

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADES OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2006/07



Stowage of Bag Valve Mask Adult Resuscitator

This Operations Bulletin should be read in conjunction with the NSWFB Recommended Practice for the **Emergency Medical Treatment Pack**. Click [here](#) to view this document.

This Operations Bulletin has been issued to ensure correct stowage of the bag valve mask adult resuscitator (BVM) in the Emergency Medical Treatment kit (EMT).

At a recent incident where a casualty was being resuscitated, the BVM could not be used effectively because the bag would not inflate. This was caused by incorrect stowage inside the EMT pack and the BVM developed a memory of its distorted shape.

The BVM must be stowed in the EMT pack as shown below.

Source: NSWFB Recommended Practice EMT section 2.4.1 kit contents

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Figure 4 The resuscitation kit



BVM correct stowage

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Correct stowage



Incorrect stowage

If the BVM has been stowed incorrectly and has developed a memory, it can be rectified by placing it in the sun for approximately 10 minutes. This will expand the air inside the BVM and remove the memory from the plastic.

The new model orange BVM is designed to be stowed with both ends folded inwards and gently pulled out prior to use, as per the recommended practice. The new model BVM will be issued after the current BVM has been condemned or requires replacement. Ordering procedures can be found In Orders 2005/15 *Emergency medical treatment packs*



New BVM in stowed position



New BVM in operational position

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