

# Press Release

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## HEAD10 – for a safe emergency evacuation



Imagine you are working within a large building or with hazardous substances, and suddenly a serious fire breaks out or there is an explosion. Your first reaction would be to escape quickly and safely. Before long, disorientated and overcome with fumes, you realize you only have a short time before the safe exit you anticipated may not happen. In order to avoid this scenario and make a safe escape, one solution would have been to quickly don HEAD10 - the award-winning oxygen escape set from Semmco. The lightweight escape set provides at least 10 minutes of oxygen, in a self-contained hood that protects the wearer from flames, smoke inhalation and fumes.

HEAD10 is automatically activated when it is donned, and a unique visual and audible alarm alerts the wearer two thirds through the set's duration, giving the wearer notice to exit the area or building within the allowed time. As HEAD10 is self-contained, the wearer can concentrate on finding the safest and quickest exit, with both hands free and with good clear vision through the large visor.

Pectel Ltd has recently trialled HEAD10. Pectel provides specialist services associated with the construction industry, such as asbestos removal, thermal insulation, air management, roofing and cladding. Much of its work is carried out in deep-level underground tunnels and confined spaces,

where there is a risk of toxic gases and fumes. Jason Bell, the Pectel Group H&S officer, explained, "HEAD10 meets all the requirements of a 10-minute escape set, without the bulk, weight and training implications of the alternative BA kits. We have recently conducted a live trial using HEAD10, and it behaved exactly as promised - it was easy to carry, quick and simple to don, and instantly provided oxygen to the wearer. We would certainly recommend HEAD10 to anyone that works in similar conditions, and have already done so to a number of associated companies."

HEAD10 has also been used recently during an exothermic reaction at SP Systems - a composite engineering materials company in the Isle of Wight. The fully automated chemical escape hood provided the wearer with oxygen and prevented the inhalation of the toxic smoke and fumes caused by the chemical reaction, allowing him to safely transport the exotherm to a specially designed holding tank.

John Froggatt, Security and Fire Safety Manager at SP Systems explained, " This is the first time we have had cause to use HEAD10 since we purchased the sets 2 and a half years ago. During the removal of the exotherm, HEAD10 performed exactly as promised in the literature, and was easy to use. It is an excellent product that requires minimal training, and we now have 8 installed near potential risk areas."

Purchased recently for emergency use in establishments as diverse as universities, power stations, food processing plants, docks, factories and even office buildings, HEAD10 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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