

Thank you for purchasing a marine safety helmet from Gecko Head Gear Ltd. Before first use please check that the helmet is in full working order; check that the shell is intact and the inflatable liner is functioning. In the event of a fault, please contact the supplier within 14 days with proof of purchase.

Gecko helmets are designed for use within a marine environment and are not intended to be used in land based situations. Please be aware that misuse of the helmet will invalidate any liability of Gecko Head Gear. Also bear in mind that while Gecko open face, cut away and full face helmets meet the highest available marine safety standard, no helmet can guarantee protection from all possible impacts.

Gecko helmets protect your head by absorbing the shock of an impact through the partial destruction of the shell and EPS liner. This damage may not be visible and therefore we recommend that a helmet be destroyed and replaced following any significant impact.

The following information is provided as a guide to help you get the most from your Gecko Head Gear and should be read and understood before first use. Please keep these instructions for future reference. alternative language versions are available on request.

SAFETY The Gecko cut away, full face and open face helmets meet BSI marine safety standard PAS (Publicly Available Specification) 028:2002. The CE type examination was conducted by the British Standards Institution, notified body number 0086, who can be contacted at; BSI Product Services, Davy Avenue, Knowlhill, Milton Keynes MK5 8PP, Tel: +44 (0) 345 080 9000.

WARANTY Gecko Head Gear offer a 12 month limited warranty on all our helmets so long as care has been taken to maintain them in line with these care instructions. Please contact the original supplier if you have any questions or problems.

MODELS Gecko are always looking for ways to improve thier helmets and every time a major modification is made a new model number is applied. The Gecko open face helmet is currently on mark 11 (MK11) and the Gecko full face and cut away helmets are on mark 10 (MK10). Please note that some of our accessories are designed to be compatible with a specific helmet model to so please check before you buy.

LIFESPAN Gecko helmets have a recommended life span of four years, based on 300 working hours per year, after which the helmet should be replaced.

DAILY CARE After each use near salt water, your helmet should be rinsed in fresh water and allowed to dry fully before being stored. Store in a clean, dry, safe environment away from direct sunlight and at room temperature. If your Gecko has visor studs, periodically remove the visor and grease the studs with petroleum jelly to prevent rust.

REPAIRS AND MODIFICATIONS You are potentially putting yourself at risk by using a helmet that has been modified or had any of the original components removed. Any repairs or modifications should be handled by the manufacturer. It is recommended that you do not apply paint, solvents, adhesives or self-adhesive labels to your helmet, with the exception of the Gecko sticker that is enclosed in this pack.

INFLATABLE LINER The patented inflatable liner is easily replaced if required.

It is vitally important that your Gecko helmet is correctly fitted or it may not stay in place to protect your head in a collision.

Follow these instructions to fit your Gecko **every time you use it**.

Gecko helmets are designed to fit heads with a circumference between 56-63cm (open face), 57-62cm (full face/cut away) or 53-56cm / 57-59cm (surf). If your head circumference falls outside these ranges you may require a specialist adaptation to use your helmet; please contact Gecko Head Gear for more information.



1. DEFLATE THE LINER

Pull open the red valve that sits at the end of the clear tube next to the chin strap; this will enable excess air to leave the liner when you place the helmet on your head.



2. PUT THE HELMET ON

Place the helmet on your head so that the forehead section sits just above the eyebrow line. Do not secure it with the chin strap at this stage.



3. RE-INFLATE THE LINER

Some air will remain in the liner when the valve is open. To complete the inflation, blow into the valve until you feel a snug fit on your head, then push the valve closed. A sterile wipe is supplied for cleaning the valve post inflation.



4. SHAKE YOUR HEAD

A well fitted helmet will hardly move when your head is shaken from side to side, so perform this test with your Gecko. Once happy with the fit, secure the chin strap buckle under your chin and tighten the straps to fit.

If after carrying out these instructions you feel the fit or size is not correct then we recommend that you do not use the helmet.

For further information please visit our website or contact us via the details below, or write to us at:

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