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Personal Flotation Collar (PFC-1)

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The following symbols are used throughout this manual:



WARNINGS indicate a procedure or situation that may result in serious injury or death if instructions are not followed correctly.



CAUTIONS indicate any situation or technique that will result in potential damage to the product, or render the product unsafe if instructions are not followed correctly.

NOTES are used to emphasize important points, tips, and reminders.

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Change Record



1. Introduction

NOTE: Orientation references the wearer's right and left

The procedures outlined within this manual are to be performed only by personnel who have received Factory Authorized training through a PECI Service & Repair Seminar. If you do not completely understand all of the procedures outlined in this manual, contact PECI to speak directly with a Technical Advisor before proceeding any further.

The PFC-1 Flotation Collar is a flotation device designed to support personal stranded in water. The collar is attached to the user's carrier. It provides a minimum of 60 pounds of flotation buoyancy and is designed to keep the user's head above the water for an extended period of time.

The PFC-1 is packed in a low profile casing made of fire resistant materials that are designed to open when the dual-chambered bladder inflates. A single-pull beaded handle is located on each side, when manually pulled, activates a 55-gram CO₂ gas cartridge for inflation. The left side is equipped with an auto-inflate device which will activate within five (5) seconds when submerged in water (salt of fresh). There is also a manual handle for **the left side which should be used as the primary means of inflating the collar.** The right side has a manual inflator which should be used as a back up in the event the left side auto inflator or handle does not work. Two oral inflation tubes allow the user to manually increase, decrease, or maintain the air pressure in the bladder chambers. These oral tubes have a 2.5 PSI relief valve which will relieve any pressure greater than 2.5 PSI. This could happen if the right handle is pulled and the left side is manually actuated also or inflates with the auto-inflation device.

NOTE: The capacity of the CO₂ cartridges is 55 grams with a minimum weight of 233.8 grams.



THE LEFT SIDE IS EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTO-INFLATION DEVICE, THEREFORE THE LEFT ACTIVATION HANDLE SHOULD BE USED AS THE **PRIMARY** ACTIVATION HANDLE.

PULLING BOTH HANDLES OR RIGHT HANDLE FIRST MAY CAUSE A FAILURE IN ONE OR BOTH BLADDERS BY ADDING TOO MUCH CO2.



Your PFC-1 Flotation Collar is an important piece of survival equipment. Proper care and maintenance will ensure your vest will accomplish the level of safety performance it is designed for. It is important that you become familiar with these instructions to safely use this flotation collar.

Since the PFC-1 is equipped with an auto-inflator on the left side, the left activation handle should be used as the primary means of inflating the collar.

The recommended service life is seven (7) years from date of manufacture. After five (5) years of use (placed in service) PECI recommends replacement of the device.



KEEP YOUR FLOTATION COLLAR IN USABLE CONDITION. IMPROPER WEAR MAY RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE COLLAR. DO NOT WEAR ANY GARMENT OR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OVER THE COLLAR. IMPROPER USE OR NEGLIGENT CARE OF THIS EQUIPMENT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

2. Features

- 1. Minimum Buoyancy: 60 lbs. buoyancy
- 2. Inflation
 - a. Left side equipped with an activation handle and auto-inflator
 - b. Right side equipped activation handle and manual inflator
- 3. Oral Inflation: Left and right oral inflation tubes with 2.5 psi relief valves
- 4. CO2 Cylinders: Left and right CO2 gas cylinders
- 5. Corrosion Resistance: All parts shall be corrosion resistant in fresh and salt water
- 6. Rot Resistance: All fabric, webbing, and binding shall be rot resistant
- 7. Fire Resistant Casing
- 8. Maximum Weight per Unit: 3.4 lbs. (1.54 kg)
- 9. Zipper Closure System



3. Visual Inspection

It is the responsibility of the person using the PFC-1 to perform the visual inspection. Perform a visual inspection prior to each use and at intervals not to exceed 30 days. If damage is found during an inspection, the flotation assembly must be grounded until repaired.

- 3.1 Inspect the outside of the case for:
 - Cuts, tears, and abrasion damage
 - · Open seams and loose or broken stitching
 - Contamination damage
- 3.2 Ensure that each beaded inflation handle is attached with three (3) snaps fastened.
- 3.3 Ensure that the entire length of the slide fastener is closed and there are no missing teeth.



- 3.4 Squeeze the lobes approximately half way up to ensure CO2 bottles are present.
- 3.5 Ensure the collar is properly attached to the carrier.



TWO 55 GRAM, 1/2" THREAD CO2 BOTTLES, MUST BE PRESENT AND PROPERLY ATTACHED TO THE INFLATOR. IMPROPER CO2 BOTTLE OR ABSENCE OF CO2 CYLINDER CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

4. Maintenance

Maintenance of the PFC-1 consists of cleaning, service, and minor repair. The person's responsibility for maintenance is limited to inspecting the outside components of the device. If the device needs to be cleaned, only mild soap and water should be used. The device should then be hung to dry in a warm, dry place out of direct sunlight.

5. Storage

Store your PFC-1 on a shelf away from direct sunlight in a dry, well ventilated place. Do not store your device near sources of heat such as a radiator, or in a warm, humid environment where mold or mildew can contaminate the device.



STORAGE AND CARE OF PFC-1 IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT



6. Annual/Water Use Inspection

An annual inspection should be performed annually or when exposed to water to ensure the PFC-1 will perform when needed. It is the responsibility of qualified personnel to perform and log this inspection. The inspection can also be performed at the manufacturer. If damage is found during an inspection, the device must be grounded until repaired. Repairs are limited to replacement of snaps and inflator replacement. All other repairs must be completed at the manufacturer. A functional test should be performed every third year. If a functional test is required, skip to section 7.

NOTE: If PFC-1 has been submerged in water, the unit must be thoroughly cleaned and rinsed with fresh water. Hang the unit in a warm dry place out of direct sunlight.

6.1 Remove the flotation collar assembly from the vest and harness.

6.2 Lay the flotation collar flat on the table with the underside down. Spread the outer case open and completely lay out the bladder.

6.3 Preform leak test by connecting a single source of pressurized air to one bladder chamber and the bladder shall be inflated to 2.0 +/- 0.1 PSI using the oral inflation tube.

6.4 After a minimum of one (1) hour, check pressure. Should not loose more than .4 PSI.



IF PRESSURE DROPS MORE THAN .4 PSI, COMPLETELY SUBMERGE THE FLOTATION COL-LAR IN WATER TO DETERMINE WHERE LEAKAGE IS OCCURRING. IF LEAKAGE OCCURS AROUND INFLATOR, REPLACE INFLATOR GASKETS AND PERFORM LEAK TEST AGAIN. IF NO DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE OR BLADDER IS LEAKING, RETURN TO MANUFAC-TURER FOR REPAIR.

6.5 Remove trapped air by unlocking oral tube valve and depressing them. A small electric vacuum pump used with the bladder evacuation hose adapter may be used to aid in removal of the trapped air.

NOTE: It is important that all the trapped air be removed to aid in the repack of the bladder assembly and to provide for a compact and low profile collar.

- 6.6 Lock the oral inflation tube in the closed and locked position.
- 6.7 Repeat steps 6.3 to 6.6 for the other side of bladder.



6.8 Visually inspect the case front and back, inflatable bladder, handle, attachment straps, snaps and components of the flotation collar.

6.9 Remove CO2 cylinders and weigh. If functional is performed, discard and replace.

6.10 Proceed to section 8 for packing

7. Functional Inspection

A functional inspection should be performed every third year to ensure the flotation collar will perform when needed. It is the responsibility of the ALSE shop to perform and log this inspection. The inspection can also be performed at the manufacturer. If damage is found during an inspection, the vest must be grounded until repaired. Repairs are limited to replacement of snaps and inflator replacement, All other repairs must be completed at the manufacture. Functional inspection is as follows:

7.1 A functional can be performed with an individual wearing the vest with PFC-1 attached or on a table.

7.2 Pull either handle of the PFC-1 away from the bladder to inflate the flotation collar.

NOTE: The PFC-1 should inflate fully within 10 seconds.

7.3 Adjust pressure to 2.0 +/- 0.1 PSI. Perform leakage test. Bladder should not loose more than .4 PSI in one (1) hour.



IF PRESSURE DROPS MORE THAN .4 PSI, COMPLETELY SUBMERGE THE FLO-TATION COLLAR IN WATER TO DETERMINE WHERE LEAKAGE IS OCCURRING. IF LEAKAGE OCCURS AROUND INFLATOR, REPLACE INFLATOR GASKETS AND PERFORM LEAK TEST AGAIN. IF NO DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE OR BLAD-DER IS LEAKING, RETURN TO MANUFACTURER FOR REPAIR.

7.4 Remove the flotation collar from the vest if applicable.

7.5 Remove trapped air by unlocking oral tube valve and depressing them. A small electric vacuum pump used with the bladder evacuation hose adapter may be used to aid in removal of the trapped air.

7.6 Proceed to section 8 for packing



8. PFC-1 Repack Instructions

8.1 Preparation

Repack the PFC-1 on a large flat surface big enough to accommodate the bladders when they are spread flat with no air in them.

NOTE: Orientation references the wearer's right and left

The required equipment/tools are:

- Replacement CO2 cylinders, 55 gram, 1/2" thread (if needed)
- Auto-Inflator Green safety clip 1 each (if needed)
- Manual Inflator Green safety clip 1 each (if needed)
- Four (4) clamps with soft rubber or plastic inserts to hold the bladder while packing.

8.1.1 Deflate the bladder by unlocking both oral tube valves. Depress the valves to release the pressure. While keeping the valves pressed in, gently compress the bladder with your hands and arms. This will force the air through the oral tubes.

8.1.2 Remove the flotation collar assembly from the vest and harness.

8.1.3 Lay the flotation collar flat on the table with the underside down. Ensure that the closing zipper is fully disengaged. Spread the case open and completely lay out the bladder.

8.1.4 Remove CO₂ cylinders. Discard spent or punctured CO₂ cylinders.

8.1.5 Visually inspect the case, inflatable bladder, and components of the flotation collar. Replace damaged bladder and/or components as necessary.

8.1.6 Place the actuator levers in the up-and-armed position. Install a green safety clip on both of the actuators.





8.1.6 Installing green safety clips



8.1.7 Install two new CO_2 cylinders (55 gram, Min Weight 233.8 grams). Hand tighten the cylinders (avoid over tightening).



8.1.7 Install CO2

8.1.8 Close protective covers over CO2 and snap. Both sides.



8.1.8 Close CO2 cover

8.1.9 Lock the oral inflation tubes in the closed and locked position.



8.1.9 Lock oral tubes



8.1.10 Install light on velcro patch on bladder lobe.

8.1.10.1 Measure down the container from inside the yoke 3 inches (7.62 cm). Mark container. Put another mark 2 inches (5.08 cm) and mark again.

8.1.10.2 Measure down the light wire (from the light) 14 inches. (35.56 cm).

8.1.10.3 Tack the wire to the container seam with two (2) turns 5 or 6 cord waxed or equivalent. Tie off with surgeons knot followed by a square knot.

NOTE: Wire should move freely within tacking.

NOTE: Test light as per manufacturers instructions



DO NOT PIERCE WIRE WITH NEEDLE

8.1.11 Set light to manual or auto as per SOP's

SETTING LIGHT TO MANUAL WILL DISABLE THE AUTO FUNCTION

8.1.12 Position the ends of the release handles in pockets and close snaps. Both sides

8.1.13 Ensure MOLLE strap routes from bladder through slot in bottom of case. Both sides



8.1.10 Attach light



8.1.12 Attach handles



8.1.13 MOLLE strap routing



8.2 Folding the Bladder

8.2.1

Lay the bladder out flat on the table. Position the actuators and the oral tubes facing up.



8.2.1 Lay out bladder

NOTE: Small plastic spring clamps will aid in maintaining the folds as you work on different areas of the bladder.

8.2.2

Ensure both activation lanyards are free and route from inflator through grommets. Fold Fastex buckles back on the bladder.



8.2.2 Free and clear and fold fastex



ENSURE ACTIVATION LANYARDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE HANDLES AND NOT WRAPPED AROUND THE CO2 CYLINDER, INFLATOR OR FASTEX BUCKLE





8.2.3 Fold over the left lobe of the inflatable bladder towards the center of the assembly along a vertical line extending the length of the bladder, then fold back forming a "S" fold.



8.2.4 Continue to fold the remainder of the left lobe onto itself in accordion fashion. When completed, there will be a total of two (2) "S" type folds that are 3 inches (7.62 cm) wide as measured along the left extension. Clamp the folds to hold them in place.





8.2.5 Repeat steps for right side.

- NOTE: The Fastex buckles should be positioned under the first fold
- NOTE: Ensure both activation lanyards are free and route from inflator to grommets
- NOTE: Light wire should run length of case free and clear



8.2.6 Install the slide fastener on the left-inner zipper cord



8.2.6 Start zipper



8.2.7 Bottom fold



8.2.8 Start left side

8.2.7 Perform a 3 inch (7.62 cm) fold under so bottom edge of bladder is flush with casing.

8.2.8 Continue to tuck the bladder, remove lower left clamp and close the case with the zipper just past the break-away portion.



8.2.9 Fold velcro flap over "break-away" portion of the zipper and mate Velcro



8.2.9 Break-away flap



8.2.10 Zip left side



8.2.11 Fold the top of the bladder next. From the top of the right extension, fold the bladder over and along a 45° angle from the horizontal.



8.2.12 Repeat the previous step for the opposite side (top left lobe)

8.2.10 Continue to tuck the bladder, remove upper left clamp and close the case with the zipper to the corner as shown.





8.2.13 Fold the top of the bladder under and along a horizontal line approximately 3" from the top of the neckline.



8.2.14 Continue to tuck the bladder, remove upper left clamp and close the case with the zipper to the other corner as shown.



8.2.15 Close right side

8.2.16 Break-away flap

8.2.15 Close the right side, tucking in the bladder, remove the upper right clamp, past the right "break-away" portion.

8.2.16 Fold Velcro flap over "break-away" portion of the zipper and mate Velcro



8.2.17 Remove lower right clamp and zip to corner.

8.2.18 Perform fold (like opposite side) so bladder fits





8.2.17 Remove clamp



8.2.18 Finish zipping

8.2.19 Snap zipper to casing in bottom right corner.



8.2.19 Zipper snap

into case and finish zipping.



8.2.20 Tuck zipper portion into container on right lower corner.



8.2.20 Zipper tuck

9. Service Life

The recommended service life is seven (7) years from date of manufacture. After five (5) years of use (placed in service) PECI recommends replacement of the device.



Appendix A. PFC-1 Collar Nomenclature





Appendix B. PFC-1 Bladder Nomenclature





Appendix C. PFC-1 Parts List

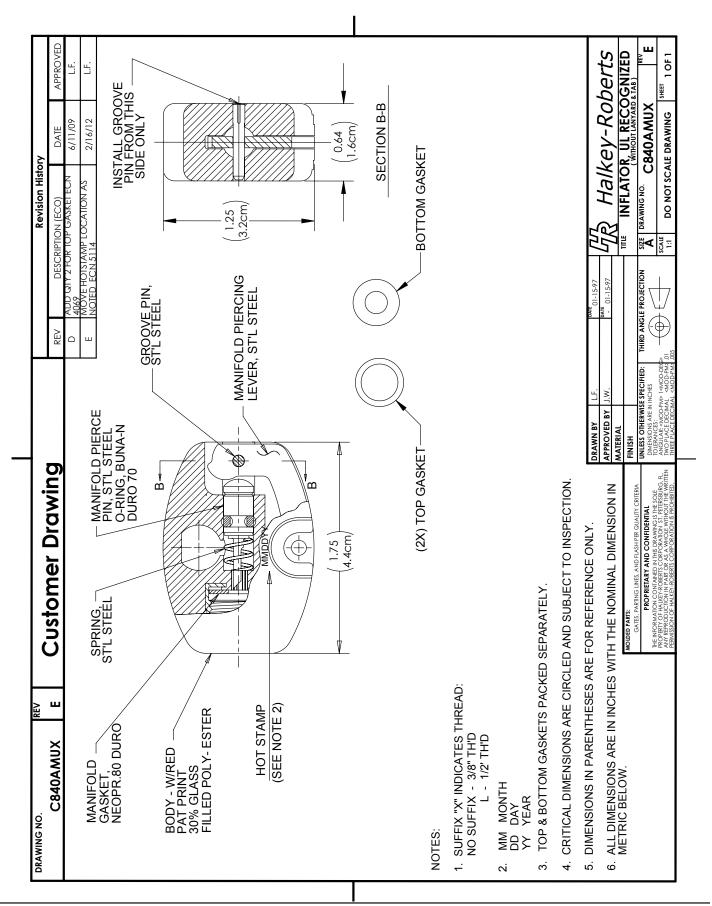
PFC-1 Parts List		
Item	Part Number	
Reflective Tape	PECIF-RRT2	
CO2 Cartridge, 55 Gram, 1/2" Thread (1 ea)	PECIF-CO2-55	
Manual Inflator		

Manual Inflator	
Top Gasket	PECIF-BLA-005
Bottom Gasket	PECIF-BLA-006
Inflator Gasket (1/2")	PECIF-13227
Green Safety Clip	PECIF-8452AMA
Shredder Valve	PECIF-BLA-007
Cap Nut	PECIF-BLA-003

Auto-Inflator	
Auto Bobbin (1 ea)	PECIF-707100B
Auto Green Indicator Clip	PECIF-V707100-1
Auto Manifold O-Ring	PECIF-V90113
Auto Manual Cap	PECIF-BLA-040
Schrader Valve	PECIF-BLA-007
Cap Nut	PECIF-BLA-003







Appendix E. Bobbin Information



HALKEY | ROBERTS ® V80040 Super Bobbin Instructions for Use V80040 Super Bobbin for Manufacturers and Service Stations Cat. No.: V80040 Cautions: Carefully follow the directions below to maintain the bobbin integrity. Intended for use in Halkey-Roberts Corp. products only. Safely Handling: 1. The white pill material is a pharmaceutical grade Microcrystalline Cellulose, typically used as the filler in medicine tablets, ill. 1. The pill formulation is considered proprietary. 2. The MSDS for the yellow bobbin is provided under separate cover. **Operation:** 1. The V80040 Bobbin Assembly is designed to disintegrate when exposed to water. This allows the firing mechanism to puncture the CO₂ cylinder and fill the inflatable chamber. 2. To insure consistent service from your manual/automatic inflator the bobbin should be changed at regular Halkey-Roberts recommended intervals or replace bobbin more frequently in extreme conditions, i.e. high temperature and high humidity. 3. Install V80040 Bobbin Assembly with the white pill facing the cap of the inflator, ill 1. The Bobbin Assembly will slide in easily if installed correctly. 4. Shelf life plus service life not to exceed six (6) years from Date Code, ill 2. Replace (Discard) bobbin within a maximum of six (6) years from Date Code. Shelf life: 1. See tables below, use Date Code printed on side, ill. 2. 2. Bobbin must be stored in a cool dry environment. (65 °F to 85 °F, 19 °C to 29 °C; Maximum 60 %RH) 3. Service life begins when bobbin is removed from a cool dry environment or when bobbin is installed in an inflator, which ever comes first. Recreational use: Shelf Life (years) Service Life (years) V86000 Pro -1F® Inflator three (3) three (3) V85000 Mark IV three (3) three (3) three (3) V90000 Alpha Inflator® three (3) Commercial use: Shelf Life (years) Service Life (years) V86000 Pro -1F® Inflator four (4) two (2) V85000 Mark IV five (5) one (1) V90000 Alpha Inflator® five (5) one (1) illustration 2 illustration 1 Date Code White Pill Month · Day JUN3C Year Yellow Bobbin Halkey-Roberts Pl. N. US Patent 7,572,161 and Foreign Patents Pending or Issued.

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Appendix F. Auto-Inflator Technical Data Sheet

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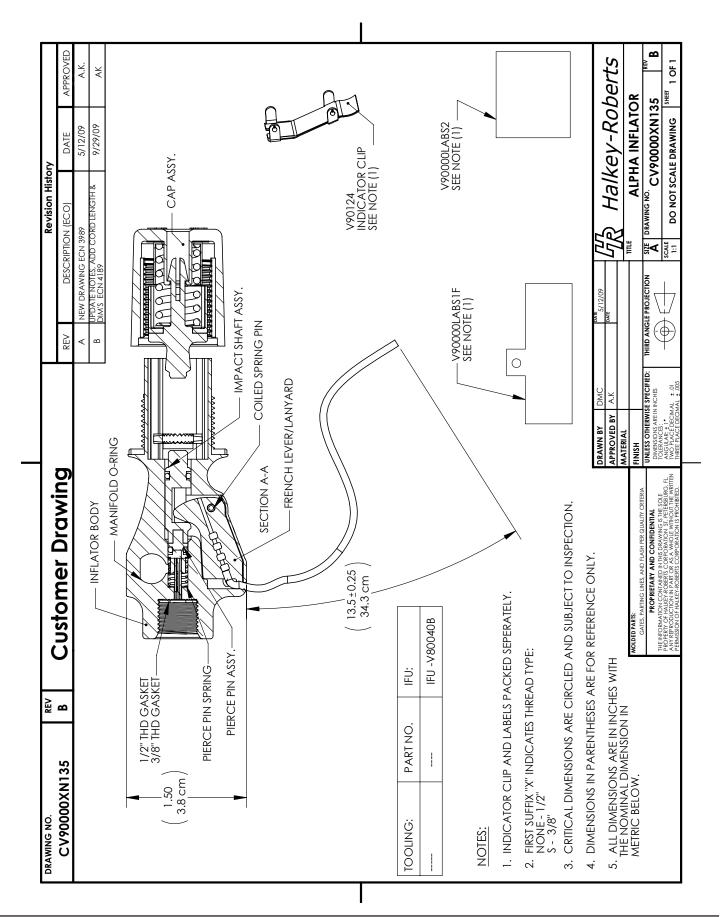
ALPHA SERIES INFLATOR

ALPHA SERIES INFLATOR

 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS Designed for use on life vests where automatic (immersion) back up is desirable Easy and inexpensive to rearm – requires only a CO₂ cylinder and a bobbin Improved splash resistance Improved humidity resistance Unit body design for increased strength Left or right side mounting Uses the super bobbin Manifold O-rings assembled on unit Higher flow over previous model for quicker vest inflation Exceeds all UL, CEN, and ISO standards 	JEAN MESE	
 UL recognized as a USCG Code 6 device Meets UL 1191 1F humidity standard – highest in the industry PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS Operating temperatures: 0°C. – 70°C Corrosion resistance (720 hours of salt spray) UV protection – 300 hours of accelerated weathering Tested for 100 inflations 	V90000 ALPHA INFLATOR	
 QUALITY CRITERIA 100% inspected for leak and functionality ISO 9001-2000 	ALPHA SERVICE PART NUMBERS V90113 – Manifold O-Ring (2) V87403L – ½" Threaded Gasket V90124 – Indicator Clip V80040 – Bobbin	
 MATERIALS Glass reinforced nylons All metal components – stainless steel for the marine environment 	 PACKAGING AND SHIPPING Minimum shipping – one box 100 units per box Box size – 12" x 10" x 8" Weight – 16 pounds 	



Appendix G. Auto-Inflator Drawing





Appendix H. Auto-Inflator Rearm Instructions

DISASSEMBLY (see figure)

Step 1: Unpack or open the life vest so that the manual / automatic inflator is visible.

Step 2: Remove gas CO₂ cylinder by firmly rotating cylinder counterclockwise. **Discard cylinder**.

Step 3: Remove clear cap by turning counterclockwise.

Step 4: Remove bobbin from cap or housing unit. **Discard bobbin** (yellow). Check the housing to be sure it is clear and dry.

Note: The bobbin (yellow) body may remain in the housing or in the cap assembly when you remove the cap. The bobbin body must be removed prior to assembly.

REARMING Note: Rearming must follow the sequence below.

Step 5: Check the date on the bobbin in the rearm kit. The date should not be over four (4) years from today's date.

Step 6: **IMPORTANT!** Bobbin (yellow) must be installed into the **Housing** (**see figure), white side down facing away from the inflator towards the cap (clear), aligning the slots on the bobbin with the ridges inside the threaded housing. The bobbin will slide in easily if installed correctly.

Step 7: Install cap by screwing clockwise until it meets the housing shoulder.

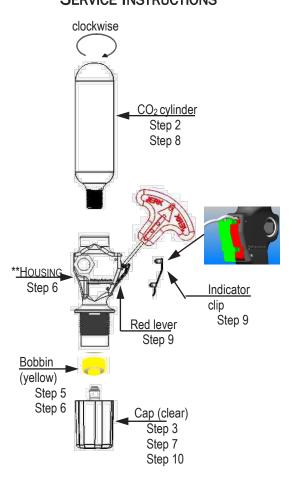
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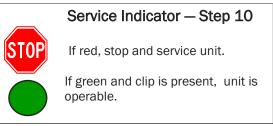
Step 8: Install cylinder by rotating clockwise into inflator until cylinder is secured firmly in inflator.

Step 9: Place indicator clip over red lever by aligning the arms on the clip with the slots in the inflator. Push firmly in the middle of the clip to snap in place.

Step 10: Check to be sure service indicator is green and green indicator clip is firmly attached.

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Appendix I. Inflator Assembly Instructions

