

News Release

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HEAD10 The new answer to the problems of traditional 10-minute escape sets



BSIF Safety Innovation Award winner, HEAD10 is fast becoming the latest must-have safety product for those who work in confined spaces or with hazardous materials, and has recently been purchased by a number of organisations within the food industry. HEAD10 from Semmco Ltd is a 10-minute escape set that provides a lightweight, easy to don, maintenance free and cost-effective alternative to traditional cylinder escape sets. As HEAD10 is so easy to use, it also requires minimal training and is attracting huge interest from organizations in diverse markets where employees work in hazardous environments.

Sun Valley Foods Ltd have installed HEAD10 sets at its Herefordshire Feed Mill as employees often need to work inside a variety of confined spaces such as grain silos and production machines. John Boxall, Safety Officer said, "We follow all the Confined Space HSE specifications and our guys wear safety harnesses, lines and gas monitors inside "High Risk" category confined spaces as a matter of course. However, up until recently, we would have had to rely on the emergency services for any emergency rescue operations in areas of oxygen deficiency, which was not ideal as response times could not be relied upon, so we started to look around for a safer option. Traditional escape sets were too cumbersome, but when I saw HEAD10 at this year's S&H Expo, I realized it met all our requirements. It is small, easy to carry, easy to use and is maintenance-free. We have purchased 2 sets for this site, and a training pack so that everyone who works in confined spaces here will be trained to use HEAD10 for escape purposes."

Milklink, formerly known as Express Dairies, has purchased wall-mounted and carry-bag HEAD10 sets to replace the BA sets at two of its plants. Peter Harrower, H&S co-ordinator at Crediton explained, "Due to the lack of incidents at the ammonia plant here, the high degree of training necessary to be able to use BA sets was not being put into practice. With HEAD10, the training is minimal, the sets are incredibly easy to use, there are no straps to adjust or cylinders to carry, and there is no maintenance, making a significant saving on our running costs."

HEAD10 is a small, lightweight set that is quickly donned by pulling over the head. It instantly and automatically provides oxygen to the wearer and provides good vision through a clear visor. HEAD10 is the only escape breathing set with an integral alarm that is automatically activated when donned, and which alerts the wearer two thirds through the duration. It can be supplied in either a wall-mounted box or a bandolier carry bag and is sealed in an aluminium foil vacuum container. A unique visual integrity indicator constantly shows the readiness status of HEAD10, allowing the unit to be stored and ready for use, without the need for servicing for an initial 6 years; with 3 year inspection and validation tests thereafter.

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