

Non-standard component means a PFD component which is equivalent in performance to a standard component.

PFD Type means the performance type designation as indicated in 33 CFR part 175 and this subchapter.

Standard component means a PFD component which complies in all respects with the material, construction, and performance requirements of a subpart of this part or part 160 of this chapter.

Use Code means an alphanumeric code assigned by the Commandant (G-MSE) to a PFD component to designate the PFD Type(s) in which it may be used. Assigned Use Codes are listed in table 164.019-3.

TABLE 164.019-3

| Use code | PFD type acceptable for use |
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| 1 | I, II, and III. |
| 2 | II and III. |
| 3 | III. |
| 4B | IV (all Ring Buoys). |
| 4BC | IV (Buoyant Cushions). |
| 4RB | IV (Recreational Ring Buoys only). |
| 5 | Wearable Type V (intended use must be specified). |
| 5H | V (Hybrid). |
| 5R | V (Recreational Style). |
| 5SB | V (Sailboard vests). |
| 5WV | V (Work vests). |
| 6 | Special, limited, or restricted use. |
| Suffix A | Adult only. |
| Suffix C | Child only. |

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§ 164.019-4 Component requirements.

(a) PFDs may be constructed only with Coast Guard-accepted PFD components meeting the requirements of this subchapter.

(b) PFD components may be used in the construction of PFDs only in accordance with their Use Codes.

§ 164.019-5 Standard components; acceptance criteria and procedures.

(a) *General.* Standard components used in the construction of PFDs must meet the applicable requirements of this part or part 160 and the documentation requirements of this section.

(b) *Use Codes.* Each standard component is assigned a Use Code as indicated in table 164.019-3. Additional Use

Codes may be assigned by the Commandant.

(c) *Method and documentation of acceptance.* Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, the following requirements pertaining to the shipment of standard components must be met in order for the standard components to be considered Coast Guard-accepted standard components:

(1) Each shipment of standard components must be accompanied by an affidavit complying with § 164.019-11.

(2) A sample affidavit, or a copy of the affidavit, provided with the first shipment of standard components to a PFD manufacturer, must be provided to the Commandant.

(3) A revised sample affidavit, or a copy of the revised affidavit, must be provided to the Coast Guard any time the information on the affidavit accompanying a shipment of standard components materially changes.

(d) *Exception.* Affidavits are not required to be provided for standard components that are under the quality control oversight program of a recognized laboratory meeting the requirements of § 164.019-17.

(e) *Suspension or termination of acceptance.* The procedures in §§ 2.75-40 and 2.75-50 of this chapter for suspension and termination of approvals also apply to Coast Guard acceptances of PFD components.

§ 164.019-7 Non-standard components; acceptance criteria and procedures.

(a) *General.* Non-standard components may be used in the construction of PFDs only if they have been accepted by the Coast Guard in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(b) *Use Codes.* Each non-standard component is assigned a Use Code as indicated in table 164.019-3. Additional Use Codes may be assigned by the Commandant.

(c) *Request for acceptance.* The component manufacturer or the recognized laboratory that performs the acceptance testing required by the applicable subpart of this part or part 160 of this chapter must submit, in writing, to the Commandant, a request for acceptance of any non-standard component. The request must include the information,