



Peak UK Updated PFD Instructions & Lifespan

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PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE USING YOUR BUOYANCY AID.

FLOTATION DEVICES ONLY REDUCE THE RISK OF DROWNING.
THEY DO NOT GUARANTEE RESCUE.

Buoyancy Aid Level 50. ISO 12402-5

This level is intended for use by those who are competent swimmers and who are near to bank or shore, or who have help and a means of rescue close at hand. These garments have minimum bulk, but they are of limited use in disturbed water, and cannot be expected to keep the user safe for a long period of time. They do not have sufficient buoyancy to protect people who are unable to help themselves. They require active participation by the user.

Service: This PFD requires no servicing.

Maintenance: Your PFD should be replaced immediately if it shows signs of excessive wear or damage. Before and after every use visually check your PFD. Look for holes and rips. Excessive fading of fabric. Damage of webbing, buckles and zips. If any problems are found replace your pfd immediately. If you are unsure please contact service@peakuk.com.

Uplift: Annually test the uplift of your PFD. A crude test is to float a steel weight in water at room temperature. It is important to use steel, not lead, as the weight's density will seriously effect the test result. If your PFD's required uplift is 50N, then a 5kg weight should be a good test. For a 70N device, a 7kg weight will work. This is a pretty crude test though. For accurate testing of uplift we suggest that you set yourself up a test rig. See our weblink below for more details: youtube.com/peakuktv

Lifespan: The lifespan of your PFD depends upon its care and use. We estimate that it will last for up to 500 hours use if cared for properly. That's around 3 - 4 years if it is used for three hours a week. If you use it for an hour a week, you may get ten years use from it. If you use it for 10 hours a week, you may need to replace it after a year.

Shelf Life: We recommend that your PFD is replaced at the latest, ten years after it's date of manufacture. The date of manufacture is printed inside the pfd.

Washing: Rinse in freshwater after use. Hand to drip dry in the shade, away from heat and fumes. Rinsing in disinfectant may reduce the lifespan of your pfd.

Contamination: Use in contaminated water may reduce the lifespan of your pfd.

Storage: Store dry, away from direct sunlight and heat.

Wearing: Only use a pfd that fits correctly. For usage, all buckles should be firmly locked and the device should fit close to your body, without limiting mobility too much. Firstly try the pfd on land and then on a calm stretch of water. Never go out onto the water alone and always wear your pfd. Full performance of this device may not be achieved if the user wears non suitable clothing and footwear. Wetsuits, shorts, dry tops, dry pants and one piece suits are great. If you use this pfd with a drysuit, make sure you remove as much air as possible from inside the suit before use. This air will effect the pfd's performance and your ability to swim.

Water and Weather Conditions: Do not venture out in conditions beyond your skill and experience level. Take instruction or train yourself in the use of this device. Teach your child to float in this pfd. Do not use as a cushion! For those who can swim and are close to help! Trapped air and carried loads will impair the performance of this pfd. Full performance may not be achieved using waterproof clothing or in any other circumstances.