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NOAA DIVING SAFETY BULLETIN #92-04

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Divers

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SUBJECT: Self-inflation of Scubapro BC

It has been brought to our attention that a number of power inflators on Scubapro BC's have allowed self-inflation due to failed seats. In the reported cases, the rate of inflation has varied from slow to complete seat failure. These problems have occurred on Scubapro's quick release balanced power inflator, part number 21-626-000.

Scubapro has not acknowledged any inherent problems with these inflators and is not issuing a recall at this time. However Scubapro does recommend annual service to their inflator. This would include replacing the seat, stem o-ring and the spring. Although these jackets are not part of SEP, the number of reported problems has warranted this bulletin. The NOAA Dive Program recommends you use only SEP issue diving gear. If you have any questions regarding this safety bulletin or your dive gear please contact the NOAA Diving Center at 206-526-6196.