



SUBJ: LIFE JACKET - Infant Life Vests

This is information only. Recommendations aren't mandatory.

Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin is to alert Flight Standard District Offices (FSDOs) and the aviation community, including end-users, owners, and operators of all aircraft using **Eastern Marine Aero (EAM) Worldwide, Infant Life Vests Model EAM-IN-V20L8, P0640-XXX**, of an airworthiness concern, specifically the necessity of ensuring that the protective plugs have been removed from the life vests and discarded.

At this time, the airworthiness concern is not an unsafe condition that would warrant airworthiness directive (AD) action under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 39.

Background

The battery for the survivor locator light installed on EAM Model EAM-IN-V20L8 infant life vest part numbers P0640-1XX and P0640-2XX, contain a protective plug, which inhibits the activation of the survivor locator light. This plug was intended to only be in place during manufacturing and would normally be removed prior to delivery to end users. Unless the protective plug is pulled during the vest donning process, the survivor light will not activate as intended. Currently, there are no instructions advising the removal of the plug during the vest donning process.

EAM Worldwide has issued Service Bulletin INV-25-2, dated August 6, 2018 Revision A. This service bulletin specifies and provides procedures for ensuring that the protective plugs have been removed from the life vests and discarded. This is a one-time action for removing the plugs.

Recommendations

The FAA recommends that owners of Infant Life vest Model EAM-IN-V20L8, P0640-XXX incorporate EAM Service Bulletin INV-25-2, dated August 6, 2018 Revision A.

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