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SDI Announces Updated Visual Inspection Procedures eLearning Course

STUART, Fla. - Scuba Diving International (SDI), a global leader in scuba education and training under the International Training umbrella, has released its newly updated Visual Inspection Procedures (VIP) eLearning course — a specialty certification focused on safe, standardized inspection of high-pressure scuba cylinders. The course, featuring the newest and most up-to-date standards and regulations, is designed for dive professionals, fill station operators, and anyone whose role includes handling or maintaining scuba cylinders and compressed gas systems.



As the dive industry continually strives to increase safety and performance standards, the SDI VIP course fills a critical need by equipping participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to reliably identify cylinder defects, apply legal and industry requirements, and perform visual inspections responsibly and confidently.

Enhancing Safety Through Standardized Training
Visual inspection of high-pressure cylinders is a fundamental component of dive gear safety, yet it is often overlooked despite its importance. The SDI VIP course provides structured training that meets and exceeds minimum standards established by the Code of Federal Regulations and recognized compressed gas practices.

The course places emphasis on preventing equipment failures before they occur by giving participants the tools to assess cylinders accurately. Completion of the SDI VIP training reinforces industry confidence and helps dive operations maintain consistent safety practices.

Comprehensive Curriculum That Meets Real-World Needs
The VIP course curriculum blends academic knowledge with practical application. Areas covered include:

- Legal requirements for cylinder inspection and care
- Proper handling, filling, and transport of high-pressure cylinders
- Identification and interpretation of cylinder markings
- Use of inspection tools and techniques

- Recognizing defective conditions and applying criteria for rejecting or condemning cylinders
- Valve cleaning, maintenance, and basic compressor awareness

Participants begin the learning process through SDI's flexible eLearning platform, which allows study at one's own pace. Upon completion of the online component, students work directly with an authorized SDI VIP Instructor to gain hands-on experience and demonstrate practical proficiency.

Who Should Enroll

While the VIP course benefits a wide range of individuals, it is especially recommended for dive center staff, fill station operators, cylinder service technicians, equipment managers and professional divers whose duties involve regular contact with high-pressure cylinders.

Diving isn't required for this certification. Students must be at least 18 years old to enroll and complete both the academic requirements and the practical inspection component with their instructor.

Advancing Careers and Safety Standards

Successful completion of the SDI Visual Inspection Procedures course provides the student with valuable practical skills and also contributes toward advanced dive professional recognition within SDI's development programs. Graduates can leverage their certification to enhance operational safety at their dive facility or industry workplace.

For more information regarding the course or to find an authorized SDI VIP Instructor near you, visit SDI's official Visual Inspection Procedures course page at www.tdisdi.com.