

SECTION IX - FIREFIGHTER RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

9.3 SCBA INSPECTION, CLEANING, AND STORAGE

- 9.3.1 After each use breathing apparatus shall be cleaned, inspected, and placed in "ready" condition in accordance with the procedures outlined herein. The user of the SCBA shall be responsible for ensuring that this is completed.
- 9.3.2 The following procedures shall be followed prior to placing an SCBA back in service after use:
- Inspect the unit for worn or aging rubber parts, worn or frayed harness webbing, or damaged components.
 - Remove the regulator from the facepiece, and carefully wash the facepiece assembly with warm water and soap and thoroughly rinse with clean water. Inspect the regulator for worn or missing parts.
 - Disinfect the facepiece by one of the following methods:
 - a. Sponge it with solution of 70% minimum ethyl, methyl, or isopropyl alcohol.
 - b. Submerge it in a hypochlorite solution made with two tablespoons of chlorine bleach in one gallon of water.
 - c. Submerge it in an aqueous solution of iodine made with one teaspoon of tincture of iodine in one gallon of water.
 - Rinse the facepiece thoroughly, and allow to completely air dry.
 - Wipe dirt from the rest of the SCBA with a damp sponge or cloth.
 - Inspect the backpack and harness. Make sure that all harness straps are completely let out and the cylinder is tightly fastened to the backplate.
 - Fill the air cylinder or replace it with a full one, and make sure the high pressure line is fully coupled to the cylinder valve outlet.
- 9.3.3 If any defects or problems are found with the SCBA, it must be removed from service and tagged, with the problem noted on the tag.
- 9.3.4 SCBA shall also be checked, whether used or not, upon return from all emergency assignments and fire training sessions. The firefighter riding in the jump seat or other seat where SCBA is stored shall perform this check. The check shall consist of a visual inspection to ensure that the cylinder is full, the high pressure line is fully connected to

the cylinder, all harness straps are in good condition and fully let out, and that the unit is properly stored.