# Inflatable lifejackets care & service



Designer and manufacturer of lifejackets for over 50 years, Plastimo gives you the necessary clues to keep your jacket in working order. An inflatable lifejacket must be serviced and thoroughly inspected at regular intervals to make sure it is fully operational at all times.

# How to inspect and service your lifejacket?

In the absence of a regulation defining servicing intervals, Plastimo recommends :

- A regular visual inspection conducted by the boat captain who is responsible for the crew's safety.
- A professional servicing session every 3 years minimum, carried out in the Plastimo factory or by one of our approved stations. In case of intensive or professional use, an annual servicing session is necessary.

## Visual inspection by the boat captain:

Before putting off to sea, we strongly recommend that you check visually your lifejacket general condition, following the indications in the user's manual.

This consists in checking the major components and making sure that none of them gives evidence of any wear and tear: outside hull, inflatable chamber, straps, fastening buckles, whistle, retroreflective tapes,  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  bottle, firing head.

#### Pay particular attention to :

- Firing head: the gas bottle must be full, firmly secured/ screwed and showing no sign of corrosion.
   Check the correct status of the green safety indicators (green clip or green bright spot).
- Expiry date on the firing head of automatic or hydrostatic inflation models.







Since May 2020, Plastimo incorporate a Cylinder Safe Retainer (CSR) in the production of all their inflatable lifejackets\*.

Lifejackets currently in use will be upgraded to include the CSR when are sent for servicing to the Plastimo factory or to a Plastimo approved station.

(\*UML inflation heads, models MK2, MK5, M2, M3 and ProSensor).



	Which re-arming I for my lifejacket? Identify the type of firing he	k <b>it</b> ad.	SLR 196	Pilot Junior EVO-j	
	Buoyancy		196 N	110 N	
	Gas bottle model		38 g	24 g	
		0	COMPLETE RE-ARMING KIT		
UML Manual	Manual UML (no cartridge to trigger automatic inflation)		-	-	
	<b>Automatic</b> UML5		-	38429	
UML Automatic	Automatic Pro Sensor (with visual indicators) UML MK2 MK3		-	-	
	Automatic Pro Sensor "Elite" (with visual indicators)	SLR 196	65872	-	
Hammar hydrostatic	Auto Hammar (hydrostatic) A1		-	-	
	Auto Hammar (hydrostatic) MA1	SLR 196	71038	-	

### Professional servicing

Plastimo recommends servicing every 3 years either in our factory or in a Plastimo authorized station.

Find the closest authorized station on www.plastimo.com or identify it with this window sign. Such stations are also entitled to service professional PFD's which require an annual servicing.

Professional servicing consists in:

- A thorough inspection of the lifejacket general condition.
- Inflating the lifejacket to check the airtightness.
- Inspecting the inflation system (inflation head, CO<sub>2</sub> gaz bottle).
- Upgrading the lifejacket in case of a technical or standard evolution (e.g. adding the Cylinder Safe Retainer).
- Re-arming and re-packing the jacket following a very strict folding procedure.



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### Use-by date / product lifetime :

- Water dissolving cartridge : 3 years.
- Hammar hydrostatic system : 5 years.
- Gas bottle: no expiry date. Must be replaced if corroded, if leaking or if lifejacket was blown open.

The lifejacket lifetime is directly related to its storage, frequency and conditions of use. Storing the lifejacket in a dry place when wintering preserves the components and contributes to extending the lifejacket lifetime.

Plastimo recommends to replace a lifejacket showing signs of wear and tear.

Pilot 165; EVO 165 Seapack; Seashore Pilot Pocket Rescue belt Pilot Race Quickfit; Easyfit	SL180 Pilot Pro 180	Pilot 275 Dan buoy	Pilot 290	Austral 180 SOLAS 150	SOLAS 275		
150 N - 165 N	180 N	275 N	290 N	150 N - 180 N	275 N		
33 g	38 g	60 g	60 g	2 x 33 g	2 x 60 g		
COMPLETE RE-ARMING KIT							
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58460	64115	61654	-	-	-	58505	
65769	65872	65926	-	-	-	64496	
40201	-	50376	-	-	-	42440	
58461	64116	61634	66435	-	-	61671 65639 (Pilot 290) 71037 (SLR 196)	

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