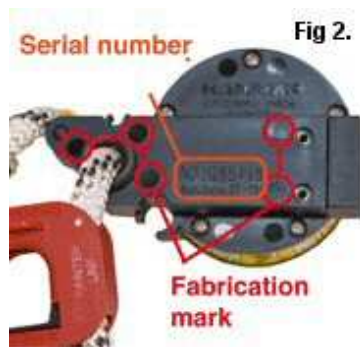


<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>FAKE HYDROSTATIC RELEASE UNITS</b>	<b>REF. NO.</b>	<b>01/09</b>
<b>VESSEL CATEGORY:</b>	<b>ALL VESSELS</b>	<b>AREA:</b>	<b>ALL AREAS</b>

We would like to advise Members that Hammar have announced that it has recently come to their attention that third parties are producing fake copies of their Hydrostatic Release Unit, the Hammar H20.

They have noted that, to an untrained eye, the copy is almost identical to the original product, even featuring Hammar’s logo and address on the labels but after tests it is noted that the copies do not work properly according to the SOLAS specification.

They have issued the following guidelines for customers to ensure their equipment is approved and manufactured by Hammar:



- Always purchase your products through an approved distributor or authorised service point for life rafts and Epirbs.
- To ensure that the Hammar multilingual product manual and raft label has been received with each unit (for life raft H20) or Hammar marking instruction for Epirb H20 (see fig 1).
- On the underside of the Hammar H20 five fabrication marks on all units produced since April 2006 should be observed. Units produced before this date have only two fabrication marks (see fig 2).

- The fabrication mark on the upper side of the unit must always point directly towards the rope (see fig 3).
- The serial number and production date can always be verified by contacting CM Hammar at [info@cmhammar.com](mailto:info@cmhammar.com).



Source of information: For the full wording please see the Hammar website; [www.cmhammar.com](http://www.cmhammar.com)