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(1) through (4) of this section and paragraph (d) of this section. Where a facility uses more than one site the report must show compliance at each site at least biennially.

(c) Service manual. (1) Each manufacturer of an approved inflatable lifejacket must prepare a service manual for the lifejacket. The service manual must be approved by the Commandant according to §160.176-5(b) of this part.

(2) The manufacturer must make the service manual, service manual revisions, and service bulletins available to each approved servicing facility.

(3) Each service manual must contain the following:

   (i) Detailed procedures for inspecting, servicing, and repackaging the lifejacket.

   (ii) A list of approved replacement parts and materials to be used for servicing and repairs, if any.

   (iii) A requirement to mark the date and servicing facility name on each lifejacket serviced.

   (iv) Frequency of servicing.

   (v) Any specific restrictions or special procedures prescribed by the Coast Guard or manufacturer.

(4) Each service manual revision and service bulletin which authorizes the modification of a lifejacket, or which affects a requirement under this subpart, must be approved by the Commandant. Other revisions and service bulletins are not required to be approved, but a copy of each must be sent to the Commandant when it is issued.

At least once each year, the manufacturer must provide to the Commandant and to each servicing facility approved to service its lifejackets a bulletin listing each service manual revision and bulletin in effect.

(d) Servicing facilities guidelines. Each servicing facility must have written guidelines that include the following:

   (1) Identification of each make and model of lifejacket which may be serviced by the facility as well as the manual and revision to be used for servicing.

   (2) Identification of the person, by title or position, who is responsible for the servicing program.

   (3) Training and qualifications of servicing technicians.

   (4) Provisions for the facility to retain a copy of its current letter of approval from the Coast Guard at each site.

(5) Requirements to—

   (i) Ensure each inflatable lifejacket serviced under its Coast Guard approval is serviced in accordance with the manufacturer’s service manual;

   (ii) Keep servicing technicians informed of each approved servicing manual revision and bulletin and ensure servicing technicians understand each change and new technique related to the lifejackets serviced by the facility;

   (iii) Calibrate each pressure gauge, weighing scale, and mechanically-operated barometer at intervals of not more than one year;

   (iv) Ensure each inflatable lifejacket serviced under the facility’s Coast Guard approval is serviced by or under the supervision of a servicing technician who meets the requirements of item (3) of this paragraph;

   (v) Specify each make and model of lifejacket it is approved to service when it represents itself as approved by the U.S. Coast Guard; and

   (vi) Not service any lifejacket for a U.S. registered commercial vessel, unless it is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard to service the make and model of lifejacket.

(e) Servicing records. Each servicing facility must maintain records of all completed servicing. These records must be retained for at least 5 years after they are made, be made available to any Coast Guard representative and independent laboratory inspector upon request, and include at least the following:

   (1) Date of servicing, number of lifejackets serviced, lot identification, approval number, and test results data for the lifejackets serviced.

   (2) Identification of the person conducting the servicing.

   (3) Identity of the vessel receiving the serviced lifejackets.

   (4) Date of return to the vessel.

§ 160.176-21 User manuals.

(a) The manufacturer must develop a user’s manual for each model of inflatable lifejacket. The content of the manual must be provided for approval
§ 160.176–23 Marking.

(a) General. Each inflatable lifejacket must be marked with the information required by this section. Each marking must be waterproof, clear, and permanent. Except as provided elsewhere in this subpart, each marking must be readable from a distance of three feet.

(b) Prominence. Each marking required in paragraph (d) of this section, except vital care and use instructions, if any, must be less prominent and in smaller print than markings required in paragraph (c) of this section. Each optional marking must be significantly less prominent and smaller than required markings. The marking “ADULT” must be in at least 18 mm (¾ inch) high bold capital lettering. If a lifejacket is stored in a package, the package must also have the marking “ADULT” or this marking must be easily visible through the package.

(c) Text. Each inflatable lifejacket must be marked with the following text in the exact order shown:

ADULT—For a person weighing more than 90 pounds.

Type V PFD—Approved for use on (see paragraph (e) of this section for exact text to be used here)