



## LEARNING FROM INCIDENTS ACTION ALERT



### Counterfeit Hydrostatic Release Mechanisms

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EPW

Issue Date: December 2009

#### What Happened

We have been informed about the existence of counterfeit copies of Hydrostatic Release Units that may be used on life rafts and EPIRBs.

The manufacturer issued Safety Alerts (see links below in "More Information" section) to warn about the risks in using these fake copies and provided a number of ways to check the authenticity of products used.

Serial number and production date



Holospot with Hammar Logo and alphanumeric code

#### Action required:

Who: LFI Coordinators

By: 1/15/2010

What: Confirm this alert has been sent to applicable locations in your area requesting to determine if there are any counterfeit Hammar hydrostatic release mechanisms in use and replace them. See link below to manufacturer's web page providing instructions on how to check the units.

Note: Hydrostatic release mechanisms manufactured by Hammar are the only ones known at this time to have been counterfeited.

#### More information

Links to manufacturer's alerts:

[Important Information on Hammar H20 Safety Alert- Dangerous H20 Fake Copies](#)



**Goal Zero: Zero injuries, Zero fatalities**

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