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NOAA DIVING SAFETY BULLETIN #90-5

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Divers

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SUBJECT: Scubapro Air II system failures

Scubapro has issued an advisory on Air II regulator/inflator system failures. The failure occurs in the auto inflator and causes the vest to inflate without warning.

The defective part is a sealing seat on the auto inflator mechanism (part #21-626-004 see diagram). Faulty seals can be identified by an orange rubber material on the seat.

Any divers using Air II systems are to curtail their use until the faulty part can be replaced. Scubapro recognizes the problem but will not issue a recall on Air II systems. Scubapro dealers will replace the part on request for no charge.

For any additional information call the NOAA Diving Center at 206 526-6196 or FTS 392-6196.