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- dimensions have been changed;
- operational status check and seal ability is optional;
- strength test has been changed;
- temperature test has been deleted.

Introduction

The housing protects the lifebuoy against permanent exposure to the elements and acts as a deterrent against theft and vandalism of therein contained life-saving equipment.

Lifebuoy housings reduce the frequency of failure of the lifebuoys.

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