

HARMONIZED LIFE JACKET APPROVALS

ANSI/CA/UL 12402-5:2015 Personal Flotation Devices Buoyancy Aid Safety Requirements

WHY?

Canada and the United States are working together to harmonize to one standard for life jacket approvals, allowing the ability to use and sell the same product in both countries.

Current Life Jacket Approvals are called Legacy Type III for U.S. and Legacy PFD for Canada

New Harmonized Life Jacket Approvals for Canada and U.S. will now be called Level 70 Buoyancy Aids

NEW LABELS/SAFETY LITERATURE

All products with the new, harmonized approval will feature a new label. The inner of the device will include sizing information that is larger and more visible in the neckline along with the utilization of icons to specify certification level, limitations of use, and care instructions. In addition, labeling will be tri-lingual to include English, French, and Spanish languages.

Safety literature attached to the outer of the jacket will include a new harmonized placard. This replaces the current “Think Safe” booklet for the U.S. and the “Wise Choice” pamphlet for Canada. Child and youth products will have an additional Children’s Placard, which is similar to the placard currently used on Children’s item in the U.S.

UPDATES FOR YOUTH AND CHILD

Weight ranges are changed slightly on child and youth items. This creates a small gap between infant and child sizes. If consumers are unsure of which size to choose, please advise them to try on and choose the one that fits the best. As an additional benefit, pillows may be removed from all child and youth products. The Canadian Legacy PFD standard requires these on all child and youth items.

CURRENT				NEW	
USA		CANADA		USA/CANADA	
SIZE	WEIGHT	SIZE	WEIGHT	SIZE	WEIGHT
CHILD	30-50 LBS.	CHILD/ENFANT	14-27 KG	CHILD/ENFANT/NIÑO	33-55 LBS / 15-25 KG
YOUTH	50-90 LBS.	YOUTH/JEUNESSE	27-41 KG	YOUTH/JEUNESSE/JUVEN	55-88 LBS / 25-40 KG
YOUTH SMALL	50-75 LBS.			YOUTH SMALL	55-75 LBS.
YOUTH LARGE	65-90 LBS.			YOUTH LARGE	64-88 LBS.

EXISTING (LEGACY) APPROVED DEVICES

Currently approved Legacy Type III (U.S.) devices will not need to be replaced and will continue to meet U.S. carriage requirements. Devices that are approved by Transport Canada to the CGSB standard are still acceptable for use in Canada. These are all approved for use if they are in good condition. Please read and refer to labeling for device approval specifics. Retailers and manufacturers can continue to sell both old (legacy) and new (harmonized) devices in the U.S. and Canada.

FUTURE APPROVAL FOR HARMONIZATION

Currently, the new, harmonized level 70 standard and labels only impact “legacy” type III life jackets for the U.S. and ‘legacy’ PFD’s for Canada. For U.S. approvals, Type I, Type II, Work Vests, and Inflatable Life Jackets are NOT a part of the current harmonized standard. In Canada, Life Jacket Devices are NOT yet covered either. These are all planned for future development, but a timeline for conversion has not been established.

EXISTING LABELS PRINTED ON INSIDE OF JACKET

CANADA

CONFORMS TO STANDARD CANC008-46.15-AMR.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT (CANADA)
APPROVED: APPROVAL NUMBER: TC-5319-46
BUOYANCY 36 N MINIMUM (8 L POUNDS FORCE)
THIS PFD IS DESIGNED TO BE WORN, WEAR IT!

CAUTION:
THIS DEVICE MAY LOSE BUOYANCY OVER A PERIOD OF TIME AND BECOME NO LONGER SERVICEABLE. THE RENTAL PERFORMANCE SHOULD BE CHECKED REGULARLY DURING EACH SEASON TO DETERMINE THAT IT PROVIDES ADEQUATE BUOYANCY FOR YOUR NEEDS.
ORANGE, RED AND YELLOW COLOURED PFDS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR HIGHER VISIBILITY.
NOTICE TO PARENTS:
PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THIS DEVICE IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR ADULT SUPERVISION.

AVERTISSEMENT:
CE VÊTEMENT PEUT PERDRE DE SA FLÔTABILITÉ APRÈS UN CERTAIN TEMPS ET DEVENIR INUTILISABLE. SA TENUE EN SERVICE DANS L'EAU DOIT ÊTRE VÉRIFIÉE RÉGULIÈREMENT AU COURS DE CHAQUE SAISON AFIN DE S'ASSURER QUE LA FLÔTABILITÉ OFFERTE CONVIENT AUX BESOINS DES UTILISATEURS.
LES V.F.J. DE COULEUR ORANGE, ROUGE OU JAUNE SONT RECOMMANDÉS POUR UNE MEILLEURE VISIBILITÉ.
AVIS AUX PARENTS:
CE VÊTEMENT NE PEUT PAS REMPLACER LA SURVEILLANCE PAR UN ADULTE.

PERSONAL FLotation DEVICE
VÊTEMENT DE FLÔTATION INDIVIDUEL
ISSUE NO. NO. D'ÉMISSION: 90054
MANUFACTURED FOR / FABRIQUÉ POUR
KENT SPORTING GOODS CO., INC.
NEW LONDON, OHIO 44851 USA

LOT NUMBER / NUMÉRO DU LOT
SIZE / TAILLE: CHILD / ENFANT
MODEL / MODÈLE: 3648
14 TO 27 KG / 14 A 27 KG

MADE IN CANADA

TRANSPORT CANADA APPROVED PFD

USA

FLotation AID - TYPE III PFD
INTENDED USE: GENERAL PURPOSE
SIZE: CHILD
U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVAL NUMBER: 160,064/48580
MODEL: 3051
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 watercraft, 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
LOT NO.
ABSOLUTE OUTDOOR INC., 433 PARK AVENUE S., NEW LONDON, OH 44851

WARNING: DO NOT DRY CLEAN. DO NOT ATTACH PFD TO BOAT. DRY OUT THOROUGHLY WHEN WET. SUNSHINE, CHLORINE AND WEATHERING MAY CAUSE COLORED TO FADE OR BLEED ONTO OTHER SURFACES. CAUTION: FABRIC FACING CAN INDICATE LOSS OF STRENGTH. STORE IN DRY, COOL, DARK PLACE. A WEATHERED PFD COULD TEAR EASILY, RESULTING IN LOSS OF FLotation MATERIAL. IF FADED, CHECK STRENGTH OR DISCONTINUE USE. TEST THIS DEVICE IN THE WATER AND CHECK FOR RIDE-UP. SEE PAGE 9 OF THE THINK SAFE PFD PAMPHLET.
MADE IN CHINA

U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE III PFD

EXISTING SAFETY LITERATURE ATTACHED TO OUTER OF JACKET

CANADA
WISE CHOICE
FOLDED BROCHURE
ENGLISH/FRENCH

US
THINK SAFE
MULTI PAGE BOOKLET
ENGLISH ONLY


Make Your Choice. Then Wear It!

A PFD is designed for flotation and will keep a conscious person's head out of the water in calm conditions.

A Lifejacket is designed to turn most unconscious persons into a face-up, head-out-of-the-water position.

PFDs are more comfortable to wear and are good for people who are confident in the water. They perform well in sheltered conditions, where help is close at hand.

Lifejackets have much more buoyancy than PFDs and perform better in the water. However, they are more bulky and less comfortable to wear.



A flotation device only works if you are properly wearing it. Make the wise choice based on the information provided and the type of boating you will be doing.

Think Safe

Choose the Right Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

This package contains a Flotation Aid (Type III PFD). Other available types are described within.

A Flotation Aid (Type III PFD) is:

- Designed to provide a stable face-up position in calm water for a wearer floating with head tilted back.
- Available in a wide variety of styles.
- Available in many sizes for good fit.

Intended Uses




- General boating or the activity that is marked on the device such as skiing, hunting, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and others.
- Good for calm, inland waters, or where there is a good chance for fast rescue.
- Designed so that wearing it will complement your boating activities.

Advantages

- Should be comfortable enough to wear for extended periods.
- A wide variety of designs for specialized boating activities.
- Available in bright colors so you can be easily spotted in the water.

Disadvantages

- Wearer may have to tilt head back to avoid going face-down.
- Will not hold the face of an unconscious wearer clear of the water.
- In rough water, a wearer's face may often be covered by waves.
- Not for extended survival in rough water.

NOTE: Do not remove this booklet. No person may sell or offer for sale a PFD unless this booklet is provided with it.

TYPE I
TYPE II
TYPE III
TYPE IV
TYPE V

NEW LABEL PRINTED ON INSIDE OF JACKET

CERTIFICATION LEVEL 70



This level is intended for use by those who have help or a means of rescue close at hand, or who are near to bank or shore. These devices have minimal bulk, but cannot be expected to keep the user safe for a long period of time in disturbed water.



NOT INTENDED TO
TURN USER FACE UP

USCG/TC APPROVED LEVEL 70 BUOYANCY AID

CARE ICONS

HAND WASH ONLY

DO NOT IRON

DO NOT BLEACH

DO NOT DRYCLEAN

DO NOT TUMBLE DRY

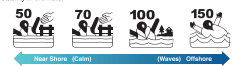
NEW
HARMONIZED 1 PAGE
PLACARD
ENGLISH/FRENCH/SPANISH

CHOOSE THE DEVICE YOU WILL WANT TO WEAR

SIZE & FIT
• Check label for user weight and chest size.
• Different body types float differently.
• Try your device on in the water to ensure your airway is clear.
• A good fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable.

PERFORMANCE

- Lower level number generally offers greater mobility, comfort, and style with good flotation for most people.
- Higher level number generally offers greater flotation, turning, and stability in the water.



Increasing time to rescue

CONSIDER YOUR ACTIVITY & ENVIRONMENT

WATER SAFETY INFO

- In over 80% of boating fatalities the person was not wearing flotation.
- Most of these are sudden falls overboard or capsizing of a small boat.
- The first moments in the water are critical, even for experienced swimmers.
- Cold water shock causes involuntary gasping, loss of muscle control and swim failure.
- Long term immersion in cold water causes hypothermia and requires thermal protection and flotation in the HELP position to conserve energy.

FLotation DEVICES SAVE LIVES

DESIGN TYPES

- INHERENT** - built-in flotation (always buoyant).
- INFLATABLE** - inflated gas canister inflates chambers (no buoyancy until time of inflation, requires canister replacement, may be manual, may require secondary action to don).
- HYBRID** - combination of flotation and inflation (some immediate buoyancy and supplemental when inflated, may require canister replacement).
- SPECIAL PURPOSE** - your activity may require special features (safety color, harness, straps, etc.) and accessories (vests, lights, reflectors, etc.) for certain conditions.

YOUR DEVICE ONLY WORKS WHEN WORN

MAINTENANCE

- Over time, exposure to sun, salt, fuel, and mildew can damage device.
- Allow to air dry, inspect and regularly.
- Inflatable require replacement rearming, repacking and regular servicing.

READ, SAVE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

WARNINGS

- Children should have adult supervision when on or near the water.
- Devices must be fastened correctly and securely.
- Some devices were not designed for certain activities or conditions such as water skiing, towed sports, personal watercraft (PWC) or whitewater paddling.

CHECK LABEL FOR LIMITATIONS OF USE

APPROVAL

- Some devices are approved only when worn.
- Check federal, state/provincial and local requirements for carriage, use and wear.

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HARMONIZED PAMPHLET ATTACHED TO OUTER OF LIFE JACKET INSTRUCTS YOU TO LOOK AT THE LIFE JACKET LABEL FOR LIMITATIONS OF USE



**LOOK FOR
SAFETY ALERT
SYMBOL
TO SEE
LIMITATION
ICONS**

DESIGN TYPES

- INHERENT – built-in flotation (always buoyant).
- INFLATABLE – activated gas canister inflates chamber(s) (no buoyancy until time of inflation, requires canister replacement, may be manual, may require secondary action to don).
- HYBRID – combination of flotation and inflation (some immediate buoyancy and supplemental when inflated, may require canister replacement).
- SPECIAL PURPOSE – your activity may require special features (safety color, harness, straps, etc.) and accessories (whistle, lights, reflectors, etc.) for certain conditions.

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LIMITATION ICONS



**NO
WATER
SKIING**



**NO
TOWED
SPORTS**



**NO PWC
PERSONAL
WATERCRAFT**



**NO
WHITewater
PADDLING**

EXAMPLE

LABEL INDICATES THERE ARE LIMITATIONS FOR USE

CHILD / ENFANT / NIÑO
User Weight: / Poids de l'utilisateur: / Peso del usuario: >15-25 kg (>33-55 lbs)

70

• Drowning hazard if not worn. • Noyade danger si ce ne est porté. • Peligro de ahogamiento si no se usa.
• Must be fastened and properly adjusted to float the wearer. • Doit être fixé et correctement ajusté - Debe abrocharse y ajustarse apropiadamente para flotar el usuario.

Choose and wear the device which fits you and your activity, visit www.wearitlifejacket.org
Read and Keep the owner's manual and tags for info on wear and care.
Choisir et porter l'appareil qui vous convient et votre activité, visitez www.wearitlifejacket.org
Lire et conserver le manuel et les étiquettes pour les informations l'usure et les soins.
Elija y utilice el chaleco salvavidas que le ajuste a su medida y actividad, usted y su actividad, visite www.wearitlifejacket.org
Lea y conserve el manual de usuario y etiquetas para consultar la información, forma correcta de utilizarlo y recomendaciones para su cuidado

LABEL INDICATES THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS

**ADULT LARGE
ADULTE GRAND
ADULTO GRANDE**
User Weight: / Poids de l'utilisateur: / Peso del usuario: >41 kg(>90 lbs)
Chest Size: / Tour de poitrine: / Tamaño del pecho: 102-112 cm (40-44 in.)

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**Watersports Vest
Gilet de Sports Nautiques
Deportes Acuáticos Chaleco**

• Drowning hazard if not worn. • Noyade danger si ce ne est porté. • Peligro de ahogamiento si no se usa.
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