

# HEED 3 TECHNICAL / USER MANUAL

## HELICOPTER EMERGENCY EGRESS DEVICE 200 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](http://www.heed3.com) – click on Purchase Direct.
- No special training or SCUBA certification required 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.

## 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, placed 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** -Heed 3 is refillable from an air compressor, hand pump or full scuba tank **Mouthpiece** – High quality silicone mouthpiece..  
**Purge Button** - Clears the regulator and empties the Air Tank.  
**Second Stage Regulator** -The second stage provides air at ambient pressure and normal breathing through the mouthpiece. Heed 3 can be used in any orientation, even upside down.  
**On/Off Knob** - Twist valve to turn the air supply on and off.  
**3000 PSI Aluminum Cylinder** – Original manufacture date is stamped on the neck. 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 HEED 3 at a dive shop.

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES SOLD SEPARATELY – GO TO HEED3.COM TO ORDER:



P/N 920C – Air Compressor Refill Adapter



P/N 910S – Scuba Tank Refill Adapter



P/N 959 – Nose Clip with Lanyard

## **REFILLING HEED FROM 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 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 On/Off Knob counter-clockwise until it is completely open.
6. Turn the valve on your compressor ON.
7. 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.*
8. When the cylinder is full, turn the On/Off Knob clockwise until it is completely closed.
9. Turn the compressor or fill station valve OFF.
10. Depress the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Purge Button until air flow can no longer be heard and the hose is depressurized.
11. Open bleed knob to release pressure in 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 3000 psi.

## **REFILLING HEED FROM FULL 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 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 silver bleed ring on Adapter back and forth (open/close) several time to ensure proper function. Turn bleed ring to closed (clockwise) position.  
*NOTE: Stop if bleed ring does not move and troubleshoot.*
5. Attach Refill Adapter to SCUBA cylinder valve.
6. Turn the On/Off Knob counter-clockwise until it is completely open.
7. 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).*
8. 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.*
9. Turn the On/Off Knob clockwise until it is completely closed.
10. Close SCUBA cylinder valve.

11. Depress the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Purge Button until air flow can no longer be heard and the hose is depressurized.
12. 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.*
13. Remove Adapter from SCUBA cylinder and HEED.
14. 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 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 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 mouthpiece cover over mouthpiece.
4. Affix the included small velcro tab located on the metal ring to another web to help secure the holster.

### **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 counter-clockwise 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. 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.**
5. Place Nose Clip (optional) on nose and adjust as needed.
6. 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 Overhaul Service.**
5. When done using system, turn the On/Off Knob clockwise to turn off.

### **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 counter-clockwise. 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 silicone grease – 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 neck – look for XX A XX representing the month and year of manufacture).
- 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.

## **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 Overhaul Service.
4. If unit is filled at a Dive Shop they will require that the cylinder is visually inspected annually by them 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. DOT 3AL cylinder: Hydrostatic testing is required every five years. Any cylinder exposed to fire or heat in excess of 350°F, or shows signs of corrosion, pitting or damage should be evaluated further. CE marked cylinder - Refer to local country regulations for how often hydrostatic testing should occur.

## **HEED SERVICE OPTIONS:**

### **OPTION 1**

**Return to Manufacturer for Service** – visit [www.heed3.com](http://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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
2. HEED Overhaul Service to be performed more regularly, approximately every three to six months.  
*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:**

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), 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.*
4. 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**

<b>MODEL #</b>	<b>200</b>
Cylinder Capacity	2 cu ft / 58 liters
Service Pressure	3000 psi / 207 bar
Length	9.75" / 25 cm (excluding hose)
Diameter	2.25" / 5.7 cm
Weight	1.99 lbs. / .9 kg
Duration of Air*	38 breaths
Cylinder Material	Aluminum – black anodized
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 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.

\*Based on 1.5 liters per breath