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Question: It is not currently clear how to assess the indicator visibility requirement in accordance with EN ISO 12402:2020 Parts -2, -3, -4 & -5. 1. What is to be assessed to be a sufficient indicator visibility for inflatable PFDs in clause 5.1.4? <i>EN ISO 12402-2:2020 clause 5.1.4 Inflation status indicators</i> <i>"Inflatable lifejackets shall indicate if the inflator is correctly armed with a sealed cylinder and fully operable except as specified in ISO 12402-6:2020, 6.6. All inflation status indicators shall be grouped or located such that when installed on a PFD in their intended position, they are viewed simultaneously when examined prior to donning and shall be in a position where they can be checked by the wearer and/or a buddy after donning the PFD."</i>		
Solution:  It shall be possible to inspect the inflation mechanism indicators, both before and after donning, with minimal action from the end user or buddy. For example, by unzipping or opening part of the cover to inspect, or temporarily readjusting the PFD when worn on the body to access the area the inflation mechanism is located. The manufacturer's instructions shall be taken in to consideration when carrying out this evaluation.		