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SOS MARINE

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Divers' Recovery Vest

Fabric: Cordura by Dupont from Speedline Textiles; Senator PVC 650T/S
by Wax Converters Textiles Australia; Vinox Marine from R.W. Bashams

SOS Marine's objective for the diver recovery vest project was to replace several cumbersome items of diver's equipment into an easily donned vest by combining a safety harness, quick-release weight system, buoyancy compensator and work vest into one body-hugging unit. A diver can step into this vest and be ready to enter the water in two minutes, compared to the 15 minutes it previously took. In the commercial and military diving fields, it was recognized that too many individual pieces of equipment were required for a diver. This new improved standard in design and quality provides divers additional capability, confidence and greatly improves diver safety.