



RESCUE OPS USER MANUAL



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RESCUE OPS PFD

DESIGN

The Rescue Ops PFD is designed for the special requirements of a trained rescue professional.

ENVIRONMENTS:

This Rescue Ops PFD can be used in all river, lake and ocean environments including

- Aerated moving water,
- Flood waters and
- Inside the surf line

CERTIFICATION: USCG Type V PFD

FLOTATION: Minimum 26 lbs. (11.8kg)

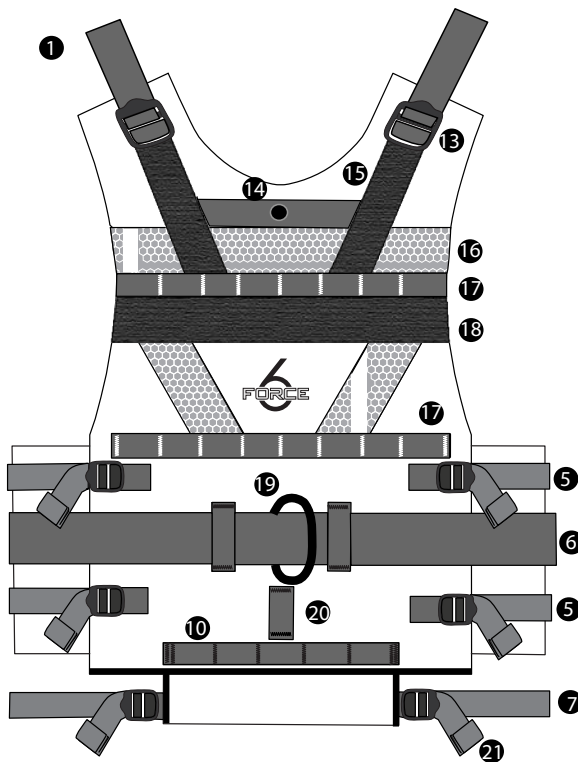
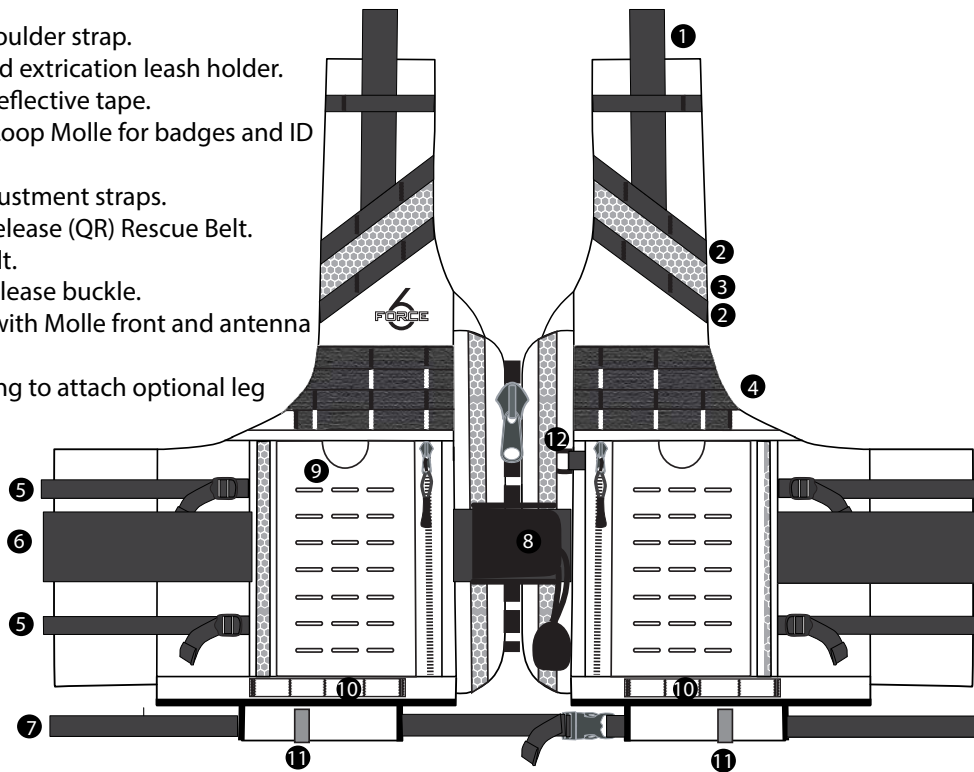
SIZE: Universal Fit Tested 32 - 56" (81 - 142 cm)
Designed for wider range.

FEATURES:

- » True Universal fit over a wide range of sizes.
- » High bouyancy.
- » Tough 500 denier Cordura outer fabric.
- » Large over shoulder adjustment.
- » Double front closure keeping clean front.
- » Roomy front pockets with Molle for attachment of gear.
- » Antenna hole in pockets for radios.
- » Quick Release (QR) Rescue Belt with stainless steel triglide and large cam buckle
- » Two side adjustment straps on each side , all with two point adjustment.
- » Three point adjustment of waistbelt.
- » Hook Loop Molle for crests, badges and attachment of small items.
- » SOLAS reflective tape - front and back.
- » Wide hook/loop section on back for names.
- » Knife holder/ extrication leash holder on shoulder straps.
- » Shoulder strap tunnels to neatly hold excess over shoulder webbing.
- » Extrication leash loop on back with tunnels to hold strobe lights.
- » D-ring on front to attach keys, whistle etc.
- » Attachment webbing for optional leg loops.
- » Extraction handle on back top.
- » Provision to attach back pocket.
- » Mesh drainage on inside.

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1. Over shoulder strap.
2. Knife and extrication leash holder.
3. SOLAS reflective tape.
4. Hook / Loop Molle for badges and ID panels.
5. Side adjustment straps.
6. Quick Release (QR) Rescue Belt.
7. Waistbelt.
8. Quick release buckle.
9. Pocket with Molle front and antenna hole.
10. Webbing to attach optional leg loops.



11. Elastic loops for excess waistbelt web.
12. D-ring.
13. Over shoulder adjustment buckle.
14. Grab handle with snap.
15. Hook / Loop for extrication leash and strobe light attachment tunnels.
16. SOLAS reflective tape.
17. Back pocket attachment web/Molle.
18. Hook / Loop for name attachment.
19. Rescue belt ring.
20. Throw bag belt attachment loop.
21. Hook and Loop for web management.

FITTING and DONNING INSTRUCTIONS

The Rescue Ops PFD is designed to fit a wide range of sizes and therefore it has more adjustments than a regular PFD. However, many of the adjustments only have to be adjusted once. Specifically, the over-the-shoulder adjust only needs adjustment the first time the PFD is worn. The side adjustment straps and the waistbelt need only minor re-adjustment once the major adjustment is done on the first time it is worn.

- 1) Thread the QR Rescue Belt through left side, back, right side and behind the right pocket. See Steps 1 to 4 on pages 6 and 7.
- 2) Open all buckles, extend straps then put the jacket on (Don).
- 3) Snap together the front closure buckles - note these are not adjustable.
- 4) Close the front (main) zipper.
- 5) Snap together the front waistbelt buckle.
- 6) Adjust the waistbelt height to maximize its ability to stay in position based on your body shape. This is a critical step in determining the proper performance of the PFD.
- 7) Adjust the side waistbelt buckles first, so that the excess webbing is equal on both sides. Then adjust the front buckle. Tuck away excess webbing in side loops and elastic loops.
- 8) Take a deep breath and hold while making the final adjustment.
- 9) Adjust the over-shoulder straps until the PFD sits snugly on the shoulders and tuck the excess webbing into the tunnels on the front shoulders.
- 10) Take a deep breath and hold while adjusting the side adjustment straps.
- 11) Tighten the four side adjustment straps (two on each side) using both front and back buckles (total of 8 buckles). It is a good idea to use one set of buckles (usually the back buckles) for macro adjustment when fitting for the first time. Use the other set (whichever is easiest) for re-adjusting each time the PFD is put on. Centering the excess lengths of web will make it easier to tuck ends away.
- 12) Take off (Doff) the PFD and tuck away all excess webbing in appropriate slots and elastic loops.
- 13) Put the PFD back on (Don) again and re-adjust waistbelt and side adjustment straps.
- 14) Thread the QR Rescue Belt buckle in accordance with Step 5 (page 7). Take a deep breath when tightening this buckle.
- 15) Remember webbing stretches when wet, so the side adjustment straps and the waistbelt must be re-tightened when wet or the PFD may come over your head.

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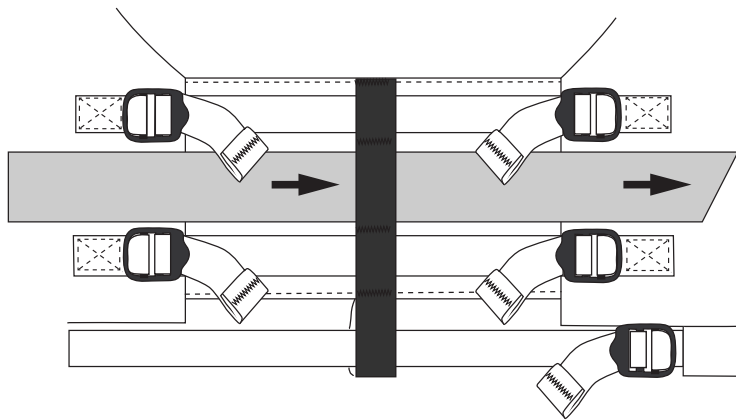


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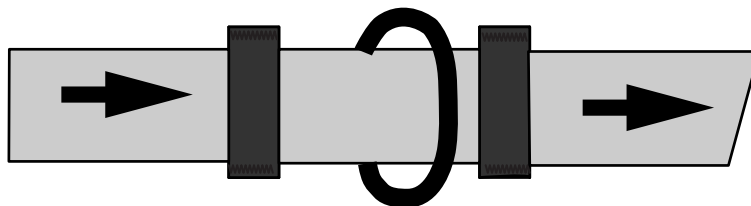
- 1) Wash in fresh water after use.
- 2) Dry thoroughly in shade.
- 3) Store in well ventilated area to prevent mold growing on PFD.
- 4) Avoid storing in direct sunlight. (prolonged exposure to sunlight will deteriorate the nylon fabric).
- 5) **IMPORTANT** - Do not crush PFD when storing. (foam will deform over time if heavy objects are placed on top).
- 6) Do **NOT** Dry Clean.
- 7) Inspect your PFD regularly for damage, including tears, abrasion, UV damage, chemical damage, broken buckles and damaged webbing.
If in doubt contact Force 6 at info@force6.com.
- 8) **LIFE EXPECTANCY** 10 years or 200 days in the sun.

THREADING THE RESCUE BELT

STEP 1 - Thread QR Rescue Belt through webbing loop on left side



STEP 2 - Thread QR Rescue Belt through web loops and O-ring on back

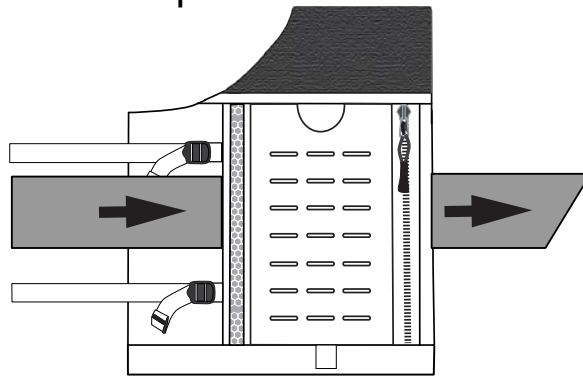


NOTE - O-ring goes between the two web loops and is held in place with hook and loop.

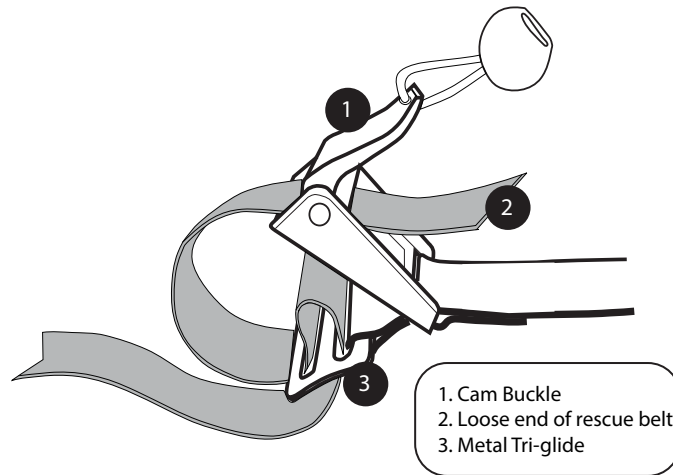
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STEP 3 - Thread QR Rescue Belt through right side -
see STEP 1

STEP 4 - Thread QR Rescue belt behind right front
pocket



STEP 5 - Thread Friction Plate and QR Cam BUCKLE

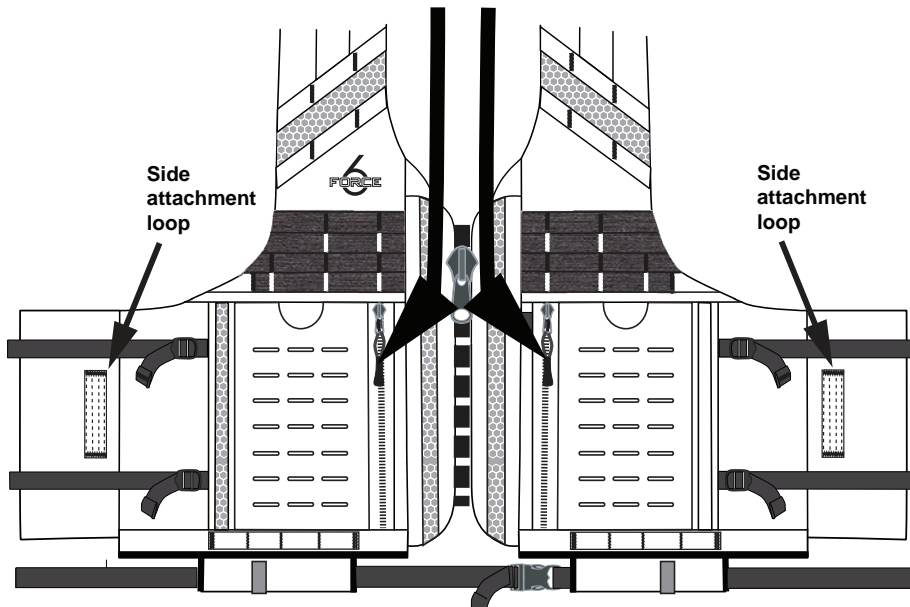


Adjust for comfortable
breathing.

ATTACHING THE QR RESCUE BELT

There are four Rescue Belt attachment points on the Rescue Ops PFD. The right and left front attachment points are located behind the pockets. Side attachment points are on the right and left sides. Choose the attachment point that you prefer depending on whether you are right or left handed and if you like the release to be on the side or

FRONT RESCUE BELT ATTACHMENT LOOPS LOCATED BEHIND POCKETS.



USING PULL-THE-DOT SNAPS



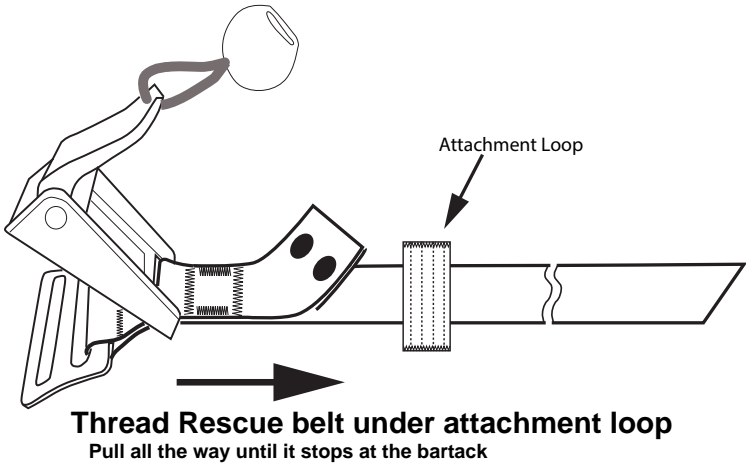
The QR Rescue Belt is attached with Pull-the-DOT[®] snaps. These heavy-duty, one-way fasteners withstand extreme pressure from three sides without unlocking. These snaps only open and close in one direction.

To open - find the dot and lift the snap from the side that has the dot.

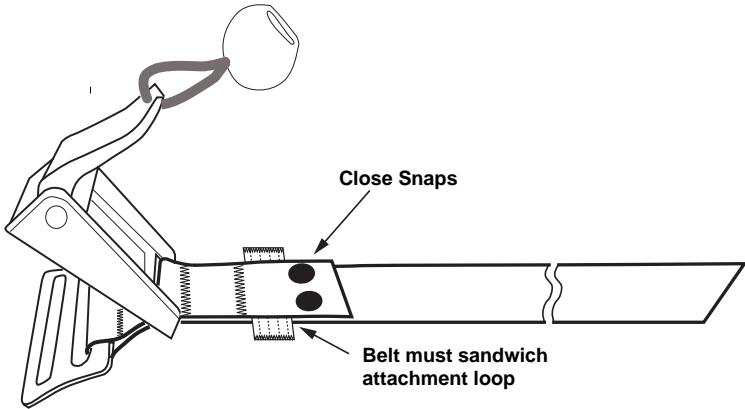
To close - Angle snap (tang on stud first) then rock from the bottom (tang side, opposite of the dot) to the top of the snap. Do not push straight down.

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At the chosen location, thread the belt behind the attachment loop.



Make sure the flap with snaps goes over the top of the attachment loop while the belt is beneath. Then close the snaps.





CAUTION QUICK RELEASE RESCUE BELT

1) **FAILURE TO RELEASE:** Release of the QR Rescue Belt must be tested in the water. You may want to adjust the length of webbing coming out of the cam buckle to about 6 inches. This will help prevent twisting of the excess webbing and jamming in the cam buckle, making it unable to release. There have been incidents of light weight people using high flotation PFDs that did not exert enough force to pull the belt through the friction plate. If the QR Rescue Belt fails to release, be prepared to pull the webbing through or cut with safety scissors.

2) **FALSE RELEASE:** A false release is caused by:

- A) The incorrect position of the belt in the QR cam buckle when it is closed.
- B) A panicking subject pulling on the red quick release toggle.
- C) The red quick release toggle becoming snagged and opening the cam buckle.

BE PREPARED FOR THIS.

LOCKING CARABINER and QR RESCUE BELT.

- 1) A locking Carabiner typically requires 2 hands to operate.
- 2) A locking Carabiner can jam closed and the spring mechanism can fail in icy water.
- 3) Both salt and silt suspended in water may cause the locking carabiner to jam closed.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

LEG LOOPS

EXTRICATION LEASH

THROW BAG BELT

BACK POCKET

(can be used as a hydration pocket)



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