

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL LIFE JACKET BUYERS

Pursuant to the Regulatory Framework for Implementing the Italian Recreational Boating Code – Decree no. 133 dated 17th September 2024, and Regulation amending Decree no. 146 dated 29th July 2008

Life jackets are Category III PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), also known as “Life Savers”. Once purchased, it is the user’s responsibility to ensure that these devices are always in perfect condition. Their recommended operating period is limited due to the degradation of the materials they are made of, varying depending on their type and the situations in which they are used. For legal reasons and in accordance with all health and safety regulations, the manufacturer is solely responsible for the proper functioning of the life jackets, subject to compliance with the limits indicated by the manufacturer.

Inflatable Life Jackets

CE Marking Pursuant to ISO 12402 Standards – All Buoyancy Classes

- 1) The recommended operating period for these devices is 10 years from the date of manufacture.
- 2) After 10 years, it is vital that all life jackets be removed from service for safety reasons, due to the possibility of fabric delamination and loss of air chamber pressure, which can lead to a reduction in buoyancy. Specific environmental conditions can also contribute to the degradation of product components, such as the inflation mechanism.
- 3) The production date and number that uniquely identify the product are stamped on a special label sewn onto the product itself.
- 4) To maintain its safety features throughout its 10-year recommended operating period, an inflatable life jacket must be inspected at least every 2 years.
- 5) The initial inspection must be performed within 24 months from the date of commissioning and, in any case, no later than 36 months from the date of manufacture. Subsequent inspections must be performed every 2 years.
It is recommended that documentation proving the date of purchase be retained and available at all times.
- 6) The inspection must be performed by VELERIA SAN GIORGIO or an authorised service centre. The inspection is certified by a new inspection interval sticker placed on the dedicated date marker on the waist band.
- 7) If these products are used for commercial or industrial purposes, they may require more frequent maintenance, which must be determined in advance depending on their use.
- 8) After 10 years from the date of manufacture, VELERIA SAN GIORGIO – also through its service centres – may decide, at its sole discretion, whether to renew the device on an annual basis.



Vacuum Inflatable Life Jackets
CE Marking Pursuant to ISO 12402 Standards

- 1) The recommended operating period for these devices is 12 years from the date of manufacture.
- 2) After 12 years, it is vital that all life jackets be removed from service for safety reasons, due to the possibility of fabric delamination and loss of air chamber pressure, which can lead to a reduction in buoyancy. Specific environmental conditions can also contribute to the degradation of product components, such as the inflation mechanism.
- 3) The production date and number that uniquely identify the product are stamped on a special label sewn onto the product itself.
- 4) To maintain its safety features throughout its 12-year recommended operating period, all vacuum-packed inflatable life jackets must be inspected no more than every 3 years.
- 5) The initial inspection must be performed within 36 months from the date of commissioning and, in any case, no later than 48 months from the date of manufacture. Subsequent inspections must be performed every 3 years.
It is recommended that documentation proving the date of purchase be retained and available at all times.
- 6) The inspection must be performed by VELERIA SAN GIORGIO or an authorised service centre. The inspection is certified by a new inspection interval sticker placed on the dedicated date marker.
- 7) If these products are used for commercial or industrial purposes, they may require more frequent maintenance, which must be determined in advance depending on their use.
- 8) After 12 years from the date of manufacture, VELERIA SAN GIORGIO – also through its inspection stations – may evaluate, at its sole discretion, whether to renew the device on an annual basis.



Life Jackets and Buoyancy Aids with Intrinsic Buoyancy

Closed-cell Foam – CE Marking Pursuant to ISO 12402 Standards – All Buoyancy Classes

1) The recommended operating period for these devices is 15 years from the date of commissioning, provided that this is no later than 36 months after the date of manufacture indicated on the product.

It is recommended that documentation proving the purchase date be retained and available at all times.

3) The manufacturing date and number that uniquely identify the product are stamped on a special label sewn onto the product itself.

3) This type of product is virtually maintenance-free. However, an annual visual inspection by the user is recommended.

4) Any damage (for example, tears, abrasions, cuts to the fabric or webbing, discolouration or damage to the buckles) could compromise its buoyancy.

5) Overheating, UV damage and improper storage or use can lead to a dangerous reduction in product safety.

6) All damaged products must be removed from service immediately.

If in doubt, please contact your dealer, a certified service centre or the supplier directly.

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