on the wearer. Some flotation devices also incorporate decorative D-rings or tabs. Such items are not to be used to attach the device to the boat. Attaching the device to the boat will not permit it to perform as intended.