



PARACHUTE COMPANY

RESCUE POD

Established 1920

The

RESCUE POD®

4 PERSON SURVIVAL PLATFORM

**Combining Quality, Value, & ...
A Name You Trust**



Many owners of smaller vessels realize that relying on just life preservers does not guarantee adequate protection in the event of a sinking or fire. They may not, however, have sufficient stowage space aboard for a Life Raft in a valise or a mounting location suitable for a rigid container. The relatively high cost of Life Rafts designed for even "coastal" use may also be prohibitive. Between the alternatives of Life Vests and a Life Raft is the.....**RESCUE POD**.

The RESCUE POD is a very high quality and rugged inflatable flotation platform with canopy that supports four people and offers basic protection from the elements. The compact sizes of its fiberglass container or soft valise allow it to be carried aboard the smallest open sport fishing boat, day cruiser or sail boat. Although small in packed size, the RESCUE POD is extremely tough and durable.

Our design philosophy for the RESCUE POD is identical to the approach we took when we developed the well-known Switlik MD-SERIES Life Rafts. We use the same inflation system, double-coated 16 ounce per square yard urethane coated nylon buoyancy chamber materials, double-taped overlap seams, and construction techniques as on our USCG Approved Life Rafts.

The single chamber main buoyancy tube provides 800 pounds of primary flotation and the 6 independent compartments of the inflatable canopy offer 210 pounds of reserve buoyancy.

The double layer inflatable canopy design is the same as used on the one person Life Rafts we manufacture for fighter pilots of the United States Navy and Air Force. The canopy design provides better hypothermia protection than the single layer canopy used on most standard Life Rafts.

Upon inflation of the RESCUE POD, the canopy remains furled around the top of the buoyancy tube until needed. This allows for easier boarding from either the water or your vessel. Once in the POD, the occupants can immediately pull the canopy over themselves for protection from wind and rain. The canopy can then be inflated using the oral inflation tubes.

To keep the packed size as small as possible and reduce the cost of servicing, the RESCUE POD only contains a hand pump, repair clamps, and a waterproof combination strobe/flashlight. We recommend that you equip a separate "Abandon Ship" bag with additional items appropriate to the area in which you operate your vessel.

The RESCUE POD should be serviced at a factory authorized service station within 18 months of purchase or 12 months after installation on your vessel and every year thereafter. Unlike Life Rafts weighing more than 75 pounds, the RESCUE POD may be shipped to any of our 40 service stations by UPS or FedEx. The simple design of the RESCUE POD offers the additional benefit of lower service fees than those for standard Life Rafts.

- FEATURES, EQUIPMENT, AND SPECIFICATIONS -

STANDARD FEATURES

- Hand Laid Fiberglass Container or Fabric Valise
- Insulating Heat Sealed Double Wall Canopy (oral inflation)
- Heat Sealed Urethane Coated Nylon Buoyancy Chamber
- Water Activated Exterior Locator Light
- Sea Anchor (automatically deployed)
- Painter/Static Line (length, 20 ft.)
- Ballast Pockets (3 ea.)
- Manual Topping Off Valve
- Retro-Reflective Tape
- Pressure Relief Valve
- Raft Use Instructions
- CO2 Inflation System
- POD Righting Strap
- Lifelines (inner)
- Lifelines (outer)
- Floating Knife
- Utility Bag

STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Manual Inflation Pump
- Repair Clamps (2 ea.)
- Waterproof Combination Strobe/Flashlight

OPTIONAL FEATURES

- Anodized Aluminum Deck Mounting Cradle
- Independent Heat Sealed Inflatable Floor
- Abandon Ship Duffel Bag
- Flare Kit

What is Rhino Tough™?

RHINO TOUGH defines the **strength and resistance to damage** of our Life Rafts' inflatable buoyancy chamber fabric. This heavy-duty, 16oz. per square yard Nylon fabric, urethane coated inside and out, with heat-sealed over-lapped seams, taped inside and out, is the toughest in the industry. The urethane coating is virtually immune to porosity due to "Cold-Cracking". This can be caused by the extremely low temperatures of the Life Raft's inflation gases that can damage many of the other coatings used today. Our buoyancy chamber fabric's resistance to damage from puncture and abrasion is second to none!

SPECIFICATIONS

Rated Capacity	4 Person
Weight - Hard Container *	44 lbs.
Hard Container Dimensions **	24 in. l x 13 in. w x 12.5 in. h
Shipping Weight	49 lbs.
Shipping Dimensions	27 in. l x 17 in. w x 17 in. h
Weight- Valise *	34 lbs.
Valise Dimensions ***	24 in. l x 12 in. diameter
Shipping Weight	38 lbs. - 27 in. l x 17 in. w x 17 in. h
Shipping Dimensions	27 in. l x 17 in. w x 17 in. h
Buoyancy Tube Diameter	12 in.
Freeboard	12 in.
Raft Inflated Dimensions	76 in. dia. x 48 in. high
Floor Area (total)	12 ft. ²
Floor Area (per person)	3 ft. ²
Buoyancy in Salt Water	Total 800 lbs.
	Per Person 200 lbs.
Operating Pressure	2 p.s.i.
Operating Temperature Range	+ 10°F - + 140°F
Life Raft Hard Container Material	Hand Laid Fiberglass
Life Raft Soft Valise Material	1,000 Denier Cordura™
Aluminum Cradle Material	AL-6463-T55
Buoyancy Tube Fabric	USCG Approved 16 oz./sq. yd. Urethane Coated Nylon Base Cloth (Exceeds MIL-C-17415-16AA)
Inflation System	Single Inflation Cylinder with Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂) Nitrogen (N ₂) Gas Mixture

* Weight may vary depending upon options.

** Optional Cradle will extend the overall installed height and width dimensions of the Hard Container by approximately two inches.

*** Weight and Dimensions may vary depending upon options. • Specifications Subject to Change Without Notice

**Because of its relatively small size,
the RESCUE POD should not be considered appropriate
for severe weather and sea conditions.
We also recommend that you carry an adequately equipped
Abandon Ship Bag and an EPIRB.**



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