

Field Safety Notice

Suction Ejector MS32 – the male connection

Details on devices:

Suction Ejector MS32 – MediEject

Product number:

373234554

GCE Reference number:

132137

Description of the problem:

GCE has received notification from the Danish market regarding connection problems between the male connector with the GCE (AGA) product Suction Ejector (MediEject) and a medical combination valve operated by Strandmöllen. The problem only occurs with one manufacturer of combination valve and Suction Ejector, (MediEject). GCE has focused the investigation and actions on GCE product as GCE does not have access to the competitor valves used by Strandmöllen in sufficient volume to conduct a professional investigation of the combination of female and male connector. The same valve is used by other gas companies in the Nordic market for example Yara and Air Liquide. The combination valve is not used by AGA Linde in the Nordic market. The male connector of the Suction Ejector (MediEject) can be used for both oxygen and air, and is thus designed to work with two connection standards. As a result of the connection problem reported from the market the male connector has been slightly modified to optimize fit with both types of connector. The change was implemented into production in August, 2013. The first product post modification has serial number 61090.

GCE Suction Ejectors (MediEject) with this version of connection have been used on the market for more than 20 years without modification to the male connector and without any problem.



Picture 1: Detail of product with male connection in red circle.



Picture 2: Yellow circle – marking by serial number.



Security in action

Further actions:

GCE will contact hospitals, ambulance stations etc that use the potentially problematic combination of combination valve and MediEject and arrange rework of products.

To ensure continued patient safety GCE recommends that a functional connection check is done of the GCE Suction Ejectors (MediEject) with used counterpart devices as part of the normal functional check prior to use. Where connection issues are identified and service support to update the Suction Ejector is required please contact your authorized service personnel or GCE contact person (see detail below).

Distribution of this Field Safety Notice

This notice is distributed to concerned gas companies in affected markets and Competent Authorities in countries where GCE has reported sales. This Field Safety Notice needs to be forwarded to customers who have purchased the Suction Ejector (MediEject).

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