

HEED 3

TECHNICAL / USER MANUAL

HELICOPTER EMERGENCY EGRESS DEVICE 4500 SERIES



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THE LEADER IN SELF-RESCUE BREATHING SYSTEMS

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GENERAL PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS:

- HEED is packaged fully assembled and is ready to use after it has been filled with air. User needs to purchase a Refill Adapter – see refill section for options. Refill adapters are available on the Submersible Systems shopping cart – www.heed3.com – click on Purchase Direct.
- No special training or SCUBA certification required for using HEED above ground or at shallow depths.
- Protect carbon fiber cylinder from dings, falls or any damage. Refer any damaged cylinder for service. Do NOT fill any damaged cylinders.

PRODUCT BRIEFING:

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. We use the finest quality materials and techniques in the construction of this product. Enjoy the peace of mind that having HEED brings.



First Stage Regulator - The first stage reduces the high pressure within the cylinder to an intermediate pressure utilized by the second stage.

Serial Number - Both First and Second Stage Regulators are assigned serial numbers, located on the back side of each.

Pressure Indicator - Dial Gauge Pressure Indicator has an easy to read, color coated display for at-a-glance pressure check in psi and bar.

Refill Port & Cap - Refillable from an air compressor, hand pump or full scuba tank.

Purge Button - Clears the regulator and empties the cylinder.

Second Stage Regulator -The second stage provides air at ambient pressure and normal breathing rate through the mouthpiece. Can be used in any orientation, even upside down.

On/Off Knob - Twist valve to turn the air supply On/Off.

4500 PSI Carbon Fiber Cylinder – Original manufacture date is shown on the bottle. The cylinder should be hydrostatically tested every 5 years based on this date.

VIP Sticker - Month and year of the last cylinder visual inspection, required every year when refilling at a dive shop.

Burst Disc & Plug Assembly - Protects the product in the event of over pressurization

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES SOLD SEPARATELY – Go to heed3.com to order:



P/N 920CS – Air Compressor Refill Adapter



P/N 959 – Nose Clip with Lanyard

REFILLING HEED FROM FILL STATION USING #920CS 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).

NOTE: Set compressor pressure setting to 4500 psi/ 310 bar.

1. Unscrew black cap from 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.
 5. Turn the On/Off Knob on HEED counterclockwise until it is completely open/on.
 6. Turn the valve on your compressor ON.
 7. Refill the cylinder to 4500 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 4500 psi burst disc must be installed before unit can be filled.
8. Turn compressor OFF when breathing device is full.
 9. Turn the On/Off Knob on HEED clockwise until it is completely closed/off.
 10. Depress the 2nd Stage Purge Button until air flow can no longer be heard and the hose is depressurized.
 11. Open bleed knob to release pressure in compressor line. Remove Adapter from compressor yoke.
 12. Remove Adapter from HEED and replace black cap on Refill Port.
 13. Check the Pressure Indicator. If the tank is full, the Dial Gauge will read 4500 psi.

MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS:

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

1. Weave the straps on the back of the modular Holster through the webbing of vest (left side recommended) 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 small velcro strap around neck of 1st stage. Close top flap securely over the regulator ensuring velcro is fully engaged.
3. For models with Nose Clip option, place Nose Clip loosely inside of black mouthpiece protective cover. Secure cover over mouthpiece.
4. Affix the included small velcro tab located on the metal ring to another web to help secure Holster (optional).

PRE-USE CHECK:

1. Check for obvious physical damage, broken or loose parts. Do not use if damaged. Carefully inspect the hose for any blisters or cuts.
2. Turn the system on by turning the On/Off Knob counterclockwise until it is completely open.
3. Visually check Dial Gauge for needle to be within green zone. Refill if necessary.
4. Push Purge Button down and release 1 time only QUICKLY. Purge Button should move up and down freely. To maintain full pressure do not purge unnecessarily.

USING HEED:

1. Grab HEED regulator head and pull until Hose is completely out of the Holster. This action will release the Mouthpiece Cover.
2. Place HEED regulator into user's mouth.
3. 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.
4. Place Nose Clip (optional) on nose and adjust as needed.
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.
CAUTION: If HEED is used until completely empty underwater, it should be referred for Overhaul Service.
6. When done using system or flying, turn the On/Off Knob clockwise to turn off. Depressurize the air remaining in the hose by pressing the purge button on the 2nd stage Regulator.

TRAVELING:

NOTE: When transporting product (not using) on commercial aircraft, cylinders must be VISIBLY empty and removed from regulators.

1. Purge until empty of air.
2. Remove regulator from cylinder (regulator is attached hand tight) by turning counterclockwise. Leave o-ring on the regulator.
CAUTION: Do not force regulator on or off cylinder. Excessive force may damage threads. If regulator does not remove easily, soak in a 1 to 1 vinegar & water solution for 3 hours to loosen any corrosion.
3. Place HEED in a protective container (plastic bag or box) to keep unit clean and to secure loose parts.
4. Pack in your check or carry-on luggage.
5. When you reach your destination, reassemble (hand tight) and fill the cylinder. Lightly lubricate the tank o-ring with a small amount of Cristo-Lube – never use a hydrocarbon based oil. **DO NOT** force regulator onto cylinder.
NOTE: Replace o-ring after product has been disassembled and reassembled 3 times, or o-ring shows signs of wear or air leakage.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

- *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 Overhaul Service.*
- *If a leak or damage is found at any point the unit should be referred for Overhaul Service.*
- *No matter how often the unit has been used, or even if the unit has not been used at all, the HEED requires tank inspection and regulator overhaul every 5 years.*
- *Service intervals are from the Date of Manufacture found on the cylinder.*
- *Service record for each serial number should be maintained by user and record the date of the Annual Check and Overhauls as they are performed.*

BASIC MAINTENANCE ITEMS TO BE REPLACED AS NECESSARY (performed by user- all parts available for purchase on www.heed3.com):

1. Check Valve Refill Port – P/N 030CK-2S – Refill port may become damaged during filling, hex key needed.
2. Dial Gauge Pressure Indicator – P/N 003DG-3
3. External O-rings –P/N 015 SET (Check Valve Refill Port), P/N 016 SET (Dial Gauge Pressure Indicator), P/N 027 SET (Tank)
4. Burst Disc Set – P/N H1-11-4500 SET

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.
 - 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 Overhaul Service.
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. If unit is filled at a Dive Shop they will require that the cylinder is visually inspected annually and receives a fresh VIP sticker.

OVERHAUL & CYLINDER SERVICE (to be performed by repair facility / manufacturer):

1. Regulator Overhaul Service: Recommended for the HEED every 5 years when not used underwater or in a training environment. Service includes: Overhaul of regulator, replacement of all worn parts, visual inspection of cylinder and labor. Cylinder will receive a new VIP (visual inspection) sticker with the date marked.
2. Carbon Fiber cylinder: Hydrostatic testing is required every 5 years and the cylinder has a 15 years life time. The cylinder must be inspected in accordance with all local governing agencies.

HEED SERVICE OPTIONS:

OPTION 1 - Return to Manufacturer for Service –

- Visit www.heed3.com to download Service Form. Submersible Systems, Inc. provides both Overhaul and Hydrostatic Testing at our facility in Huntington Beach, California, USA.

OPTION 2 - Inhouse Maintenance by Corporate/Certified Customer

- Inhouse maintenance may be conducted by personnel that have a background on servicing SCUBA equipment or EBS.
- Manufacturer will provide appropriate parts, tools and manuals as needed.

OPTION 3 - In-country 3rd party repair center or dive maintenance company

- Please contact Submersible Systems, Inc. for a list of centers.

UNITS USED IN TRAINING ENVIRONMENT:

1. HEED used frequently in a water environment or for training purposes will need extra care:
 - a. After each in-water use, rinse and soak pressurized HEED for at least 30 minutes in warm, fresh water.
 - b. Rigorously shake and/or utilize a steady stream of water to dislodge any debris (salt, mineral deposits, sand, etc.).
 - c. Gently shake to drain water and wipe dry with a clean towel.

- HEED may require Overhaul Service more frequently depending on the amount of use it receives and the environmental conditions it is used in.

NOTE: Use in chlorinated swimming pool water will accelerate the deterioration of most rubber components and require more frequent service than in other typical conditions.

ROUTINE CARE & STORAGE:

- For general cleaning, use a mild dish soap or Simple Green / biodegradable solution.
- To clean mouthpiece, use a product such as Sterisol germicide or other food grade disinfectant.
- Keep the threads on both the Refill Port and Refill Adapter clean and lubricated. Use high-quality, non-toxic, Cristo-Lube for best results.
NOTE: NEVER use a hydrocarbon based oil (i.e. household oil or motor oil), petroleum based substances to clean or lubricate. Do not expose the regulator to aerosol spray, as some aerosol propellants attack or degrade rubber and plastic.
- 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. Avoid storing where it may be exposed to an electric motor which produces ozone. Prolonged exposure to extreme heat, ozone, chlorine and ultraviolet rays can cause premature degradation of rubber parts and components.
NOTE: Industry guidelines recommend replacing air in cylinders annually.

HEED 3 SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL #	4500
Cylinder Capacity	2.9 cu ft / 81 liters
Service Pressure	4500 psi / 310 bar
Length	10" / 25.4 cm (excluding hose)
Diameter	2.4" / 6 cm
Weight	1.8 lbs. / .8 kg
Duration of Air*	54 breaths
Cylinder Material	Carbon Fiber
Regulator	Piston, Downstream Demand Valve
Hose Length	20" or 27" Flexible Braided Hose
Pressure Relief	Integrated in Regulator
Operational Temperature	-22°F / -30°C < +158°F / +70°C
Altitude Limits	Tested at up to 35,000 ft / 10,500 m
Cylinder Marking	DOT -SP 21739 / EN12245 D (dual 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.

*Based on 1.5 liters per breath