



SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

POLICY STATEMENT

Supply and Use of Oxygen Equipment

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The following contents must be included as standard components of all SLSA oxygen equipment devices:

1 x Standard 'C' Size Medical Oxygen Cylinder (State Directors of Lifesaving may approve usage of an alternative size cylinder for specialist service activities.

1 x Australian Standard Regulator

- Three (3) settings; 8 lpm, 15 lpm (or 14 lpm), OFF
- Contents gauge

1 x Reservoir Bag

1 x Adult Airbag Resuscitator - Laerdal bag or Air Viva bag (smart bag not yet approved for SLSA use)

- Patient and intake valve

2 x Resuscitation Masks

- Child (3) and Adult (5)

2 x Therapy Masks

- Child and Adult
- Sterile packaged

1 x Cylinder Key Wheel/Lever

- Permanently attached with chain/rope to interior of casing

Oxygen Tubing (Laerdal and CIG have different combinations)

- Soft Plastic
- One green, one clear (if not a dual flow operation)
- Two (2) metres in length
- Five (5) millimetres in diameter
- For dual flow a green tube is recommended.

2 x Spare Sealing Washers

- One to be attached to sealing pin, two to be stored in a watertight container within the casing.

2 x Large Oropharyngeal Airways Only

- Laerdal sizes 4 & 5 or equivalent

Stick of Chalk

- To write on oxygen cylinder

Small container (e.g. film canister)

- Two (2) for housing spare ceiling washer and chalk

Pen and notebook

- To record patient details

Disposable latex gloves

- Two (2) pairs

CARRY CASE/BAG

The carry case/bag for SLSA oxygen equipment must be;

- Of durable material, sturdy in design and able to protect all internal contents from damage
- Of non-corrosive material
- Able to accommodate all the necessary equipment in a safe and orderly manner
- Able to safely secure an oxygen cylinder (either internally or externally) to prevent movement of the cylinder
- Able to be as water resistant as possible dependant on material/s used

APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT

All resuscitation units/cases must be trialed by SLSA in accordance with policy 1.6 (New & Modified Equipment), before they are certified for approval as surf rescue equipment. Oxygen equipment may be custom designed using the approved carry systems below while ensuring that the above specifications are met.

At the date of publication, the following units are approved for SLSA use:

- Laerdal Air Viva 3
- Vital Resus Oxy Viva 3
- Vital Resus Oxy Tube Soft Pack (Aquatic)
- Neann Large Pelican Pack*
- Neann SPO Soft Pack Oxy (surf pack)
- Neann OBR Oxy Boot Resuscitator with pull off tool kit (surf pack)
- BOC Gases LifeLine Resuscitator
- SLSQ Oxy soft pack

* Note: Must house size C cylinder. A smaller version is available with a B size cylinder following approval from the State Director of Lifesaving.

A complete and current SLSA Approved Gear & Equipment list is available via the SLSA website www.slsa.com.au.

Clubs and services should check that the units they intend to purchase meet their own needs and requirements.