

New safety recommendations made for AA5283 aluminium manufactured by Gerzat

We have been informed by Gerzat company of new safety recommendations for AA5283 aluminium alloy.

These recommendations follow the recommendations given in the years 80/90 and are a reminder for you to control that the concerned cylinders have been removed from service.

1. ***Cylinders used for scuba diving:*** Remove all AA5283 scuba cylinders from service immediately. This new SMG recommendation reiterates all previous regulatory agency mandates for removal and further recommends removal of all AA5283 scuba cylinders not covered by prior mandates.

This new recommendation comes in addition to the previous requests for the removal of the diving cylinders in AA5283(including the request of French government ministerial decree) and covers also the 10 years limited life use for cylinders made in the years 90,s.

2. ***Cylinders used in marine environments:*** AA5283 cylinders older than 15 years that have been exposed to marine environments must be removed from service immediately. This includes cylinders used aboard ships, on offshore platforms and in similar or more aggressive environments.

This recommendation comes in addition to all information notes sent between December 1978 and May 1991.

We kindly request you to distribute this bulletin to the current owners of described cylinders , translated into the language of your country if necessary.

We also kindly request you to send us an e-mail (maryse.paillot@airliquide.com) or fax acknowledgement (04 92 08 28 33)

We thank you in advance for cooperating and should you have any queries on this technical bulletin, do not hesitate to contact us.

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