

Immersion, Survival or Anti-exposure Suits

SOLAS 74 (As Amended) – Chapter III/32.3 (Revised) and LSA Code

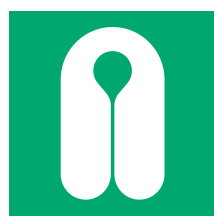
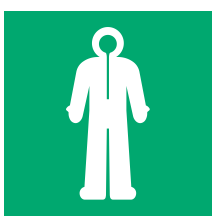
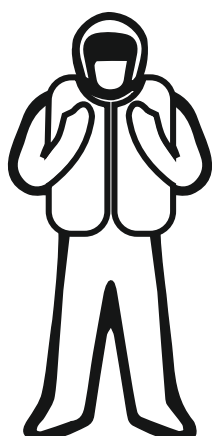
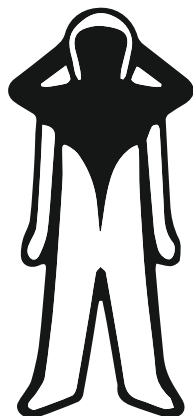
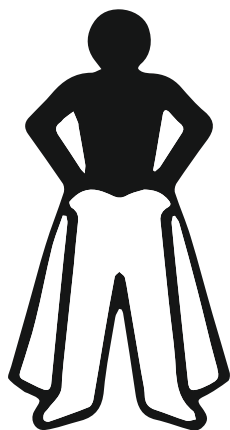
1 Inspection

- Monthly inspection to be carried out by ships crews in accordance with SOLAS 111/20.7.2 and MSC/Circ.1047
 1. Check storage bag closures and general condition for ease of removal. Check donning instructions are legible and confirm suit is right size and type.
 2. Make sure suit is dry inside and out. Visually check for signs of rips, tears or punctures. If signs of damage remove from service.
 3. Slide all zippers up and down checking for ease of use. Lubricate as recommended by manufacturer.
 4. Check any fitted inflatable head supports and/or buoyancy ring for visible damage and that fully attached. Check inflation hose for deterioration.
 5. Check retro-reflective tape for adhesion and general condition, replacing if necessary.
 6. Check whistle and light and battery expiration date, if fitted.
 7. When replacing suit in storage bags ensure zippers are fully opened.
 8. If any sign of damage suits should be removed from service and sent for repair by a suitable repair station recommended by the manufacture.
- During monthly inspection opportunity should be taken by the crew to practise donning the suits. Any suits used purely for the purpose of training should be clearly labelled as such.
- All suits should be periodically tested at not more than three year intervals by a recommended repair station for deterioration of seams and closures in accordance with MSC/Circ.1114.



2 Donning Instructions

- Remove suit from bag and lay out flat in front of you.
- Place legs into suit one at a time, pull up to hip height and secure ankle tabs
- Pull up and place arms in securing wrist tabs and pull up hood
- Pull zipper up fully and secure face cover
- Put on lifejacket if not integrated in suit
- Proceed to muster/assembly station.
- **DO NOT JUMP INTO WATER UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**



Entering the water 3

- Always try to use embarkation ladders or embarkation aids to enter the water
- If you have to jump ensure area below is clear of obstructions, lifeboats, rafts or other crew members
- **NEVER** jump directly onto survival craft
- Pinch nose with one hand and cross other arm over chest
- Step forward off the deck with legs together
- Once in water swim clear of the ship and try to link up with others in the water or make for survival craft.
- If survival craft unavailable, inflate any buoyancy aid or head support and activate any light. Use whistle to attract attention.
- Remain calm and do not swim about to conserve energy.

