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**Personal Floatation Device Warning**

The Coast Guard is issuing a warning in regards to an equipment malfunction discovered on a model of REVERE brand life preservers. Several of these life preservers, all from the same Lot #, were unable to be donned and securely fastened properly due to a faulty spring clip. The faulty spring clip is too long and prevents the D-Ring from passing behind the spring clip to secure the straps together. As a result, the life preserver is unable to be fastened securely around the user and could potentially float away during an emergency. Users of these life preservers are strongly urged to check for proper functional operation and replace if this problem exists. Please see below for specific information and pictures. This MSIB will be available on Sector New Orleans Homeport site (<https://homeport.uscg.mil/nola>) located under Domestic Vessel Inspections\MSIBs.

REVERE Model 198

Type I

USCG approval 160.055/153/0

Lot 17192 B 098

U.L.I. 10-27-10



Figure 1. Revere Model 198 Life Preserver



Figure 2. Faulty Spring Clip - too long to latch

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