

## RECOMMENDED SERVICE LIFE

The normal and safe recommended service life of a MAXIFORCE Air Lifting Bag is up to 15 years depending upon the use and storage of the bag. Based on our over 40 years of experience manufacturing air lifting bags, this is the responsible number of years a typical air lifting bag should be in service. As a general rule of thumb, we have always said:

**“You wouldn’t drive a car with 15 year old tires, why would you lift one with an air bag that is that old?”**

## DETERMINING THE AGE OF YOUR AIR LIFTING BAG

The manufacture date of the bag can be derived from its serial number.

A. If the serial number is five numbers long (ex: 31982) the bag was manufactured in the early 1980’s. This particular bag would have been made in 1983 because the first number is 3.

*NOTE: Any bags in service that were manufactured in the 1980s have out lived their service life and should be taken out of service immediately.*



B. Starting in 1986 Paratech switched to a six digit serial number utilizing the first two digits of the serial number to indicate the year of manufacture. An air lifting bag with a serial number of 050644 was manufactured in 2005.



C. Starting in 2006 all Paratech MAXIFORCE Air Lifting Bags switched to an eight digit serial number. The first four digits of the eight digit serial number indicate the year and month of manufacture (first two are the year and the second two are the month). If the serial number is 14091234, then the air lifting bag was manufactured in September of 2014.



If you need assistance reading your serial numbers, please contact our Customer Service Department and one of our Representatives can assist you.

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