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Overview: The MK-25 Mod 2 Underwater Breathing Apparatus (UBA) is a self-contained, closed-circuit, oxygen UBA designed for use in shallow water operations where concealment of surface exhaust bubbles is essential. The UBA is worn on the diver's chest with the breathing bag in the same relative position as the lungs. The UBA provides a diver with enough oxygen; the exact length of time will depend on the individual diver's rate of breathing, the water temperature, and his depth in the water column.

Features: The breathing gas flows from the oxygen cylinder through the reducer and the automatic demand valve into the breathing bag. High-pressure gas goes to the pressure gauge, while intermediate (low) pressure gas goes to the demand valve. The swimmer inhales gas from the breathing bag and exhales into the soda lime canister (scrubber), where carbon dioxide is removed. Purified gas returns from the canister to the breathing bag to repeat the cycle. The MK-25 Mod 2 UBA weighs 27-31 lbs, dependent on the configuration for warm or cold water diving, and is neutral in the water. Operating times are primarily dependent on the individual diver and canister duration for the temperature of the water. Operational time is between 3-3 1/2 hours.

Components: The MK-25 Mod 2 UBA consists of the equipment housing, pressure regulator (reducer), associated piping, demand valve, respiratory (breathing) bag, and soda lime canister (carbon dioxide scrubber). The oxygen cylinder, inhalation and exhalation hoses, and the mouthpiece valve are external principal components.

UNDERWATER BREATHING APPARATUS MK-25

Concept of Distribution: Organic to active and reserve Marine reconnaissance battalions, force reconnaissance companies, and Marine Raider regiments and battalions

Fielding Status: Fielded

Requirements Document(s): Statement of Need (SON) for

UBA, dated 16 Jan 2006

Training: N/A

Manual(s):

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