

**D11-North Auxiliary Operations Training Officer**  
**AUXILIARY TYPE III PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION**  
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This worksheet is intended to assist Auxiliary Rescue and Survival inspectors. It is a supplement to U.S. Coast Guard Maintenance Procedure Cards and should be used in conjunction with the referenced MPCs to complete semi-annual inspections and test.

**Use this worksheet for Issued Type III PFDs, Float Coats, and Spare/boat PFDs.**

Ref: (a) MPC RSS583031.0, Type I or Type III PFD INSP/ACCEPT.  
(b) MPC RSS583054.0, Survival Equipment Inspection, 3/21/13  
(c) MPC RSS583030.0, Boat Crew Survival Vest Inpect/Accept, 5/01/12

A. Inspect Personal Floatation Device in accordance with reference (a).

NOTE: TYPE III. PFD's not worn in conjunction with the Boat Crew Survival Vest shall have a signal whistle and either a strobe light or personal marker light (PML) attached.

1. Inspect PFD:

a. Determine if PFD requires survival equipment attachment.

(1) If the PFD will be always worn with a Boat Crew Survival Vest proceed to Step 4

(1) If the PFD may be worn without Boat Crew Survival Vest proceed to Step 2

2. Attach Survival Equipment in accordance with reference (c) If PFD will not be worn with a Boat Crew Survival Vest (used as a boat spare or loaned to trainees).

a. Attach signal whistle to PFD as follows:

(1) Remove split ring from whistle.

(2) Attach whistle to PFD using a 42-inch length of Type I nylon cord provided by the OTO and secured with a bowline and overhand knot on each end.

b. Clip PML to PFD (if selected VDS).

CAUTION: PMLs shall not be used for PFDs worn when water temperatures are less than 50 degrees.

c. Attach strobe light to PFD using a 42-inch length of Type I nylon cord provided by the OTO and secured with a bowline and overhand knot (if selected VDS).

NOTE: Finished length of line from knot to knot shall be 36-inches or greater.

3. Inspect selected visual distress signal, (Refer to MPC RSS583054.0).
  - a. Inspect signal whistle, (Refer to MPC RSS583054.0).
  - b. Inspect Strobe Light or PML, (Refer to MPC RSS583054.0).
4. Inspect PFD over its entire surface for the following:
  - a. Cuts or tears.
  - b. Seam separation
  - c. Loose stitching.
  - d. Missing or worn reflective tape.
5. Inspect for condition/serviceability of the following PFD securing mechanisms:
  - a. Slide fasteners.
  - b. Attachment buckles.
  - c. Adjustment straps.
6. Inspect attached D-ring for the following:
  - a. Security of attachment.
  - b. Corrosion.
  - c. Damage or wear.
7. Check legibility of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary PFD markings.
8. Restore assigned serial number marking if faded or unreadable.
9. Document semi-annual inspection in the PPE Maintenance Log.
10. Remove from service and contact OTO if any discrepancies are noted.