

# HEED 3

## TECHNICAL / USER MANUAL

**HELICOPTER EMERGENCY EGRESS DEVICE**  
**MODELS 175-001, 175-002, 300-001 & 300-002**



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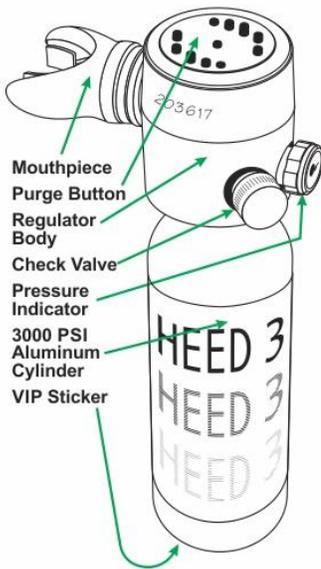
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### GENERAL PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS:

- HEED is shipped empty. Fill prior to use.
- No special training or SCUBA certification necessary for using HEED above ground or at shallow depths.
- Never overfill the HEED system above 3000 psi, the air pressure stamped on the cylinder. ONLY use purified, dry compressed breathing air when filling HEED.
- DO NOT fill or use HEED if it has been exposed to extreme heat exceeding 250°F, or open flame. Instead, discharge the cylinder completely and return it to an Authorized dealer or the manufacturer for inspection and possible hydrostatic testing.

### HOW HEED WORKS:

Helicopter Emergency Egress Device (HEED) is a high quality emergency breathing system produced and tested by people with more than four decades of manufacturing experience. HEED is made in the U.S.A. by craftsmen dedicated to producing a quality product. Enjoy the peace of mind that having the HEED brings.



- Regulator Body** - Our simple rugged design utilizes the same time proven technology found in typical regulators used by SCUBA Divers around the world. Our always-on, breathe on demand, balanced single stage regulator is easy to use, maintain and service. HEED 3 can be used in any orientation, even upside down.
- Pressure Indicator** - Dial Gauge has an easy to read, color coated display for at-a-glance pressure check in psi and bar.
- Purge Button** - Clears the regulator and empties the cylinder.
- Mouthpiece** - High quality silicone mouthpiece.
- Check Valve Refill Port** - Refillable from an Air Compressor or SCUBA cylinder.
- 3000 PSI Aluminum Cylinder** - This cylinder is manufactured just like standard SCUBA cylinders, with the same safety features. The cylinder should be inspected annually and hydrostatically tested every 5 years.
- VIP Sticker** - Month and year of last cylinder visual inspection.

## **REFILLING HEED FROM A FILL STATION USING #920C ADAPTER:**

(Use a high-pressure, breathing air quality air compressor designed to fill air systems.)

**WARNING:** If the HEED Check Valve Refill Port or Refill Adapter threads are damaged or worn these parts will require replacement. Continued use may cause injury.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT stand directly over HEED regulator while filling.

**CAUTION:** Ensure the regulator is firmly attached to the cylinder (hand tight, no tools required).

1. Unscrew black cap from the Check Valve Refill Port.
2. Apply small amount of food grade silicone grease to Refill Port threads with your finger.
3. Screw Refill Adapter onto Refill Port until finger tight.  
*NOTE: DO NOT apply a wrench or otherwise overtighten.*
4. Attach the yoke from the compressor to the Adapter.  
*NOTE: If line is pressurized over 3200 PSI, adjust the line pressure to 3200 PSI.*
5. Turn the valve on your compressor ON.
6. Refill the cylinder to 3200 psi initially, after cooling down the pressure will be approximately 3000 psi. Regulate the flow so that it takes approximately 45-60 seconds to fill the cylinder.  
*NOTE: Filling too fast can generate heat and will result in an incomplete fill after the cylinder cools.*  
*NOTE: Fill cylinder slowly and DO NOT OVERFILL to protect the safety burst disc inside the regulator from rupturing. If it ruptures, a new 3300 psi burst disc must be installed before unit can be filled.*
7. When the cylinder is full, turn the compressor or fill station valve OFF.
8. Open bleed knob to release pressure in line. Remove Adapter from compressor yoke.
9. Remove Adapter from HEED and replace black cap on Refill Port.
10. Check the Pressure Indicator. If the tank is full, the Dial Gauge will read 3000 psi.

## **REFILLING HEED FROM A STANDARD SCUBA CYLINDER USING #910S ADAPTER:**

**WARNING:** If the HEED Check Valve Refill Port or Refill Adapter threads are damaged or worn these parts will require replacement. Continued use may cause injury.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT stand directly over HEED regulator while filling.

**CAUTION:** Ensure the regulator is firmly attached to the cylinder (hand tight, no tools required).

1. Unscrew black cap from the Check Valve Refill Port.
2. Apply small amount of food grade silicone grease to Refill Port threads with your finger.
3. Screw Refill Adapter onto Refill Port until finger tight.  
*NOTE: DO NOT apply a wrench or otherwise overtighten.*
4. Turn knurled ring on Adapter firmly to closed (clockwise) position.
5. Attach Refill Adapter to SCUBA cylinder valve.
6. Open SCUBA cylinder valve very slowly just until you can hear air passing from one cylinder to the other.  
*NOTE: Filling too fast can generate heat and will result in an incomplete fill after the cylinder cools.*  
*NOTE: If air is escaping from the Adapter during filling, close cylinder valve, wait for air to stop and re-tighten knurled ring by turning to closed (clockwise position).*
7. When at least 2 minutes have elapsed, and air can no longer be heard flowing from the cylinder, turn the cylinder valve completely open to ensure maximum fill.  
*NOTE: SCUBA cylinder must be filled to 3000 psi at beginning of refill procedure in order to fill to recommended full capacity.*
8. Close SCUBA cylinder valve.
9. You must turn the knurled ring on Adapter to open (counter-clockwise) position to relieve pressure in the Adapter.  
*NOTE: You will not be able to remove the Adapter from Refill Port until this is done.*
10. Remove Adapter from SCUBA cylinder and HEED.
11. Replace black cap on Refill Port.

## **MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Optional HEED 3 Holster is designed to attach to a modular style vest (MOLLE).

1. Weave the 2 straps on the back of the modular holster through the webbing and snap into place.  
*NOTE: It is important that the operator be able to grip the regulator having sufficient clearance for a pull of at least 6 inches.*
2. Place unit in Holster and attach flap securely over the regulator ensuring velcro is fully engaged.  
*NOTE: Mouthpiece can face left or right simply by switching mouthpiece cover and lanyard attachment to either side of the holster.*
3. Attach Mouthpiece Cover.

## **PRE-USE CHECK:**

1. Check for obvious physical damage, broken or loose parts. Do not use if damaged.
2. Visually check Dial Gauge for needle to be within green zone. Refill if necessary.
3. Push Purge Button down and release. Purge Button should move up and down freely. To maintain full pressure do not purge unnecessarily.

## **USING HEED:**

1. Pull D-ring on flap of Holster to open.
2. Grab HEED regulator head and pull out of the Holster. This action will release the Mouthpiece Cover.
3. Place HEED regulator into user's mouth.
4. If the system is used underwater press purge button lightly or exhale sharply to expel water from the regulator prior to inhalation.  
**CAUTION: Failure to purge the HEED regulator before inhaling will result in swallowing water.**
5. Continue to inhale and exhale to a safe and normal rate of ascent. Take small, slow, steady breaths to maximize the duration of air supply.  
*NOTE: The HEED utilizes a balanced regulator which means it will provide air in any orientation including the regulator being upside down or sideways.*  
**CAUTION: If HEED is used until completely empty underwater, it should be referred for five year service.**

## **GENERAL SERVICING INFORMATION**

*NOTE: Ensure HEED is always pressurized whenever it is submerged to prevent water from entering system. If HEED has been emptied of air underwater it should be referred for five year service.*

*NOTE: If a leak or damage is found at any point the unit should be referred for five year service.*

## **ANNUAL CHECK: (performed by user):**

1. Visually check Dial Gauge for needle to be within green zone. If it is not, perform a leak test to determine if the HEED is actually leaking or if it just needs to be filled.
2. Look for obvious physical damage, such as broken or loose parts. Check openings of diaphragm cover for presence of foreign objects or punctures of blue diaphragm. Check that all parts are clean and securely attached.
3. Perform a leak test. HEED must be pressurized and needle within the green zone.
  - a. Completely submerge filled unit into a tub of water.
  - b. Shake the unit back and forth several times so that all trapped air is released.
  - c. Hold the unit still and watch for any leaks for 60 seconds (spend 20 seconds at each of the following: mouthpiece opening, side ports, and tank o-ring areas).  
*NOTE: A leak is defined as a continuous bubble at a constant rate.*
  - d. If leak is detected, refer unit for five year service.

## **FIVE YEAR SERVICE: (must be done by certified repair technician or returned to manufacturer):**

1. Every five years the regulator should be overhauled with a complete overhaul kit. Refer to Service Manual for complete instructions. Only personnel certified to repair HEED can perform the repair or refer units to the manufacturer for servicing at:

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2. DOT 3AL cylinder: Hydrostatic testing is required every five years. DOT also requires that any cylinder exposed to fire or heat in excess of 350°F be condemned. CE marked cylinder: Refer to local country regulations for how often hydrostatic testing should occur.  
*NOTE: Any cylinder that shows signs of corrosion, pitting or damage during any service checks should be evaluated further.*

## **ROUTINE CARE & STORAGE:**

1. For general cleaning, use a mild dish soap or Simple Green / biodegradable solution.
2. For sanitizing, use a commercially available regulator sanitizer available through a dive shop.
3. Keep the threads on both the Refill Port and Refill Adapter clean and lubricated. Use high-quality, non-toxic, food grade silicone grease for best results.  
*NOTE: NEVER use a hydrocarbon based oil (i.e. household oil or motor oil).*
4. HEED used frequently in a water training environment need extra care:
  - a. After use, rinse and soak for at least 30 minutes in warm, fresh water.
  - b. Gently shake to dislodge any water and wipe dry with a clean towel.
  - c. Will require service every three to six months.
5. Store HEED full or with some positive pressure to prevent contaminants from entering the cylinder. Store in a clean, dry environment with optimum temperatures of 50-75°F for best product performance. Avoid direct sunlight, automobile trunks or other areas subject to temperature extremes.  
*NOTE: Industry guidelines recommend replacing air in cylinders annually.*

## **SERIALIZATION:**

All HEED systems are identified with individual serial numbers. Serial numbers are located on the regulator to the right of the mouthpiece.

## **SPECIFICATIONS:**

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**HEED 3 SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>MODEL #</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>300</b>
Length	8.75" / 22 cm	13.4" / 34 cm
Diameter	2.25" / 5.7 cm	2.25" / 5.7 cm
Weight (full)	1.5 lb / .68 kg	2.2 lb. / .98 kg
Cylinder Pressure Rating	3000 psi / 207 bar	3000 psi / 207 bar
Cylinder Volume	1.7 cu ft / 48 liters	3.0 cu ft / 85 liters
Duration of Air Supply	32 breaths at surface	57 breaths at surface
Recommended Depth	100 feet due to limited air supply	
Cylinder Material	Aluminum – black anodized	
Pressure Relief	Integrated in Regulator	
Regulator Type	Integrated Balanced Single Stage Demand	
Operational Temp.	-22°F (-30°C) to +158°F (+70°C)	
Altitude Limits	Tested at up to 35,000' (10,500 m)	
Burst Disc Rate	3300 psi; Bursts between 4300-4500 PSI	
Buoyancy	Nearly neutrally buoyant	
Cylinder Rating	DOT 3AL 3000 or CE Marked	
Duration of Breathing	Approx. 2-5 minutes. Varies upon user's lung capacity, physical exertion, depth of usage in water and several other factors.	