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Flotation Collar, 2 Piece  
USER MANUAL  
PROFESSIONAL USE



Model 11-0124A..... Flotation Collar, 2 Piece, Yellow



Read this Manual and Retain  
for Future Reference

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### Disclaimer

This manual contains general instructions for the use, operation and care of this product. The instructions are not all-inclusive. Safe and proper use of this product is solely at the discretion of the user. Safety information is included as a service to the user. All other measures taken by the user should be within and under consideration of applicable regulations. It is recommended that training on the proper use of this product be provided before using this product in an actual situation.

Retain this manual for future reference. Include it with the product in the event of transfer to new users. Additional free copies are available upon request from Customer Care.

Refer to this manual before and after each use. Failure to follow instructions for use and maintenance may result in serious consequences for the operator and/or patient.

### Adverse Event Notice

In the event of an adverse event or serious incident related to the use of this device, the end user/operator must report the incident to Traverse Rescue LLC at 2715 Bristol Circle, #2, Oakville, Ontario L6H 6X5, (905) 279-7866, or via email at info@traverserescue.com. If the incident occurred in the European Union, report it to Traverse's Authorized EU Representative and the competent authority of the Member State in which the end user is established.

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## 1. Safety Information

### 1.1 Warnings

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>Failure to comply with the instructions or improper use of this equipment may result in serious injury or death.</b>
<b>This equipment has been designed and manufactured for use by experienced professionals only.</b>
<b>Do not attempt to use this equipment without proper training.</b>
<b>Thoroughly read and understand all labels and instructions before use.</b>
<b>Use, inspect and repair only in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.</b>
<b>Do not alter or misuse this equipment.</b>
<b>The user shall have a rescue plan and a means to implement it when using this equipment.</b>
<b>Assure that any combination of components or subsystems, or both, do not interfere with the safe function of each other.</b>
<b>Avoid contact with sharp edges or abrasive surfaces.</b>

### 1.2 Inspection

Inspect the equipment according to your department's policy for inspecting life safety equipment. The equipment should be thoroughly inspected after each use by an inspector that meets your organization's training standard for inspection of life safety equipment. Record the date of the inspection and the results in the equipment log or on a tag that attaches to the equipment. Each user should be trained in equipment inspection and should inspect the equipment before each use.

When inspecting the equipment, check the webbing and rope for cuts, worn or frayed areas, broken fibers, soft or hard spots, discoloration, or melted fibers. Check the stitching for pulled threads, abrasion, or breaks. Check the hardware for damage, sharp edges, and improper operation. If any of the above is noted, or if the equipment has been subjected to shock loads, fall loads or abuse other than normal use, remove the equipment from service and destroy it. If there is any doubt about the serviceability of the equipment, remove the equipment from service and destroy it.

The service life of equipment used for rescue depends greatly on the type of use and the environment of use. Because these factors vary greatly, a precise service life of the equipment cannot be provided.

### 1.3 Bloodborne Disease Notice

OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requires employers to protect workers from workplace exposure to bloodborne diseases such as HIV-1 and hepatitis. To reduce the risk of exposure when using the flotation collar, follow your services disinfecting and cleaning protocols.

### 1.4 Safety Labels

Labels place important information from the Users' Manual on the flotation collar

## 2. Operator Skills and Training

### 2.1 Skills

Operators using the flotation collar need:

- A working knowledge of emergency patient-handling procedures.
- The ability to assist the patient
- A complete understanding of the procedures described in this manual

### 2.2 Training

Trainees need to:

- Follow a training program designed or approved by their training officer
- Read this manual. For additional free users' manuals, contact Traverse Customer Care.
- Practice with the flotation collar before using it in regular service
- Be tested on their understanding of the flotation collar
- Record their training information

## 3. About the Flotation Collar

### 3.1 General Specifications

- Designed for use with Rescue Litters
- 65 lb. of buoyancy to keep patient afloat
- Conveniently stores inside Rescue Litter
- Compatible with Titan Series, Gazelle Series, Advantage and Model 71 Basket Stretchers
- PVC (vinyl) coated polyester - latex free

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Length	51.1 in	130 cm
Width	3.9 in	10 cm
Depth	7.8 in	20 cm
Weight	5 lbs	2.3 kg
Buoyancy	60 lbs	27.3 kg

## 4. Attaching the Flotation Collar

### 4.1 Attaching to a Rescue Litter

1. Place collar on a flat surface. separate left and right collars, rear straps remaining attached (Figure 1).



Figure 1.

2. Place Rescue Litter between the left and right collars; zipper at the head end of the Rescue Litter with the logo visible on the patient's right (Figure 2).

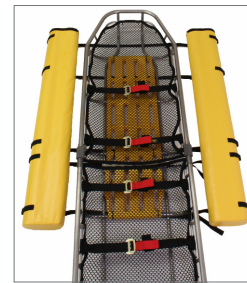


Figure 2.

3. Clip five short restraint straps located along right collar to the Rescue Litter. Repeat process with the left collar. Tighten restraint straps, as required (Figure 3 and 4).



Figure 3.



Figure 4.

If installing on a Split-Apart Rescue Litter, ensure that the 3rd and 4th straps are on either side of the LocSafe (Figure 5).



Figure 5.

4. Turn Rescue Litter on its front and tighten rear straps, as required (Figure 6).



Figure 6.

### 5. Storing the Flotation Collar

1. Unclip rear straps on the underside of the Rescue Litter (Figure 7).



Figure 7.

2. Turn the Rescue Litter back over and flip collars into it (Figure 8).



Figure 8.

### 6. Limited Warranty

Traverse Rescue, LLC (Traverse) Limited Warranty states that Traverse soft goods products are warranted for a period of 90 days after the date of invoice, to the original purchaser. This warranty is provided against any material or workmanship flaws or defects. In the event of such a flaw or defect during this warranty period, please contact Traverse Rescue immediately. Traverse Rescue, LLC after assessment has the option to replace the defective product. Our Limited Warranty does not cover damage due to abuse, misuse, lack of care, improper use or accidents. It also does not cover damage due to attempted repair by the purchaser that was not authorized by Traverse Rescue, LLC. No other warranties exist or are implied by Traverse Rescue, LLC. This limited warranty excludes, and Traverse shall not be held liable for any punitive, incidental, special or exemplary damages arising out of the breach of the warranty on sales by Traverse or otherwise, or through the performance or non-performance of any third-party part, product, service or system. This limited warranty does not limit in any way, nor alter in any way, other manufacturer’s warranties on products that are sold by Traverse Rescue, LLC.

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