



Please print and post at your vessel/ facility for all employees to view

Fleet Memo #54: Defective Throwable Life Ring Buoys

Captains,

The manufacturer of 30" life ring buoys, Cal-June, Inc., has issued a safety alert pertaining to in the field shrinkage or shrink back of the buoy due to defects in the manufacturing of LOT number #1757 with the manufacturing date of 8/7/17.

Please review the attached safety alert and perform the following action items.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Review this memo and the safety alert with the full crew at the next safety meeting , and have every crewmember sign the meeting sheet as proof they have been informed and understand the safety alert.
- Inspect all life rings onboard. If any life rings are from this manufacturer and have the LOT number #1757, manufacturing date 8/7/17, remove from service immediately and contact resupply@tdi-bi.com to get more life rings ordered.
- Send the meeting minutes, sign in sheet, and any findings of faulty/defective life rings to the DPA, Roy Robbins, at dpa@tdi-bi.com, and the HSE Manager, James Howell, at hse@tdi-bi.com .

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Dear Valued Customer:

Re: Safety Alert!

It has come to our attention by a shipping company that several of our hard-shell 30" ring buoys (HSO-30) have experienced in the field a shrinkage or shrink-back that may affect the ring buoy's buoyancy. The issue appears to involve LOT #1757 dated 8-7-17. We believe that the cause of the shrink-back is a combination of heat and a poor urethane mix inside the shell. Although we have not had any other instances of this happening in the field, we think that is appropriate to communicate this problem with our customers should they encounter any other instances of this shrinkage occurring. We would recommend that any affected ring buoys be removed from service and replaced. We would also strongly recommend that you pass this letter on to your customers so that they are aware of the possibility of this occurring and recommend that our 30" hard-shell ring buoys be inspected at least semi-annually in the field to verify that this problem is not occurring.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. We would obviously like to hear from you should you hear of any problems of this type in the field.

Best regards,

James M. DeHoney
President/General Manager
Cal-June, Inc.