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Comments

I would like to see the testing standard for SCBA to be changed so that the pack it self is tested seperately from the tank. Reason being, as it is now, you have to buy the tank from the manufacturer of the pack. You can't buy an after market tank that has passed DOT testing and put it on the pack because it does not have their sticker on it but is made by the same tank manufacturer. They tell you its not approved. It all has to do with the big bucks they can charge you for a replacement tank. Please change the standard so that small deptartments, like ours, can afford to buy tanks that we can afford. Thank you.