

SCUBA REGULATOR CARE

The single most important maintenance procedure you can do for your regulator is a complete, fresh water rinse immediately after, or within a few hours of your last dive. The easiest is just to immerse the entire assembly in warm (120 deg F or less - not hot) water and let it soak for a few hours to overnight depending on the dives. Agitate the water once in a while to ensure the enclosed areas get flushed out. Be careful not to press the purge button of the second stage while it is soaking. A great way to get your gear “really” clean is to dive “fresh” water after “salt” water! Then rinse your gear off with a good soak!

Keep salt water out of the inlet filter of the first stage! Try to avoid taking the regulator off while everything is wet. If you have to, rinse the interface area with a cup of fresh water. Then remove the regulator and blow off and secure the dust cap. Always insure the dust cap is secure and sealing before soaking your regulator.

To blow or not to blow...there is an on-going debate about using the compressed air of a scuba cylinder to dry the dust cap off. Some tech's state a clear correlation between using compressed air to clean of the cap and internal corrosion. An alternative, which works fine is to just blow the cap off with breath alone. Or dry it off with a towel. If you just “have” to blow it off with compressed air, be careful you are not blowing water into the filter!

Dry it off with a towel..or just hanging it up where the breeze can get it (out of the sun) works great. Wet or damp gear will “blossom” into a garden of green growth!

Additional Tips

- Never apply any type of lubricants, such as silicone, grease or oil to your regulator
- Always have your regulator inspected and serviced at least once a year or once every 50 dives.
- Always pressurize the regulator – slowly.
- Do not leave a cylinder standing unattended upright with the regulator attached or carry a cylinder by using the first stage as a handle.
- Keep them protected in a padded regulator bag when not in use.

Remember – Your regulators are what use use to breath..when you are underwater.



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