

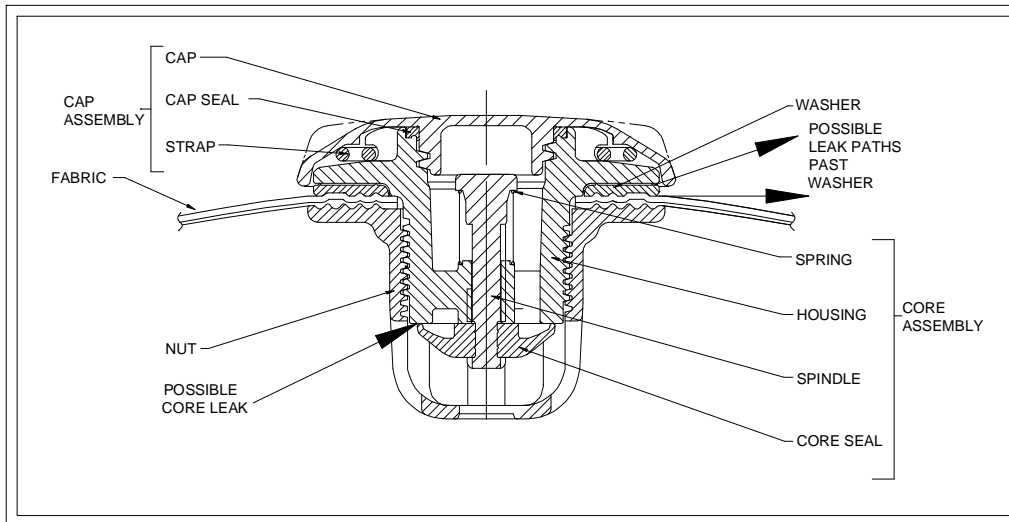
C7 SERVICE ADVICE

The C7 valve is manufactured from quality materials and has been engineered to ensure a long life in arduous Marine environments. In the unlikely event that you experience problems with this product you may find the following notes helpful.

If the problem is Leakage read section 1, if it is Breakage read section 2.

Section 1 - LEAKAGE

First identify where the leak is coming from- see diagram below.



(a) Leakage from the Core Assembly.

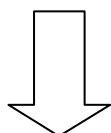
This problem can be temporarily overcome by fitting the cap, as this is a secondary seal. To permanently fix the problem, carry out the following operations: -

- (i) With the buoyancy tube deflated and the valve in the closed position, remove the Cap, then fill the valve with some warm soapy water. Open the valve by pushing the Spindle down and turning anti-clockwise. Allow the water to drain through. Rinse through with plain water. Re-check the valve for air tightness.
- (ii) If leakage persists, use service tool C16605 with the buoyancy deflated and unscrew the core of the valve by turning it anti-clockwise. Remove the core, noting the position of the washer and its colour. If it is grey we would recommend that you discard it and fit the improved black version. It is not necessary to fit the thin sealing gasket with this washer. Apart from the colour, the improved washer can also be identified by the two thin circular ridges on one side and four larger ridges on the reverse. Check the Rubber seal on the valve core for dirt or damage. Check that the sealing face on the plastic core is clean and undamaged. If the seal or core are damaged the core assembly must be replaced.
- (iii) Refit the valve ensuring that the washer is replaced in the correct orientation (see picture below for orientation) and tighten as tightly as you can using hand pressure on the tool. Inflate the buoyancy tube and check for air tightness. We recommend that after around 24 hours the valve should be retightened to ensure it has fully seated. If leakage persists contact your local repair shop.

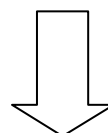
(b) Leakage from the edge of the Valve.

- (i) Using tool C16605, ensure that the valve is as tight as possible with hand pressure only.
- (ii) If the leak persists, unscrew the valve core and remove. If the washer is grey, or there is a thin sealing gasket fitted, discard these and fit the improved washer, which is black and does not require a gasket. The two thin ridges on one side and 4 larger ridges on the other can also identify the improved washer. Check the valve core for any damage in the area that clamps against the washer. If this area is damaged, replace the core assembly. Make sure that there are no tears or areas of damaged fabric where the valve clamps, if there are the repair will have to be carried out by a repair shop.
- (iii) Refit the valve, ensuring that the washer is replaced in the correct orientation and tighten as tightly as you can using hand pressure on the tool. Inflate the buoyancy tube and check for air tightness. We recommend that the valve is re-tightened after about 24 hours to ensure it has fully seated. If the leakage persists, contact your local repair shop.

Washer Orientation



2 ridges:
This side
facing up

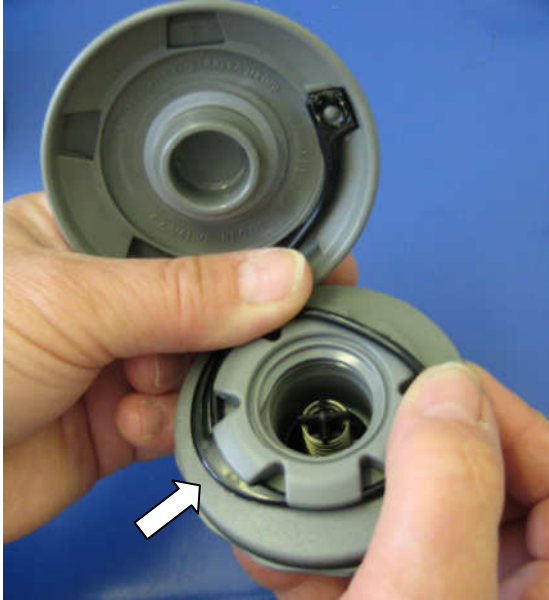


4 ridges:
This side against
the boat fabric



Section 2 - BREAKAGE

- (i) If the cap has been broken or the strap damaged, a new Cap/strap assembly can be obtained from your spares supplier. The loop securing the cap to the valve can be cut using a knife- being careful not to damage you or the raft fabric. The new loop can then be pushed over the retaining features (start with the thickest part of the strap) and will clip into place securing the cap firmly. Make sure the strap is the right way up before fitting, so there are no twists in the strap when you screw the cap on.



- (ii) If the core of the valve is broken it can be replaced. See the previous section for information on how to remove and refit it.

I hope your repair went well and our products go on to give you long and reliable service. If you have any comments concerning our products or these sheets please feed them back to us via your local spares supplier. We are always trying to improve our service and products; feedback helps us to do this.