

Safety Alert Bulletin

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For additional respirator information please visit the NIOSH website at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl>

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Urgent Safety Notice Re-Issued by Survivair

An urgent safety notice was issued by the Survivair Company on June 16, 2006 for one of their CBRN respirator facepieces. For additional information on this user notice please visit:

http://www.survivair.com/images/downloads/Air%20Klic%20Safety_NoticeFINAL.pdf

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<http://www.survivair.com/images/downloads/Luxfer%20Cylinder%202nd%20notice.pdf>

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June 19, 2006

On May 1, 2006, the U.S. Department of Transportation posted a notice in the *Federal Register* concerning a small group of Luxfer composite cylinders that may not have been properly autofrettaged and/or hydrostatically tested by a third-party inspector, Arrowhead Industrial Services, Inc. The Federal notice, which includes a serial number list, states: "A person with a listed cylinder should discontinue use of the cylinder and return it to Arrowhead . . . so that autofrettage and hydrostatic test can be completed before its next use. Shippers and compressed gas filling facilities are advised that these cylinders do not meet the requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations and may not be offered for transportation or transported until the required testing is completed." In keeping with this Federal requirement, Survivair sent you a notice requesting your help in locating and recovering the cylinders.

Luxfer has verified that the cylinders are safe based on thorough testing, detailed engineering analysis and data collected from many cylinders already recovered from the affected group. Nonetheless, you are legally required to comply with the DOT mandate. If you still have cylinders covered by the Federal notice, you must remove the cylinders from service and have them tested.

To determine whether you have cylinders that need to be tested, please compare serial numbers of your Luxfer cylinders that have hydrostatic test dates from May through September 2005 with serial numbers listed on the Luxfer website at www.luxfercylinders.com/ctest. (The complete serial number list is published in the *Federal Register* notice. However, because the list on the Luxfer website is updated frequently, it will contain the most current information). The sample label below shows where to find the serial number and hydrostatic test date.

Once you have determined which cylinders, if any, need to be tested, please call this toll-free number: **1-800-355-3156**. A Luxfer customer-service representative will arrange to have your cylinders tested and returned to you promptly at no charge.

If removing cylinders from service would create an operational hardship for you, Survivair has loaner cylinders available that you may use until your cylinders are returned. Please contact Survivair customer service at 1-800-821-7236. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, and we thank you for your understanding and assistance.

