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Bulletin #7 of 2024. September 4, 2024 **GENERAL NOTICE BULLETIN** Misuse of Installed Bent Tubes on Kirby Morgan® Helmets and BandMasks®

Products Affected: All Kirby Morgan® helmets and BandMasks®

Recent inquiries have shown that there needs to be more clarity over what is acceptable when securing tools and/or lifting lines to bent tubes. The purpose of this notice is to clear up any confusion in this matter and make clear the recommendation and approved handling by Kirby Morgan®.

KMDDSI DOES NOT RECOMMEND using the bent tube on our helmets and BandMasks® as a lifting or attachment point for tools and accessories. The Kirby Morgan® bent tube should remain free of attachments before, during, and after operation. **DO NOT** hang items from and do not lift from the bent tube. Hanging tools and lifting from the bent tube could cause undue damage, creating a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

Concerning Bent Tube Coverings

The person who does the pre- and post-dive checklists/inspections must verify the condition of the bent tube if it's covered. Once the technician does that, it will be up to the company to allow a covering that can't be inspected before each use and may trap moisture and dirt. One might consider a removable protector that can be removed or moved up or down on the bent tube to aid in pre- and post-dive inspections. This would ensure it is above the minimum for the replacement call out for the depth of damage found in the bent tube module and checklists.

NOTE: Replace the bent tube if it is excessively scratched, dented, or compressed deeper than 1/8" (3.18 mm). Check for erosion of the metal or severe corrosion. Replace if any erosion is present or integrity is in question.

All diving personnel using Kirby Morgan® helmets and BandMasks® must understand how these systems work and how to handle and operate them properly.

Please contact your authorized KMDDSI dealer or e-mail sales@kirbymorgan.com for more information.

