

Rebreather Education & Safety Association (RESA)

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We applaud the Rebreather Training Council ("RTC") for adopting minimum training standards for its members but we reiterate that these are minimum standards and, in some cases, they fall below the minimum training standards developed by manufacturers for their products and RESA. Where there is a discrepancy, the minimum training standards developed by manufacturers for their products and RESA take priority and supersede the RTC standards.

RESA and the RTC take rebreather training and education seriously. Both organizations are interested in divers getting the best education and training possible so they may safely enjoy the sport of rebreather diving. However, there is no "one size fits all" solution to rebreather training. Rebreather manufacturers work closely with training agencies and the RTC to ensure that proper warnings and instruction are given for safely using each model rebreather in various environments. It is imperative that divers are educated consumers and that they look closely at the various options for training on any given rebreather. Always consult the manufacturer's minimum training standards first, and then decide which training agency best suits your needs to provide training that meets or exceeds the manufacturer's minimum training standards.

Best regards,

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