

Fire and Rescue NSW Safety Bulletin 2012/02 Recall of POK 70 mm one-into-two breechings

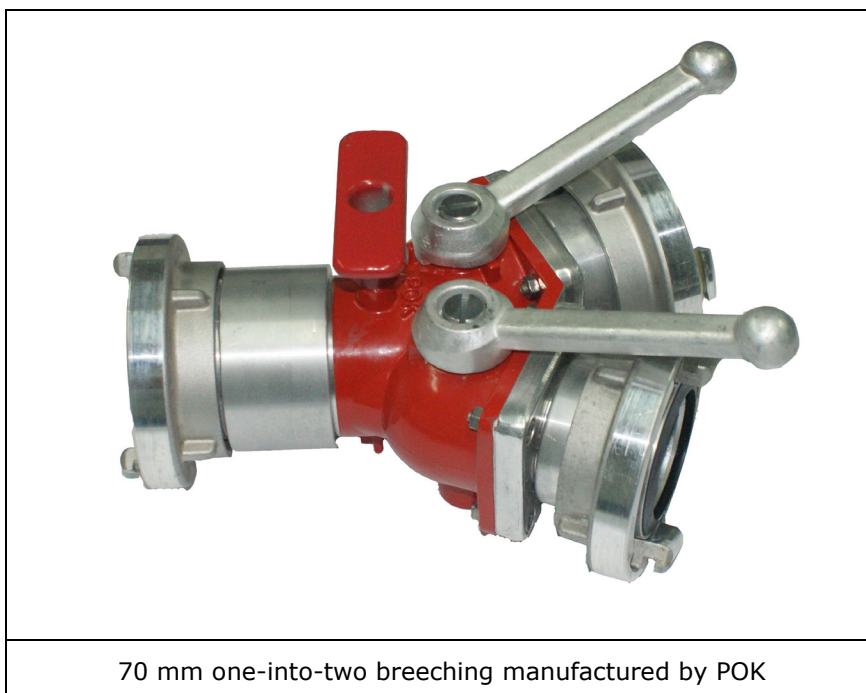


Issue

A fault has been identified during testing of 70 mm one-into-two breechings manufactured by POK (pictured below). When configured to supply two lines of 70 mm hose from one line of 70 mm hose, water flow may cause the shut-off valves to close spontaneously. This may result in a risk to firefighter safety from sudden loss of water supply. Additional hazards from burst hose and moving parts may also be created by the resultant water hammer.

To ensure the safety of firefighters, 70 mm one-into-two breechings manufactured by POK must be removed from service immediately.

This Safety Bulletin applies only to the 70 mm breechings manufactured by POK. It does not apply to other brands of 70 mm or 38 mm breechings.



70 mm one-into-two breeching manufactured by POK

Action required

Station Commanders and supervisors must:

1. Check appliance or section inventories for 70 mm one-into-two breechings manufactured by POK.
2. Remove these breechings from service immediately.
3. Label the breechings with a pink tag, indicating their usual location.
4. Return the removed breechings (eg by courier or Logistical Support Vehicle) as soon as possible to:

Receipt and Dispatch Section
Amarina Avenue
Greenacre NSW 2190

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Replacement breechings will be issued by Supply Services.

Where this recall results in the removal of **all** 70 mm breechings from an appliance, local arrangements may be made for a temporary loan of 70mm one-into-two breechings from other appliances or adjoining stations until the replacement breeching is received.

Where local arrangements cannot be made, temporary replacements may be sourced from Emergency Stores, Supply Services Unit, Greenacre on (02) 9742 7474.



WARNING

Do not test the operation of removed breechings by connecting them to a water supply.

Contact officer: Inspector Andrew Dadley, A/Equipment Development Officer, (02) 9742 7174, andrew.dadley@fire.nsw.gov.au

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Noted: Station Commander					
Checked: Duty Commander					

Previous Safety Bulletin: Safety Bulletin 2012/01, Incompatible electrical connectors