

Service Information Letter: SIL-DK180-2020-001

SERVICE INFORMATION LETTER

FOR

LOW FREQUENCY UNDERWATER LOCATING DEVICE (LF-ULD)

DUKANE SEACOM, INC. PART NO.

DK180

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SUBJECT: LF-ULD's Manufactured with Suspected Counterfeit Parts

I. PLANNING INFORMATION

A. EFFECTIVITY

This service letter applies to the following Serial Numbers of Dukane Seacom Part Number DK180, Low Frequency Underwater Locating Device (LF-ULD):

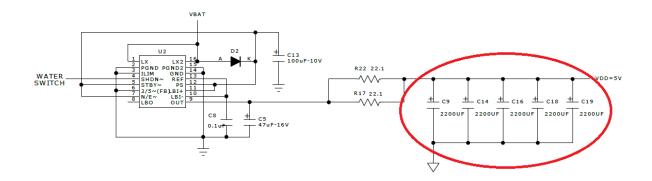
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DF11255 to DF11388	DF12180 to DF12297	DF12883 to DF12944
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DF11402 to DF11448	DF12319 to DF12329	DF12960 to DF12961
DF11479 to DF11577	DF12331 to DF12336	DF12963 to DF12980
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DF11802 to DF11962	DF12717 to DF12722	DF13196 to DF13268
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B. REASON

Dukane Seacom's repair station has received ten (10) DK180 LF-ULDs with a reported failure of "does not operate" with battery voltage present. Troubleshooting these failures has isolated the cause to a failed bulk storage capacitor. Further investigation has caused Dukane Seacom to question the authenticity of these parts.

The DK180 utilizes five (5) parallel bulk storage capacitors on an internal 5Vdc voltage rail used to power its piezo ceramic transducer. The capacitors, part number UVK1A222MPD, are 2200uF Aluminum Electrolytic devices manufactured by Nichicon. An excerpt from the electrical schematic showing these devices is provided below:





In all ten (10) of the returned DK180s that presented these symptoms, it was confirmed that one of the five bulk storage capacitors within each ULD had failed in a short circuit condition, preventing power from reaching the transducer. The failed UVK1A222MPD capacitors appear not to have been manufactured by Nichicon.

C. REFERENCES

1. DK180 Technical Manual – 03-TM-0064 ("Technical Manual")

D. <u>RECOMMENDED ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS</u>

- 1. Current operators of affected DK180 LF-ULD's referenced in Paragraph A above are encouraged to replace the device from service per the following recommendations:
 - a) Contact Dukane Seacom directly via email address <u>DK180@rpcaero.com</u>. This dedicated email address has been setup for managing this Service Information Letter. When responding, please provide a list of your affected DK180 Serial Numbers as well as the contact information you would like used for this activity.
 - Dukane Seacom customer service personnel will quickly respond to discuss options for either replacing or reworking the affected material.
 - For reworked units, Dukane Seacom will re-serialize the DK180 to positively identify that the suspected counterfeit parts have been removed from service.



E. <u>INDUSTRY SUPPORT STATEMENT</u>

- 1. Replacement of affected Electronics Modules within the list of Serial Numbers provided in Paragraph (A) will be accomplished by Dukane Seacom Free of Charge to operators.
- 2. Customers affected by this Service Information Letter should contact Dukane Seacom directly at the following email address:

DK180@rpcaero.com

3. Additional Contact Information

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