



TOP 5 LIFEJACKET FAULTS

Over the years our service stations have serviced many thousands of inflatable lifejackets and our engineers have accumulated a comprehensive knowledge base of the faults that we regularly find when first opening a lifejacket for inspection. **Alarmingly, a significant percentage of these lifejackets received would simply not work.** These are primarily lifejackets that look okay on the outside and the owners are usually unaware of any problems. Below are the top 5 faults identified and summarised as a guideline.



1

FAULT

The gas cylinder is loose.

RESULT

The lifejacket would either not inflate or only partially inflate.

REMEDY

Regularly check that the gas cylinder is firmly tightened.



2

FAULT

The gas cylinder has been fired.

RESULT

The lifejacket would not inflate.

REMEDY

Never re-pack a lifejacket which has been deployed without first re-servicing it. This will prevent it being confused with your good jacket.



3

FAULT

The gas cylinder or operating head is simply missing.

RESULT

The lifejacket would not inflate.

REMEDY

Always do a routine check to see that all components are in place and in good condition.



4

FAULT

The lifejacket has never been checked and is often up to 10 years old.

RESULT

The lifejacket would probably not inflate.

REMEDY

Ensure your lifejacket is serviced regularly and complete routine self checks to ensure all is in order.



5

FAULT

The client believes he has an automatic lifejacket when in fact it is a manual.

RESULT

Particularly dangerous for non-swimmers or if a victim falls into the water in an unconscious state.

REMEDY

Clearly mark your lifejackets as manual and automatic and be aware when mixed together.

Please be aware that this is only our TOP 5 FAULTS list and is NOT A COMPLETE list. Always take good care and check your lifejackets regularly.