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It may not display this or other websites correctly. You should upgrade or use an alternative browser. By continuing to use this site, you are agreeing to our use of cookies. [Learn More](#). You dont touch the inflate which is just a valve on the inflation hose nipple. Also, make sure that you dont inhale when you do this. The BCD bladders are full of bugs which are best not inhaled. Typically Ill inhale, then move the mouthpiece to my lips, blow, then press the deflate, then move the mouthpiece away as I inhale. So you take a deep breath put inflator in mouth and blow into BC as you press the button on the end. Once your lungs are empty stop pressing the button and remove fully from mouth and away, take a breath and repeat. The taking away is important as its all too easy to press the dump early and get a mouthfull, needs to be done as you are breathing out. But. A lot of Commandos dont have the AP200 both variants Inflator, but an AutoAir. This has the dump on the side and a purge on the end. Procedure is the same as the above, but pressing the button on the side. You can tell the difference as its larger and has 3 buttons not 2. If anybody wants one and wants to swap for an AP200 Inflator happy to oblige [Click to expand](#). Now I know a little bit more, I cant think of a worse device which is just inviting Mr Cockup to come along and kill someone. The octopus is the alternate air source. Everybody trains with it. Everybody knows what it looks like and how to use it. Unless the AutoAir is used by donating your primary whilst you suck on your BCD inflator. Thinking about it, wasnt it the AutoAir that used to cause massive online rows. Before my time though. Now I know a little bit more, I cant think of a worse device which is just inviting Mr Cockup to come along and kill someone. Before my time though. [Click to expand](#). That was until RBs started using them. <http://cagirijaandcarajumenonfoundation.org/userfiles/ducati-848-owners-manual-pdf.xml>

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It was seen ok IF you had an octopus, but not instead of and when the long hose debarckle kicked in caused a stink as using the Auto Air was the same as primary donate. The argument then was that it was an addition to the main of Octopus, so a secondary alternate and not the primary, but that didnt really work too well as even a secondary needs to be practiced. Not much point in having any system unless schooled in how it works. Doing a CBL on an unknown no buddy check diver with an an AutoAir is interesting to say the least if the rescuer was unaware of the difference. Think ill do a simple test in the pool next time. Ill put an AutoAir on a BC and give it to an Instructor then get our new students who have only used standard inflators to do a CBL on him. Should be interesting to see if they can adapt. This is the AutoAir and again there is a similar post 2007 later version thats the same layout. While the LP inflate is still in the same place by the hose, the dump is moved to the side and it now has three buttons with the addition of a purge that is now on the end or highest point. If you do a CBL with the former it works and dumps air. Do it the same way with the latter and all you are doing is purging any remaining cylinder contents, not exactly great. Only did it if we aere shallow like 5m though. BTW you have got this hose on your regs, yes Firstly theres the small compressed air bottle which we often refer to as a crackbottle which would have been installed on the BCD but has been blanked off on yours. This is not necessary nowadays as we all have reliable pressure gauges SPG Submersible Pressure Gauge. However in the past SPGs were expensive and not everybody had them were talking of 30 years ago here. As a result it was more common for people to run out of air as they had no real way of monitoring it. Running out of air is bad in two ways obviously you cant breathe

water. <http://www.zkojicin.cz/userfiles/ducati-750ss-user-manual.xml>

But the other issue is you need air to go into your buoyancy jacket BCD so you can return to the surface. So they fitted a tiny crack bottle which you could let off and it dragged you to the surface where theres lots more air. In diving, the last thing you ever want is an uncontrolled ascent with someone out of air. Hence those bottles were known as suicide bottles and dont appear on modern dive kit. What we do often carry is a redundant second source of air called a Stage Bottle or a PONY bottle. Both of these contain much more gas which means youve time to get your act together and Slowly Ascend From Every dive SAFE geddit no drowning, no panic, no problems. The second technology which I think is fitted to your BCD is this AutoAir thing. A quick backtobasics moment. Your BCD is just a bag of air. You need to be able to put air in it inflate, and take air out of it deflate or dump. To put air into it, its connected via a hose to your regulator which is connected to your cylinder. Press a button and the BCD inflates; press the other button and it deflates. All straightforward. And in principle exactly the same technology no matter what you dive. In fact various components are standard on many BCDs be it beginner or advanced equipment, youll recognise the controls. As the BCD is a critical bit of kit you will sink if its not working all BCDs include an Oral Inflation method. Stick the thing to your mouth and blow it up. Its something you will be taught on your first courses. It looks a bit like a regulator mouthpiece, but its nothing of the sort as its used only for manual inflating, not breathing OK, in extremely advanced diving it could be used to breathe from, but this isnt relevant here. Its job is to give air to another diver, or to enable you to breathe if your regulator breaks e.g. falls apart. All divers train to use the octopus both giving and receiving; everyone recognises it.

The AutoAir is utterly pointless and downright dangerous as other rescuing divers will not be familiar with its use. Worse still it could encourage people to dive with a single regulator, relying on the AutoAir as the backup regulator. Or the deaths that the coroner deals with. So, if theres an AutoAir fitted, Id strongly recommend that its replaced with a normal BCD inflator valve. This gives you standardised kit, which is a very good and safe thing. Standard inflators dont cost much and if its a dive shop, they should fit on to it before you buy it. This is no more likely to give you nasties than any other reg. The auto air AND standard AP inflator will also allow you to suck the gas directly out of the stab, much like any inflator will if you push the dump button and suck in. This is likely to be contaminated by bug growth inside your BC jacket. Ive never used one on OC but the auto air remains on my AP CCR as a Convenient shallow bail out valve. For OC use not the ideal solution, a second stage on a decent length hose cant be beaten. Like any piece of equipment it can have its place, recognising the limitations of any piece of equipment or configuration is key to safe diving. The first stage had two LP hoses one to the single reg and one to the collar older ones didnt even have this, yes it was the suicide bottle again. The only alternate option apart from Buddy Breathing was to squirt into the bag and breathe of that via the inflator unit. Not exactly easy, so it made sense to come up with a unit that allowed you to breathe direct off the inflator. Nowadays we have better systems sure and Autoairs should be consigned to the bin, but lets not call the designers pillocks. At the time it was an innovative solution to what divers already had. We are working every day to make sure our community is one of the best and friendliest around. Care to support us All donations go to the running costs of the forum hosting charges, software maintenance, etc.

Wed really appreciate it. Amazingly it only failed recently whilst diving in Barbados in 2019. But the failure was just the clips which I can have fixed, plus bear in mind I was diving with a 15 litre dive tank. Nearly 30 years of wear and tear and hundreds of dives this is pretty impressive!! So all I'd say is that Commando BCDs are built to last. The built to last Buddy Commando Profile BCD that has lasted for nearly 30 years without breakage or failure. It was only in the 29th year when diving in Barbados that the shoulder clips broke. This happened when donning the BCD which was attached to a 15 litre dive tank. To last for nearly 30 years and used to dive on hundreds of dives around the

world and still be going strong is nothing short of amazing. This article is just that. Nearly 30 years ago I bought an AP Diving Buddy Commando Profile Buoyancy Control Device or BCD. Actually, AP Diving was called A.P. Valves at the time I purchased my BCD from them back in 1990. At the time it was my understanding and my reason for buying that this buoyancy control device or BCD came with a lifetime guarantee. More Reading [How Does A Buoyancy Control Device Work Don't Dive Without Knowing What](#) has amazed me though is that it has lasted for nearly 30 years. It's been used for both cold water UK diving as well as diving all around the world. I've used it in the Red Sea to America and from the Farne Islands to the Caribbean. It was only recently whilst visiting the Caribbean in fact diving in Barbados that it failed me. The shoulder clips on the BCD broke so I had to borrow one from the diving company I was diving with. Fortunately they had a spare buoyancy control device on the dive boat. The reason the BCD shoulder clip failed at this stage was because I was diving with a slightly heavier dive tank. In this case I was diving with a 15 litre cylinder. The dive was to 36 metres 118 feet on the Stavronikita wreck.

As I'm larger than the average diver, probably by around 25% larger, I need more air. That's why I opted for the larger dive tank. This meant that I could dive for the full dive time of 34 minutes with the rest of the group. Of course the clips shouldn't break like this, but they were getting old. In the past I've used this Buddy Commando Profile to dive with a twin set. The weight of twinset tanks is more than a 15 litre dive tank. I think the BCD clips were already getting fragile and worn, so they would have broken at some point using a 12 litre dive tank. However, the added weight pushed the limit and the clips broke. More Reading [28 Tips on How to Conserve Air While Scuba Diving How To Extend Your Dive Time Safely](#) There is another part that had broken before this on my Buddy Commando BCD. This is the mouthpiece on the inflator. This happened some time ago and hasn't affected my diving, as I can still use the BCD with the mouthpiece as it is. However, the clips are a more fundamental part of the BCD, which meant I couldn't use it to dive. But it's important to note that this should not be seen as a negative. For these clips to have lasted as long as they have is amazing. Please bear in mind this jacket has been used a lot. These clips can easily be replaced, I just need to get around to sending my BCD off to AP Diving to have it fixed. Buddy Commando lifetime guarantee I have only just got back from Barbados today, which is a Sunday. I have checked on their website and I'm not sure if they still do the clips that I need. Nor do I know at this time whether or not they will honour the lifetime guarantee I bought into all those years ago. This could be as a result of the name change from A.P. Vales to A.P. Diving. However, I will call them tomorrow i.e. Monday and find out what they say. I will then update this article accordingly. If I can get the new clips assuming they are still available some 29 years later!

, then I may be able to continue to use my Buddy Commando Profile jacket for diving. Perhaps even for another 30 years. Although that would put me in my 80's. Not sure I'll be able to continue to dive at that age, but you never know. Buddy Commando BCD review and recommendation I want to stress that this article is in favour of Buddy Commando BCD Jackets. I will certainly buy another BCD from A.P. Diving and in all probability, I will buy their travelling version as it's lighter. I can categorically say that the A.P. Diving gear is probably some of the best in the world. It's manufactured to a very high standard and lasts a long time. The same goes for their buoyancy control devices or BCDs. The Buddy Commando BCD is wellmade and strong and you'll get many years diving from this awesome piece of kit. [Click this link for more information on AP Diving and Buddy Commando BCDs.](#) More Reading [How To Achieve Neutral Buoyancy Scuba Diving Made Easy](#) I hope you enjoyed this article about Buddy Commando BCD review I'd love to hear from you. Tell us about your adventures of diving and snorkeling, in the comments below. Please also share your photos. Either from your underwater cameras or videos from your waterproof Gopro's! If this article hasn't answered all of your questions. If you have more questions either about snorkeling or scuba diving or specifically about Buddy Commando BCD review , please comment below with your questions. There will also be many more articles about scuba diving and snorkeling for you to read

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Email check failed, please try again Sorry, your blog cannot share posts by email. %d bloggers like this. Loading. It subsequently took the sport and technical diving market by storm outselling its rivals for 20 years. This new Commando retains the essential qualities and features on which success is based; superior build, lift and surface support and adds the new advantages offered by reflex. The Element Comfort Fit System is shaped, fully padded and adjustable at shoulders, waist and back plate. 3 easy grip rapid air dump valves. Reflective piping for improved visibility. Super Cam cylinder band grip. Stabilising cradle backplate to eliminate tank roll. Chunky style zipped, side pockets. Foldaway SMB pouch at rear of jacket. Expandable gusset structure ensures the buoyancy cell inflates away from the body. 8 welded stainless D rings with the 2 at the shoulders. Please note, weight pockets aren't included. However, on rare occasions products may be found to be faulty or defective. If any product is found to be faulty or have defects upon delivery, You will be entitled to a free of charge replacement or full refund including postage fees incurred within 30 days of receiving product. If a product is returned to us, and following the testing process, the product is found to be in good working order without defect or fault, we will return the product to you. All returns must first be authorized by either telephone or email, after which you will be given a returns number which must be quoted with all returned goods. Any goods returned for either exchange or refund can only be dealt with after a authorization number has been issued. When returning goods to us, the customer will incur any postage fees. If we arrange to collect the goods for you, the cost of our postage to do so will be deducted from the refund. Please note that we do not refund postage for unsuitable or incorrectly sized goods.

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The four alloy Drings are wellplaced on the shoulders and waist for clipping convenience and there's a couple of handy plastic rings at the top of the pockets. There is a second small strap just above the cummerbund, stitched to the inside of the jacket sides, and serves to keep the very large side panels in place but there is nothing to keep the shoulder straps together. At 3kg in weight, it's perfect for travel, but the robust design also makes it perfect for general allpurpose diving, regardless of location. Try one of our featured destinations from DIVEs travel partners. Simply click one one of the options below DIVELive is free, full archive available to digital subscribers Website design by Member Magazine Publishers. The result is 12 of the best Scuba Diving BCDs on the marked today. These handy and essential bits of equipment allow a diver to offset their negative buoyancy by adding air from the tank to the BCD while underwater. They're also essential on the surface for maintaining positive buoyancy. BCDs have come a long way since the oldschool Fenzy collars which featured only an oral inflate function and a single air bladder which was worn around the neck. Today's models are incredibly comfortable, userfriendly, and come in a variety of styles. Here, we're going to go over some of the best BCDs. But first, let's cover what you should look for when making a new BCD purchase. Best Scuba Diving BCDs 2020 On our list, we've covered budget, midrange, and highend BCDs. Let's get started with some entrylevel options that are both easy on the eye and easy on the wallet. Got questions about Scuba BCD. Ask us here! We have a huge guide on What to Look for When Buying a New BCD and below you'll see a guide of best BCD's segmented into groups. Best Budget Scuba Diving BCDs We've gathered a selection of the best budget Scuba diving BCDs. All stable a reliable, but at a low cost.

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tailored for women. With its wraparound style, there is additional padding in the shoulder straps and at the back to provide extra comfort and support. TUSA's Ultimate Stabilizing Harness U.S.H. holds the cylinder snug against the body and helps prevent tank roll. Made from heavyduty Cordura Nylon, the Jasmine is made to last. Designed for Women What we like Lowprofile, wraparound bladder. Lightweight. Not an overtly feminine design. As the Jasmine is designed for females, the smaller sizes are ideal for teenagers.

What we don't like No shoulder dump valve. Not enough metal Drings. It has a basic design but is highly functional making it ideal for beginner divers too. One nice feature is that the waist strap is independent of the air bladder, so if you tighten it while the jacket is deflated, it's not going to squeeze your stomach too much when you inflate. If you are looking for a BCD that is reliable and almost bulletproof, the Cressi Start is a great entrylevel option. Inflator hose is easily disassembled for cleaning. From a dive center perspective, the size is clearly displayed on the shoulder pad. Great value for money. What we don't like No metal Drings. Edges of the shoulder straps are a little rough and can chafe against the neck. The chest strap is quite high. The waist strap comes with a cummerbund for extra comfort. Both these and the shoulder strap are simple to adjust for a good fit. Sturdy and reliable, the Sherwood Silhouette BCD should provide years of dependable service. Builtin carry handle. What we don't like Only two dump valves. Although large, there is only one pocket. Best MidRange BCD s 2020 This is where we start getting into BCDs with some additional features like integrated weight systems and rear inflation. If you are happy to spend that little bit extra but are not quite ready to splash the big cash, these midrange options could be for you. The rear-mounted weight system consists of two pockets which hold a maximum of 16 lbs 7.26 kg. Zeagle's power inflator system can be hooked up to a standard garden hose making it super easy to wash out the interior of the air bladder. If you have never dived with a backinflate BCD or a wing before, the Zeagle Scout is a good way to get started. Rear weight system. What we don't like All sizes have the same lift capacity because of the lightweight, travelready design. Weight pockets are hard to reach. A rigid but fully padded back support provides stability for the cylinder and prevents it from moving around.

Gravityrelease weight pockets are located on either side of the jacket. Give the securing buckle a squeeze, the pocket drops down, and the weights fall straight out. The Cressi Aquapro is a simple design but has loads of great features. A good number of Drings. Sits high on the waist giving the option of wearing a weight belt. What we don't like Pockets are high so difficult to access the zipper to open them. A second tank band would be helpful. The padded backplate has extended lumbar support. This allows you to transfer the cylinder weight from the shoulders to the hips. One of the standout features is the 3D air cell which has wings that wrap around the air cylinder. Weight distribution is improved and the tank is held securely in place. The Seac Sherpa provides a comfortable experience both on the surface and below it. Yes Number of dump valves Three Number of Drings Six stainless steel Designed for Unisex What we like Wing design gives better weight distribution. The simplistic design is clutter free. Six Drings. Easy to locate dump valves. Extended lumbar support. Takes all the stress off the shoulders. Great lift capacity. What we don't like The dry weight of the BCD is heavy. Even an S will be unsuitable for the majority of women. Sherwood Luna W Definitely, a BCD designed with women divers in mind. It features thick padding on the inside with a plush nylon finish. The jacket and air bladder are specially cut for a snug fit to female curves. Sherwood uses a unique Halfpac backplate which offers the versatility of soft backplate with the stability of a hard backplate. This means it's extra comfortable but will also hold your cylinder firmly in place. One great feature of the Sherwood Luna is the padded neoprene neck. A small hint of color adds a nice feminine touch. Extra padding at the back of the neck. Zippered weight pockets. Would be nice to be able to pick your color.

This does mean that there are not as many fancy features—it has all the essentials and does the job

well. Rear inflation means this BCD will not obstruct your movement when in the water. For any female diver who likes to travel, the Cressi Ultralight is a great choice. Easy to pack away with the fast folding system. Soft backplate. What we don't like Being so lightweight, there are no metal Drings. No cummerbund. Need to make sure the straps tighten up enough to fit around the waist. No bigger sizes for the larger lady. Best HighEnd BCD s 2020 When your budget can stretch that little bit further, you might want to enter the world of gadgets and flash accessories that will make you the envy on the dive boat. If you want all the bells and whistles that a BCD has to offer, look no further than at some of our highend suggestions. Oceanic Hera W Another BCD designed specifically for women divers. The custom fit harness has a multiposition cummerbund and shoulder straps which adjust easily for ladies of all shapes and sizes. The Oceanic Hera brings together the benefits of a jacket and rear inflation styles making it easy to use whatever position you dive in. The patented and adjustable depthcompensating cummerbund ensures you are comfortable and snug however deep you are. There are two generously sized utility pockets as well as numerous Drings and mounting grommets for all of your accessories. And being made from Cordura nylon, the Oceanic Hera is exceptionally durable. Yes Number of dump valves Two Number of Drings Two prebent welded and four standard stainless steel Designed for Women What we like Lots of places to place and hang accessories. Front placement of weight pockets. Ergonomically designed. Adjusts to fit women of all shapes and sizes. What we don't like Clips holding the weight pockets are stiff when first using the BCD. Pockets can be hard to access when at depth.