

of this chapter. The arrangement of the retroreflective material must meet IMO Resolution A.658(16).

either the vessel, the owner of the device, or the individual to whom it is assigned.

(d) A wearable personal flotation device must be marked with the name of

TABLE 28.135—LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT MARKINGS

Item	Markings Required	
	Name of vessel	Retroreflective material
Wearable personal flotation device (Type I, II, III, or wearable Type V); Immersion suit or exposure suit.	See §28.135(d) .....	Type I or Type II.
Ring life buoy .....	X .....	Type II.
Inflatable liferaft .....	See note .....	See note.
Inflatable buoyant apparatus .....	See note .....	See note.
Life float .....	X .....	Type II.
Buoyant apparatus .....	X .....	Type II.
Auxiliary craft .....	X .....	Type II.
EPIRB .....	X .....	Type II.

NOTE: No marking other than that provided by the manufacturer and the servicing facility is required.

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**§ 28.140 Operational readiness, maintenance, and inspection of lifesaving equipment.**

(a) The master or individual in charge of a vessel must ensure that each item of lifesaving equipment must be in good working order, ready for immediate use, and readily accessible before the vessel leaves port and at all times when the vessel is operated.

(b) Each item of lifesaving equipment, including unapproved equipment, must be maintained and inspected in accordance with:

- (1) Table 28.140 in this section;
- (2) The servicing procedure under the subpart of this chapter applicable to the item's approval; and
- (3) The manufacturer's guidelines.

(c) An inflatable liferaft or inflatable buoyant apparatus must be serviced no later than the month and year on its servicing sticker affixed under 46 CFR 160.151-57(n), and whenever the container is damaged or the container straps or seals are broken. It must be serviced at a facility specifically approved by the Commandant for the particular brand.

(d) An escape route from a space where an individual may be employed or an accommodation space must not be obstructed.

TABLE 28.140—SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

Item	Interval		Regulation
	Monthly	Annually	
(1) Inflatable wearable personal flotation device (Type V commercial hybrid) .....	.....	Servicing .....	28.140
(2) Personal flotation devices, exposure suits and immersion suits. ....	.....	Inspect, clean and repair as necessary. ....	28.140
(3) Buoyant apparatus and life floats .....	.....	Inspect, clean and repair as necessary. ....	28.140
(4) Inflatable liferaft .....	.....	Servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	28.140
(5) Inflatable buoyant apparatus .....	.....	Servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	28.140
(6) Hydrostatic release .....	.....	Servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	28.140
(7) Disposable hydrostatic release .....	.....	Replace on or before expiration date. ....	28.140
(8) Undated batteries .....	.....	Replace .....	28.140
(9) Dated batteries <sup>2</sup> and other items .....	.....	Replace on or before expiration date. ....	25.26-50, 28.140
(10) EPIRB .....	Test .....	.....	25.26-50

<sup>1</sup> For a new liferaft or inflatable buoyant apparatus, the first annual servicing may be deferred to two years from the date of first packing if so indicated on the servicing sticker.