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“STICKY” EXHALATION VALVE ON THE MARK 2 MASK

This bulletin is intended to provide additional instructions to our technicians and customers concerning the cleaning of exhalation valves.

Should a user experience problems with sticking exhalation valves, those that form to the exhalation seat, they should insure that the valves are being routinely cleaned in the recommended manner. For valves which do stick the user is advised to disassemble the valve assembly and clean parts in an ultrasonic cleaner filled with a soapy solution, hand agitation with mild soap and water will suffice if no ultrasonic cleaner is available. Rinse the unit thoroughly and allow to dry. Prior to placing the mask in the storage bag, cycle the valve several times. This can be accomplished by placing the mask on your face and exhaling gently.

This cleaning process should be followed periodically during periods of extended storage, and to any unit in service that has a “sticky” valve.

Should any additional information be required, call SURVIVAIR Technical Services Department at (714) 545-0410.