

# INFLATABLE LIFE JACKETS



## WHEN TO USE

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Recommended only for strong swimmers
- Read the label to find out if it is appropriate for the recreational water activity
- Ensure it has a U.S. Coast Guard approval number
- Never use for personal watercraft, waterskiing, tubing, or whitewater boating activities (please wear an inherently buoyant life jacket)
- Never wear under clothing, coats, or jackets

## HOW IT WORKS

- Uses inflatable technologies with a CO2 cylinder
- Many inflate automatically when immersed in water – others only inflatable when a cord is pulled
- When the CO2 cylinder is activated, the gas will escape into the chamber and inflate the life jacket
- You cannot re-use a CO2 cartridge – must replace with the rearm kit recommended by the manufacturer



## BEFORE EACH USE

- Check to see if the CO2 cartridge is full
- If your device has a Cartridge Seal Indicator, it will show GREEN if the cartridge is full
- If it shows RED, you must replace the cartridge with the recommended rearm kit



## HOW TO TEST

- Manually inflate with air valve & test if it holds air for 16 hours
- Inspect inflation mechanism (not discharged, no corrosion, and properly installed)
- If it holds air, repack and use
- Replace the CO2 cartridge every time it is activated with the recommended rearm kit
- Walk into pool or shallow water with manually inflated jacket and experience the flotation

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