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Article:	Annex:	Clause:5. 13	
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Question: Clause 5.13 of EN 250:2014 contains a requirement that the devices must be insensitive to cleaning and disinfection agents recommended by the manufacturer. Compared to other standards (e.g. EN 14143:2013), EN 250: 2014 does not contain any information on how cleaning and disinfection should be carried out and refers in clause 6.2.1 to the fact that only one cleaning and disinfection cycle should be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's information brochure and that functionality should be checked in accordance with clause 6.3 (visual inspection).			
Is a single cleaning and disinfection cycle sufficient to determine whether the devices are insensitive to the recommended cleaning and disinfecting agents?			
Answer: Answer: For non-pneumatic components, it might be sufficient to perform only one cleaning and disinfection cycle. For pneumatic components (1st and 2nd stage, full face mask), a single cleaning and disinfection cycle is not conclusive and does not place any stress on these components.			
Solution: Adoption of the procedure form EN 14143:2013 clause 6.14 for the pneumatic parts of the diving apparatus (1st and 2nd stage, full face mask):			
Use the disinfectant recommended by the manufacturer. The concentrations and immersion times indicated in the instructions for use are to be doubled, where appropriate. Perform the test 30 times. If no other temperatures are indicated, the temperature of the disinfectant solution shall be 40 °C. The apparatus shall remain functional after having been cleaned and/or disinfected.			