

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED



Concerning Low Pressure Hoses on SCOTT® Air-Pak Fifty™/Wireframe and NxG₂ SCBA

DATE: October 30, 2006

TO: All Users of SCOTT NFPA 1981 2002 Edition Self Contained Breathing Apparatus who received their SCBA or who replaced the low pressure hose on their SCBA after June, 2005

WARNING

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, has notified SCOTT that a certain production lot of the hose manufactured by Goodyear and used in some SCOTT products may not have been properly manufactured by them. The affected hose do not pass the NFPA heat and flame test. Once the affected hose are ignited by direct flame contact, they will continue to burn even after the flame is removed. Failure to follow the instructions in this notice may result in the unexpected cessation of breathing air resulting in injury or death.

Carefully review this entire notice before taking action. You will need to determine the model of SCBA you have, the type of low pressure hose on the SCBA and review your maintenance records to complete your response. SCOTT has had no reports of injury associated with this noncompliance.

Please find attached the letter SCOTT has recently received from The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company disclosing a manufacturing problem with a single lot of low pressure air hose manufactured on June 8, 2005. This problem was identified and immediately resolved on all subsequent production and only affects the single lot representing a small number of SCOTT low pressure hoses. SCOTT Health & Safety and Goodyear Tire and Rubber are voluntarily attempting to identify and collect the hoses affected by this problem. Neither SCOTT nor Goodyear are aware of any reports of injury due to this noncompliance.

The rubber compound in the outer cover of the hose, was replaced with a different rubber compound with a smaller amount of flame retardant. The normal rubber compound self extinguishes as described in the NFPA Heat and Flame test 8.11. Summarizing the test, an SCBA is heat soaked at 203°F for 15 minutes, then exposed to direct flame, where several gas jets with average temperature of 1742°F flames contact the SCBA for ten seconds. The flames are shut down after ten seconds and any part of the SCBA that continues to burn after 2.2 seconds is considered to be noncompliant with NFPA 1981 2002 Edition. The affected hoses have some flame retardant properties but burn longer than 2.2 seconds.

This hose is specially designed with an integral wiring harness for use with the heads up display only found on SCOTT AIR-PAK Fifty/Wireframe or NxG₂ Self Contained Breathing Apparatus compliant with NFPA 1981, 2002 Edition. The hose is the low pressure hose that connects the back frame mounted pressure reducer with the facepiece mounted pressure regulator (See FIGURES 1 & 2).

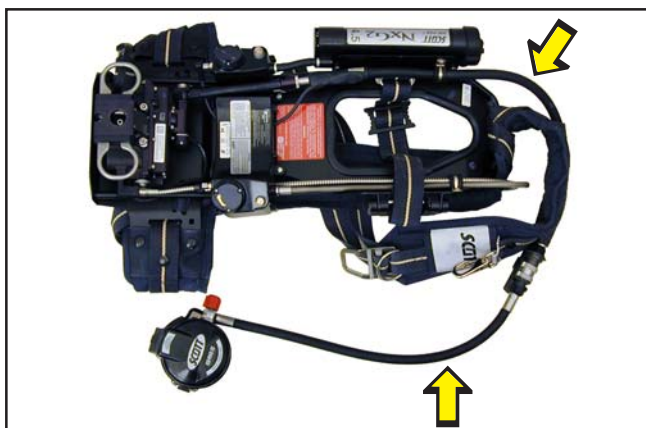


FIGURE 1
NxG₂ Showing Low Pressure Hose

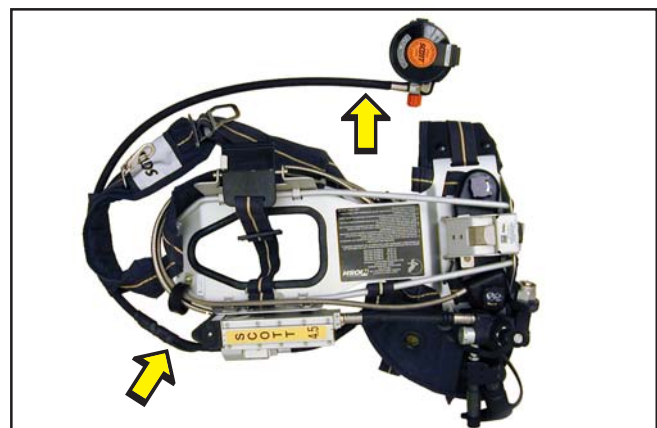


FIGURE 2
Air-Pak Fifty Showing Low Pressure Hose

Inspect your SCBA and maintenance records. If your SCBA was delivered to you between June 1, 2005 and July 1, 2006 or if you have replaced the low pressure hose on your SCBA in that time frame, this notice may impact you. Also, remember to check any parts inventories you have for the affected hoses. This notice includes visual inspection procedures to determine the manufacture date of the low pressure hose in your possession. If you are unable to identify the date of manufacture, Goodyear has also identified a simple test consisting of marking the hose with a Crayola® No-Mess marker which is also described in this notice.

If your SCBA has a single, continuous hose from the pressure reducer to the pressure regulator you will follow one set of instructions. If your SCBA has a low pressure hose with a quick disconnect between the reducer and the regulator, you will follow a different set of instructions. Both are included in this notice. Once you have inspected your hose, mark the hose fitting with the letter "I" for inspected on the metal fitting at the regulator or on the grey aluminum barrel of the female quick disconnect using an indelible marker such as a Sanford Sharpie.

ALL AFFECTED HOSES

All affected hoses were stamped "1595" with white ink when they were manufactured at Goodyear. The number can be located anywhere on the hose but it is most likely between the "SCOTT – Made in USA" stamps that repeat along the length of the hose but on the opposite side of the hose. See FIGURE 3.



FIGURE 3
Ink Stamp on Hose

Depending upon the section of hose in your possession, and the amount and type of use of your SCBA, this white date code may not be readily visible. The following instructions will assist you in identifying affected hoses if the white date stamp is not visible.

SINGLE, CONTINUOUS LOW PRESSURE HOSE (no quick disconnect) used on SCOTT Air-Pak Fifty and NxG₂ SCBA

Identification

If the ink stamp on the body of the hose is missing or illegible the affected hoses can also be identified by a date code stamped on the metal fitting (banjo fitting) at the end of the hose by the regulator. (See FIGURES 4 and 5)



FIGURE 4
Fitting at Regulator

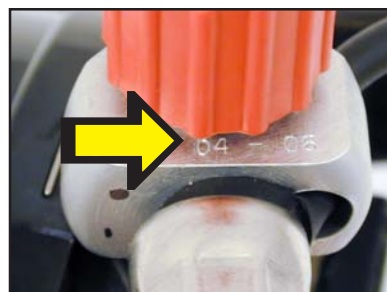


FIGURE 5
Close up of Fitting Date

Hoses that run continuously from the reducer to the pressure regulator can be identified through this date. Affected hoses by SCBA are:

Air-Pak Fifty	NxG ₂
10-05	09-05

It is generally not necessary to remove the regulator to identify the date. Once you complete your inspection, mark the hoses that can be returned to service using a black ink, permanent marker like a Sanford Sharpie® with the letter “I” across the metal date stamp. If you are unable to identify the date or if the date is in the date codes listed above, proceed to the HOSE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE section of this notice on page 4.

LOW PRESSURE HOSE WITH QUICK DISCONNECT used on SCOTT Air-Pak Fifty and NxG₂ SCBA

The low pressure hose with a quick disconnect will have to be handled as two separate parts, a short hose and a long hose, each independently identified.

SHORT HOSE:

Identification

If the ink stamp on the body of the hose is missing or illegible the affected hoses can also be identified by a date code stamped on the metal fitting (banjo fitting) at the end of the hose by the regulator. (See FIGURES 7 and 8)



FIGURE 7
Fitting at Regulator

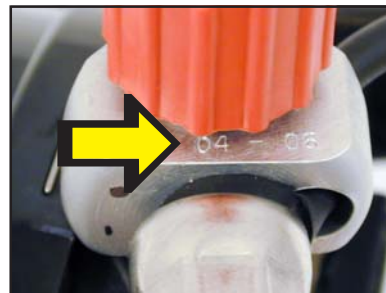


FIGURE 8
Close up of Fitting Showing Date

Hoses that run from the pressure regulator to the male quick disconnect can be identified through this date. Affected hoses are:

Air-Pak Fifty or NxG ₂
07-05
08-05
04-06
05-06

It is generally not necessary to remove the regulator to identify the date. Once you complete your inspection, mark the hoses that can be returned to service using a black ink, permanent marker like a Sanford Sharpie with the letter “I” across the metal date stamp. If you are unable to identify the date or if the date is in the date codes listed above, proceed to the HOSE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE section of this notice on page 4.

LONG HOSE:

Identification

If you cannot locate the “1595” stamp on your hose and you received your SCBA or replacement hose after June 1, 2005,

- OR -

If you cannot locate the “1595” stamp on your hose and you received your SCBA prior to June, 2005 check the maintenance records for your SCBA. If you replaced the long hose in the period June, 2005 to July 1, 2006, proceed to the HOSE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE section of this notice on page 4.

HOSE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Goodyear technical personnel have discovered that it is possible to identify the affected hose using a simple test using a readily available ink marker. This marker, along with the instructions and samples of conforming and nonconforming hose are included in a kit you should have received along with this notice. If you did not receive a kit, contact your local SCOTT distributor or SCOTT Health and Safety. Following the instructions in the kit will allow you to perform this simple test to identify whether your hose is affected by this notice. SCOTT urges you to err on the side of caution so if it is still not clear whether your hose is affected by this notice, count it in the total on the response card below. If you need additional supplies, contact SCOTT or your SCOTT authorized service center.

ACTION FOR YOU TO TAKE:

If you have any of the affected hose, as identified with the "1595" stamp or within the date ranges above, and meeting the ink testing procedures, complete the attached user response card and fax it to SCOTT Health & Safety as soon as possible. SCOTT will arrange the replacement of the hoses at no charge to you. If you have any questions contact SCOTT at 1-800-247-7257.

Some of the affected hoses may have already been replaced under warranty, however, SCOTT is sending you this notice to share with you the latest information we have received from Goodyear. SCOTT recognizes the importance of your job and the role our product plays in helping you do your job safely. SCOTT is committed to provide you with the best possible products and services and SCOTT is committed to customer safety. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact us immediately.



ENGINEERED PRODUCTS

August 21, 2006

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RE: Scott Part No. 50899: Hose for Air-Pak NxG2 and Air-Pak Fifty Heads Up Display Models

Dear Richard:

It has come to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's ("Goodyear") attention that certain rubber hose manufactured for Scott Health & Safety ("Scott") does not meet standards for fire resistance. Goodyear has concluded that this condition resulted from inadvertent substitution of cover material during one day of production (**June 8, 2005**). The cover material inadvertently used otherwise has generally similar properties to the original cover and the underlying hose construction is identical to the hose normally manufactured. Goodyear has taken steps to ensure that this does not occur again.

The affected hose is labeled Scott Part No. 50899-00, and marked with the date code **1595**. Goodyear has been manufacturing Scott Part No. 50899 since January 2003. The affected hose is limited to Scott Air-Pak® self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units manufactured after June 8, 2005, or replacement hose supplied after that date.

Goodyear recommends that all users of Scott Part No. 50899 inspect hoses in their possession, and identify the affected hoses per the procedures below. All affected hoses and/or products incorporating these hoses should be removed from service immediately. Goodyear understands the Scott User Notice will include specific information for identification of the affected hose as marked during the manufacture of the hose. Goodyear technicians have discovered a definitive method for identifying a hose in case the manufacture date stamps are obscured or missing.

This method requires the user to clean and dry the hose, mark the hose with a specified marker and allow the mark to dry for 30 seconds. The chemistry of the rubber comprising the hose sheath is such that this commonly available marker will selectively dry and disappear in less than 90 seconds on a good hose, where it will remain obviously wet and visible for over a half an hour on a hose affected by this notice. Specific information is being sent by Goodyear technical personnel. The marker with this unique synergistic chemistry is the "Crayola® Mess Free Color Wonder Marker" which is readily available at most discount stores.

Goodyear has confirmed that the issue is limited to one day's production and production modifications have been put in place to prevent the probability of this recurring.

I hope this answers your questions, but if you need any further information, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,

Terry Graber
Manager, Process and Product Quality
Goodyear - EPD Division

THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

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USER RESPONSE FORM

Applying to Scott® Low Pressure Hoses Affected by this Notice

SEE IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE H/S 6614 DATED 09/2006 FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING LOW PRESSURE HOSES ON SCOTT SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Company/Organization

Shipping Address (**Must include street address NOT Post Office Box**)

Bill to Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Company/Organization Contact Individual, Name and Title

Telephone Number

FAX Number

E-Mail address

Authorized Signature

	NUMBER OF AFFECTED HOSES
Air-Pak Fifty SINGLE, CONTINUOUS LOW PRESSURE HOSE	
Air-Pak Fifty QUICK DISCONNECT SHORT HOSE	
Air-Pak Fifty QUICK DISCONNECT LONG HOSE	
NxG ₂ SINGLE, CONTINUOUS LOW PRESSURE HOSE	
NxG ₂ QUICK DISCONNECT SHORT HOSE	
NxG ₂ QUICK DISCONNECT LONG HOSE	

Please Check One:

Send hoses to my Scott Authorized Service Center

Send hoses to my department/company.

Name of Scott Authorized Service Center of Choice

For additional information concerning the Low Pressure Hose program please contact SCOTT Technical Support at 1-800-247-7257 or through email at hsservice@tycoint.com or your SCOTT Authorized Distributor or SCOTT Authorized Service Center.

Once you have completed this form, fax it to SCOTT at 1-704-291-8420 in the United States, or fold and seal as marked and place in U.S. Mail. Outside the United States please fold, seal, apply proper postage, and place in mail.

Photocopy as many copies of this form as you need to register all the affected hoses with Scott.

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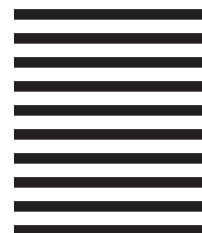
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