

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED



WARNING: DISREGARD OF THIS SAFETY NOTICE AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED BELOW MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH

DATE: April 2, 2003

TO: All Users of SCOTT® E-Z FLO® Mask Mounted Breathing Regulators

This IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE applies to all users of SCOTT® respirators equipped with E-Z FLO® regulators including the following: AIR-PAK® models 2.2 / 3.0 / 4.5 / Fifty™ and SWAT-PAK® Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), SCOTT Industrial SCBA, SCOTT model SKA-PAK® egress only and egress with airline respirators, and all E-Z AIRLINE™ respirators. This notice applies to these respirators equipped with E-Z FLO regulators manufactured since 1992.

SCOTT has received reports from several fire departments of the demand lever becoming dislodged causing the regulator to malfunction. If the demand lever is dislodged, no air flow will occur through the regulator during normal inhalation, however air can be supplied to the wearer by activation of the purge knob. SCOTT believes, however, that it is imperative to notify all SCOTT product owners of the potential for this condition to occur.

SCOTT has determined that the demand lever can be dislodged from its mountings if the regulator is struck SEVERELY against the retaining lip of the regulator body EXACTLY opposite the donning switch with a level of force not normally encountered during typical use. If the lever is dislodged completely out of its bracket, the regulator will immediately stop delivering air when the user inhales. However, if only one side of the demand lever is dislodged, the regulator will continue to function for a period of time and then fail suddenly and unexpectedly.

If for any reason air is not delivered to the facepiece when the user inhales, the user must follow the emergency procedures set out in the Operating and Maintenance Instructions supplied with the respirator. In summary, the instructions state that the user:

Immediately be certain the cylinder valve is fully open, rotate the purge knob counter clockwise and leave the area requiring respiratory protection.

SCOTT has identified a means of preventing the demand lever from being dislodged from its mounting by replacing the two standard screws that hold the demand lever mounting bracket in the regulator with two special, tall headed screws. The tall headed screws limit the side to side motion of the demand lever when it is struck severely.

If you have had a case where the demand lever has been dislodged from your regulator, immediately notify SCOTT via telephone, facsimile or e-mail at the numbers listed below. Otherwise, please have the person responsible for respirator maintenance in your organization fill out the attached USER RESPONSE FORM and return it to SCOTT. After receipt at SCOTT, either SCOTT or your local SCOTT authorized service center will contact you regarding the process for installing the new screws.

New production of SCOTT Mask Mounted regulators beginning March 5, 2003 include the updated screws and can be identified on the outside of the regulator by checking the serial number of your regulator. The serial number for the first of the regulators is: xC0305xxxxxxxx, where the C represents March (A is January, B is February and so on), 03 are the last two digits of the year (03 is 2003), and 05 represents the fifth day of the month. The "x" characters are determined by production. If your E-Z FLO regulator is older than this date, or if you have any questions, contact SCOTT.

SCOTT Mask Mounted Regulators which have been updated at your location can be identified by the letters "MS" listed at the end of the serial number.

As always, SCOTT is striving to constantly improve the safety and reliability of the equipment it manufactures. SCOTT understands the importance of this equipment to your organization and will work with you to provide you with this latest safety upgrade as quickly as possible and with minimum possible disruption to your organization.

For additional information, you may contact SCOTT by telephoning 1-800-247-7257, by facsimile at 1-704-291-8340, or by E-mail at hsservice@tycoint.com

USER RESPONSE FORM

Applying to SCOTT® E-Z FLO® Regulator Upgrade Program

SEE IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE H/S 6421 DATED 04/02/03 FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING E-Z FLO REGULATOR MODEL, IDENTIFICATION, AND UPGRADE.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Company/ Organization

Shipping Address (Must include Street Address for Delivery)

City

State / Province

Zip / Postal Code

Company / Organization Contact, Name and Title

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-Mail address

Authorized Signature

Number of E-Z FLO Regulators for AIR-PAK® 2.2/3.0/4.5 / *Fifty*™ SCBA _____

Number of E-Z FLO Regulators for SWAT-PAK® SCBA _____

Number of E-Z FLO Regulators for Industrial SCBA _____

Number of E-Z FLO Regulator for SKA-PAK® respirator _____

Number of E-Z AIRLINE® Type C respirators _____

(Optional) Preferred SCOTT Authorized Service Center _____

For additional information concerning the E-Z FLO Regulator Upgrade program or for assistance in identification of the respirators in your possession please contact SCOTT Technical Support at 1-800-247-7257 or through e-mail at hsservice@tycoint.com, or your SCOTT Authorized Distributor or SCOTT Authorized Service Center.

Once you have completed this form, fax it to SCOTT Health and Safety at 1-704-291-8450 in the United States, or fold, and seal as marked and place in U.S. Mail. Outside the United States, fold, seal, apply proper postage, and place in mail.

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