

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES INC. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT DECISION

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Subject: Legacy Marking and Labeling Requirements

DECISION:

(NEW)

2.4 Devices shall be marked in accordance with Sections 36A – 37 or as described within the Normative Annex.

Normative Annex

MARKING

36 General

36 PFD Markings

36.1 General

36.1.1 All required markings shall be clearly reproduced in permanent, waterproof lettering of a single color that contrasts with the color of the surface on which it is applied.

36.1.2 A device shall not be provided with any marking or literature which modifies or contradicts the intent of the required markings as specified in Sections 36 - 38.

36A.1.3 A device shall not have any literature or markings that imply personal protection from impact.

36.2 Product Labels

36.2.1 A Type II device shall be marked in accordance with Device-Specific Required Markings for PFD Label, Table 36.1, and one of the following, as appropriate:

- a) Type II PFD Label - Printed on Spun-Bonded Paper, Figure 36.1; or
- b) Type II PFD Label - Silk-Screened, Ink-Stamped, or Similar, Figure 36.2.

Table 36.1
Device-specific required markings for PFD label

Symbol ^a	Requirement	Applicable to:		
		Type II	Type III	Type IV
[A]	Intended Use Statement Such as: "Waterskiing Vest", or "Fishing Vest". There shall be no likelihood of the Intended Use statement being confused with the descriptive term assigned to another PFD type.	X	X	
[SIZE]	Size Class^b a) "ADULT", b) "YOUTH-ADULT" c) "YOUTH LARGE / ADULT XXS", d) "YOUTH", e) "CHILD", or f) "INFANT/CHILD", or as appropriate. g) "INFANT", as appropriate. If this marking is not visible when the device is packaged, it shall also appear on the package. On a device marked "ADULT", the size class may be followed by a size description, such as: "XS", "S", "M", "L", "XL", "XXL", "XXXL", "S/M", "L/XL", "XXL/XXXL", "UNIVERSAL", or "OVERSIZE".	X	X	
[B]	Weight Range^b a) "More than 90 lbs. (41 kg)" for a device marked "ADULT". b) "More than 75 lbs. (34 kg)" for a device marked "YOUTH-ADULT". c) "75 to 125 lbs. (34 to 57 kg)" for a device marked "YOUTH LARGE / ADULT XXS". d) "50 to 90 lbs. (23 to 41 kg)" for a device marked "YOUTH". e) "30 to 50 lbs. (14 to 23 kg)" for a device marked "CHILD". f) "Less than 50 lbs. (23 kg)" for a device marked "INFANT/CHILD". g) "Less than 30 lbs. (14 kg)" for a device marked "INFANT"; or "## to ## lbs. (## to ## kg)" for a device marked "INFANT" that covers a weight range other than "Less than 30 lbs. (14 kg)" where the "##" symbols are replaced by the actual range tested for the device in pounds and kilograms. The minimum weight range for such devices shall not be less than 7 lbs. (3.2 kg).	X	X	
[C]	Chest Size Shall be expressed in inches and centimeters over a range of not less than 2 inches; for example, "30 to 32 in. (76 to 81 cm)". If this marking is not visible when the device is packaged, it shall also appear on the package.	X	X	
§	Shall be included on a device marked "ADULT," "YOUTH-ADULT," or "YOUTH LARGE / ADULT XXS". At the manufacturer's option, may be included on a device marked "YOUTH". Shall not be included on a device marked "CHILD", "INFANT/CHILD", or "INFANT".	X	X	

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Table 36.1 Continued

Symbol ^a	Requirement	Applicable to:		
		Type II	Type III	Type IV
[D]	Model Number A unique model number shall be provided for each pattern of foam. <i>Exception: A single model number is able to be used for a series of like devices differing only in size and relative proportions of foam and fabric, provided that a size description is included.</i>	X	X	X
[E]	Style A unique style number shall be provided for each type of closure system. The style number shall be at [E] in code with the model or lot number. <i>Exception: When the device is manufactured in only one style, this field is not required to be included on the device.</i>	X	X	
####/####/#	U.S. Coast Guard Approval Number Assigned by the USCG.	X	X	X
‡	Shall be included only on a Kapok device.	X		X
[Third Party Certification Mark]	Certification mark of third party testing organization. Shall be located within the borders of the PFD label as follows: A. For Figures 36.5 and 36.6, in any position below the USCG Approval statement; B. For all other Figures in this Section, in any position below all warning statements; C. Such that no other required markings are obscured; and D. Adjacent to and left of the third party product identification and certification mark issue number.	X	X	X
[G]	Third party product identification and certification mark issue number. Shall be located within the borders of the PFD label such that no other required markings are obscured, adjacent to and right of the third party certification mark.	X	X	X
[TRADEMARK OR NAME, AND ADDRESS]	Company or individual's trademark or name to be used on or in conjunction with the product, and address of the same. Shall be located within the borders of the PFD label as follows: A. For Figures 36.5 and 36.6, in any position below the USCG Approval statement; B. For all other Figures in this Section, in any position below all warning statements; and C. Such that no other required markings are obscured.	X	X	X
[H]	Lot Number Shall incorporate a means of identifying the year and quarter of manufacture of the device. A lot shall consist of not more than 1000 devices. A new lot shall be established when the materials or production methods are changed. Lots shall be numbered serially. If a manufacturer produces PFDs at more than one factory, the lot number shall provide a means of identifying the device as the product of a particular factory. Shall be located with the borders of the PFD label, in any position or orientation such that no other required markings are obscured.	X	X	X

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Symbol ^a	Requirement	Applicable to:		
		Type II	Type III	Type IV
[□] ◆	Shall be included when required. See 7.2.2 Shall be included on devices for personal water craft, water skiing, or similar towed uses. See Water skiing devices, Sections 7.2, and Dynamic Strength Test, Section 22.	X X	X	
^a See Figures 36.1 – 36.8, as applicable. ^b "INFANT/CHILD" and "INFANT" devices are applicable to Type II only.				

Figure 36.1
Type II PFD label – printed on spun-bonded paper

NEAR-SHORE BUOYANT VEST - TYPE II PFD [INTENDED USE: [A]] [SIZE]	
USER WEIGHT: [B] MODEL: [D]	CHEST SIZE: [C] § STYLE: [E]
U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVAL NUMBER 160.###/####/# USCG approved wearable device for uninspected commercial vessels less than 40 feet (12m) in length not carrying passengers for hire, and for recreational boats. [Not approved for use on personal water craft, for water skiing, or similar towed uses.⌘]	
WARNING – TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DEATH BY DROWNING: ● READ MANUFACTURER’S “THINK SAFE” PAMPHLET BEFORE USING THIS DEVICE AND PERFORM “THINK SAFE” CHECKS EACH SEASON ● CHOOSE THE RIGHT TYPE AND SIZE PFD AND WEAR IT – FASTEN ALL CLOSURES AND ADJUST FOR SNUG FIT ● FOLLOW MANUFACTURER’S USE AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS ● DO NOT CARRY HEAVY OBJECTS – HEAVY OBJECTS IMPAIR FLOTATION ● DO NOT PUNCTURE INNER PLASTIC COVER‡ ● REPLACE PFD IF PADS BECOME WATERLOGGED‡	
[Third Party Certification Mark] LISTED NEAR-SHORE BUOYANT VEST [G] [TRADEMARK OR NAME, AND ADDRESS] LOT NO. [H]	

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Figure 36.2
Type II PFD label – silk-screened, ink-stamped, or similar

NEAR-SHORE BUOYANT VEST - TYPE II PFD [INTENDED USE: [A]] [SIZE]	
USER WEIGHT: [B] MODEL: [D]	CHEST SIZE: [C] § STYLE: [E]
U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVAL NUMBER 160.###/####/#	
USCG approved wearable device for uninspected commercial vessels less than 40 feet (12m) in length not carrying passengers for hire, and for recreational boats. [Not approved for use on personal water craft, for water skiing, or similar towed uses.✕]	
WARNING – TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DEATH BY DROWNING:	
● READ MANUFACTURER’S “THINK SAFE” PAMPHLET BEFORE USING THIS DEVICE AND PERFORM “THINK SAFE” CHECKS EACH SEASON ● CHOOSE THE RIGHT TYPE AND SIZE PFD AND WEAR IT – FASTEN ALL CLOSURES AND ADJUST FOR SNUG FIT ● FOLLOW MANUFACTURER’S USE AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS ● DO NOT CARRY HEAVY OBJECTS – HEAVY OBJECTS IMPAIR FLOTATION ● DO NOT PUNCTURE INNER PLASTIC COVER† ● REPLACE PFD IF PADS BECOME WATERLOGGED†	
[Third Party LISTED Certification NEAR-SHORE Mark] BUOYANT VEST [G]	
[TRADEMARK OR NAME, AND ADDRESS] LOT NO. [H]	

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36.2.2 A Type III device shall be marked in accordance with Device-Specific Required Markings for PFD Label, Table 36.1, and one of the following, as appropriate:

- a) Type III PFD Label - Printed on Spun-Bonded Paper, Figure 36.3; or
- b) Type III PFD Label - Silk-Screened, Ink-Stamped, or Similar, Figure 36.4.

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