

Product Safety Recall

HEAD Oceania Pty Ltd recalls the following Apeks XL4, XL4+ and Ocea Regulator Second Stages manufactured between April 2025 and April 2026:



Which products are affected?

The following product part numbers and descriptions may be affected:

Part	CPN	Description
AP0914W#	RS118113	XL4 2nd STAGE WHITE
AP0960	RG124121	XL4 OCEA REG YUCCA YOKE
AP0960GRY	RG124122	XL4 OCEA REG GREY YOKE
AP0961	RG124123	XL4 OCEA REG YUCCA DIN
AP0961GRY	RG124124	XL4 OCEA REG GREY DIN
AP0964#	RS118123	XL4 OCEA 2nd STAGE
AP0964GRY#	RS118118	XL4 OCEA 2nd STG GRY
AP0965#	RS118119	XL4 OCEA 2nd STG OCTOPUS
AP0966	RS118120	OCTO XL4 OCEA
AP0967	RQ117115	STG 3 XL4 OCEA YUC YOKE
AP0967GRY	RQ117116	STG 3 XL4 OCEA GRY YOKE
AP0968	RQ117117	STG 3 XL4 OCEA YUC DIN
AP0968GRY	RQ117118	STG 3 XL4 OCEA GRY DIN
AP0980	RT111122	XL4+ REGULATOR YOKE
AP0981	RT111121	XL4+ REGULATOR DIN
AP0986	RS118122	XL4+ OCTO 2nd STAGE
AP0987	RQ117120	XL4+ STAGE3 YOKE
AP0988	RQ117119	XL4+ STAGE3 DIN

Affected Serial Numbers

Products included in this recall have serial numbers ranging from:

250402212 to 260402893

Understanding the Serial Number Format

The serial number contains information about the manufacturing date:

Digits	Meaning	Example
First 2 digits	Manufacturing year	25 = 2025
Second 2 digits	Manufacturing month	04 = April
Remaining digits	Unique production identifier	02212

Example

Serial Number: **250402212**

Section	Meaning
25	Year 2025
04	Month April
02212	Unique product identifier

This serial number indicates that the product was manufactured in **April 2025**.

Therefore, all products manufactured between **April 2025 and April 2026** that fall within the serial number range above are potentially affected.

Where to Find the Serial Number

The serial number can be found on the product (picture below)



Picture above shows the serial number laser-marked directly onto the second stage regulator body.

Example:

260501491

This marking identifies the manufacturing date and unique production number of the product.

Why is this product dangerous?

A manufacturing defect in the second-stage spindle assembly can restrict the flow of breathing gas at depths exceeding 45 metres. The regulator may not deliver sufficient breathing gas when required, posing a risk of inadequate air supply to the diver at depth. In an extreme situation this presents a risk of death or serious injury from asphyxiation if the regulator does not supply adequate air to a diver when used.

What to do

Stop using the regulator immediately if it falls within the affected serial number range.

Please return the regulator to:

- The authorised Apeks dealer from whom it was purchased;
- or
- Aquatech NZ, 4 Wouldbank Way, Welcome Bay, New Zealand 3112
 - Include clearly your Name, Phone Number, Return Shipping Address & Store/Point of Purchase Details.

Remedies for consumers

Affected regulators will be inspected and, if necessary, repaired free of charge by qualified technicians using approved Apeks replacement components.

There is no charge for the inspection, repair or shipping.

Contact

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Or contact your local authorised Apeks dealer or service centre (for details please visit [Store Locator: where to buy Apeks products | Apeks®](#))

SPREAD THE NEWS: Tell your friends and family about this recall!

If you have sold, loaned, or given the regulator to someone else, please pass this recall notice on to them.

Thank you for your understanding and prompt cooperation. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this recall may cause and thank you for your continued support and trust in our products.