

Sodasorb burn injury

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A Member has reported that a diver has sustained a serious Sodasorb burn to his wrist.

After investigation by the Member, the following was found:

- The spare bell scrubber basket had been filled with Sodasorb and sealed in a polythene bag which was in the bell for two days before it was used. During this period it appears that seawater had entered the container.
- When the diver lifted the basket, liquid ran out causing chemical burns to his wrist, the severity of which required that the diver be decompressed.
- The polythene bag had either not been properly sealed or had been damaged.

It is recommended that the polythene bag should be checked for seal and integrity before use, ensuring that it stays dry and that dive team members are reminded of the importance of safe handling practices of Sodasorb and other diving system chemicals.

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