

# **ATTENTION: Owners of Orion XLT and 12-Gauge Aerial Signals**

## **Notification of Product Replacement Program for Certain Un-Expired VDS**

Orion Safety Products (Orion) manufactures and distributes a variety of aerial visual distress signals which are approved by the United States Coast Guard. Certain of such aerial signals are called "XLTs" and these are self-contained, hand launched signals. Certain other signals are 12-gauge signal systems comprised of a safety launcher (pistol style) and a plastic shell. The 12-gauge signals are found in a variety of different Orion kits. Prior to October 2008, Orion utilized orange ABS plastic in the manufacture of the XLTs and the 12-gauge shells. Recently, Orion has received notice of repeated product failures (signals failing to launch and/or ignite) related to these older XLTs and 12 gauge shells utilizing the orange ABS plastic.

Orion switched from orange ABS to red colored glass-filled polyethylene years ago due to the better strength, durability and ability to resist moisture vapor transmission of the glass-filled poly. The last XLTs which utilized orange ABS in the launch tube body will expire in December 2011. The last 12-gauge shells manufactured from the orange ABS plastic will expire in March 2012. To prevent any opportunity for a product failure in an emergency situation related to the orange ABS plastic, Orion is instituting this Signal Replacement Program.

### **The Signal Replacement Program is simple:**

**Step #1:** Determine if you own an XLT with orange launch tube (Image #1) or an orange 12-gauge shell (Image #3). If you have orange colored product (that looks like below pictures), read on.

Image #1



Image #2

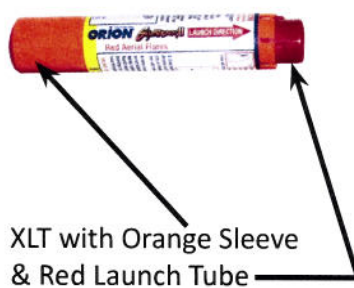


Image #3



12 Gauge  
Orange ABS

Image #4



12 Gauge  
Red Polyethylene

**Step #2:** Looking at the "EXP. DATE" printed on your signals: (i) does your XLT expiration date between fall Nov 2011 and December 2011; or (ii) does your 12-gauge expiration date fall between Nov 2011 and March 2012? If not, your signals are not affected with this replacement program. If so, please read on.

**Step #3:** Now that we know you have the signals subject to this program, we want to send you a free replacement 4-pack of either our XLTs (Orion# 859) or 12-ga (Orion# 539) as the case may be. Please submit the information requested below either by email to [customerservice@orionsignals.com](mailto:customerservice@orionsignals.com), subject "SIGNAL REPLACEMENT" or by U.S. mail addressed to Orion Safety Products, Attn Signal Replacement Program, P.O. Box 1047, Easton MD 21601. Please note we cannot ship to a P.O. Box

### **Voluntary Product Replacement Program Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signal Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a photo of your signals, clearly showing EXP DATE and LOT#.

**DO NOT SHIP SIGNALS BACK TO ORION, IT IS AGAINST THE LAW AND DANGEROUS.**