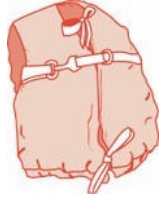


**Type I
Life Jacket**



Advantages:

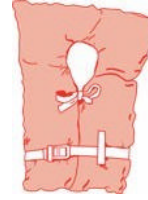
- The most buoyant design; it allows the wearer to float higher in the water.
- Designed to turn most unconscious wearers to a face-up position in the water.
- Bright orange in color and is more visible to searchers.

Please note: Generally bulky and less comfortable.

Sizes: Adult and child (less than 90 pounds)

Suitability: Considered best for open, rough or remote water where rescue may be slow.

**Type II
Buoyant Vest**



Advantages:

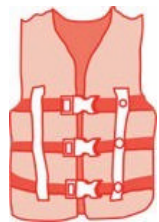
- Designed to turn unconscious wearers to a face-up position in the water.
- Less bulky and more comfortable than a Type I.

Please note: Does not float the wearer as high in the water as a Type I.

Sizes: Adult and child (medium - less than 90 pounds) (small - less than 50 pounds)

Suitability: Designed for use near the shore.

**Type III
Flotation Aid**



Advantages:

- Generally the most comfortable PFD for continuous wear.
- Provides more freedom of movement for water-skiing, small-boat sailing, fishing, etc.
- It is available in many styles, including vests and flotation coats.

Please note: Not for use in rough water because of wearer position in the water. The wearer may have to tilt his/her head back to avoid a face-down position in the water. Some available colors may be difficult for searchers to see.

Sizes: Adult, small child and infant.

Suitability: Designed for general boating or activities marked on the life jacket.

**Type IV
Throwable Device**



Advantages:

- Can be thrown to someone.
- Good as a backup to wearable PFDs.

Please note: Because a user must hold on to the device, it is not for unconscious people, non-swimmers or children. Cannot be used for long periods in rough water. Must be U.S. Coast Guard-approved.

Type V Special Use Device



This inflatable vest is designed with two kinds of buoyancy. Check the manufacturer's label for specific uses and limitations. Varieties include: sailboard harnesses, white-water rafting vests, deck suits and float coats. Inflatable PFDs are not approved for use on personal watercrafts.

Advantages:

- Least bulky type of PFD.
- Good for continuous wear.
- Provides a high amount of buoyancy when inflated.
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Please note: May not adequately float some people unless it is at least partially inflated. Requires periodic checking and care of the inflation chamber. Depending on design, it is equal to a Type I, II or III if the chamber is inflated. Because of the design, Type V vests are difficult to put on after entering the water.