



Medical Device Alert

MDA/2018/022

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SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet - Recall due to the risk of tourniquet failing in use

Summary

Manufactured by SAM Medical Products - An error in the manual sewing operations of devices manufactured from March 2017 to April 2018 may cause the seam holding the buckle to the belt to fail.

Action

- Refer to the manufacturer's [FSN](#) for a list of affected lot numbers
- Identify and quarantine affected devices
- Return any affected devices and the completed recall response form to the distributor

Action by

Healthcare Professionals

Deadlines for actions

Actions underway: 19 July 2018

Actions complete: 02 August 2018

Medical Device Safety Officers (in England): ask the manufacturer to add you to their distribution list for field safety notices (FSNs). This is to help with reconciliation.

Remember: if your organisation receives an [FSN](#) from a manufacturer, always act on it. **Do not wait** for a communication from MHRA.

Device details

The SAM XT devices affected by the recall can be distinguished from non-affected devices by 3 methods.

1. The absence of a Box X stitch on the IFU, see Figure A.1
2. The absence of a Box X Stitch on the device, see Figure A.2
3. Any Lot Number with XT1812 or higher, see Figure A.3.

An Affected tourniquet will **NOT** have the box-stitch icon on the device or on the upper right of the Instructions For Use (IFU) insert.

Figure A.1

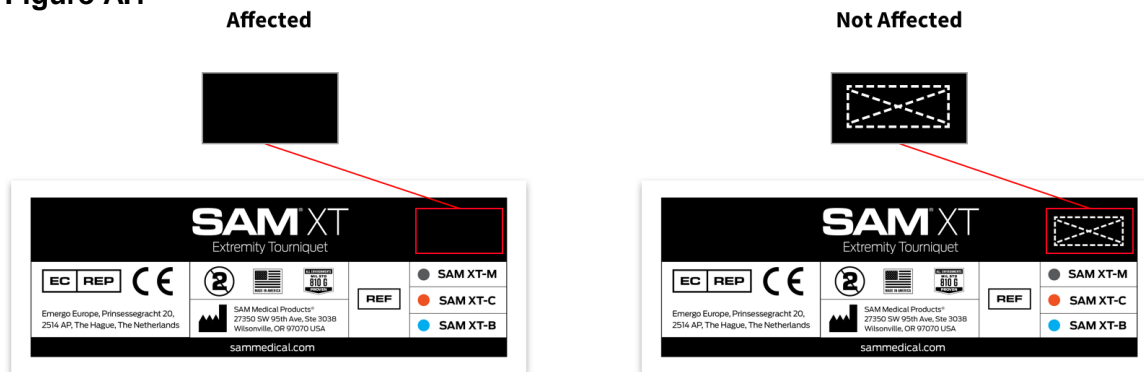


Figure A.2

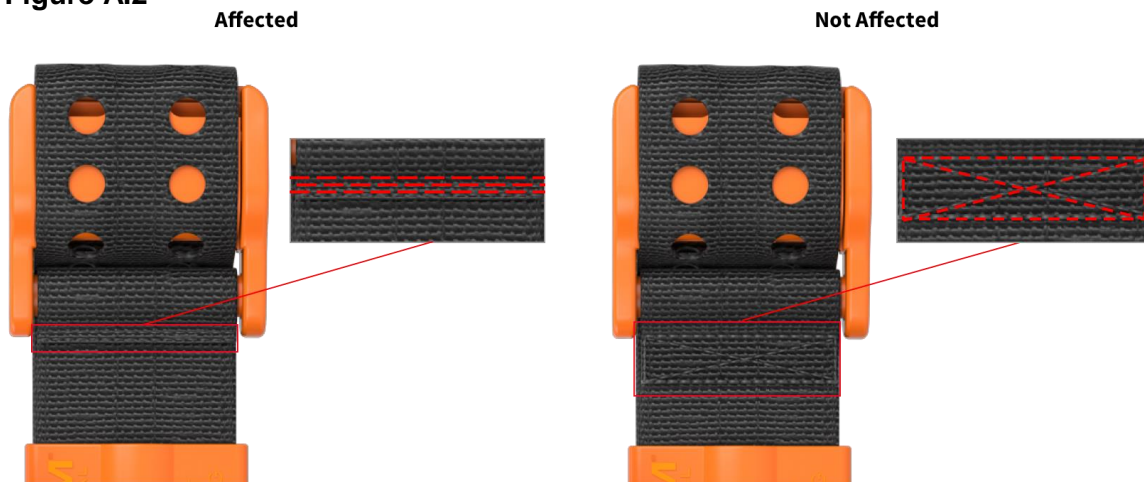
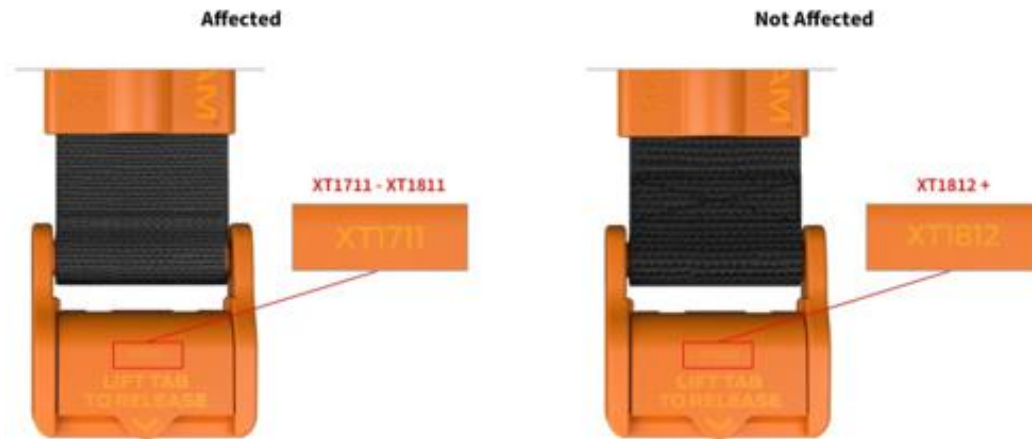


Figure A.3



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Distribution

If you are responsible for cascading these alerts in your organisation, these are our suggested distribution lists.

Trusts (NHS boards in Scotland)

CAS and NICAS liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- A&E consultants
- A&E departments
- A&E directors
- A&E nurses
- Ambulance services directors
- Ambulance staff
- Paramedics
- Paramedic staff

Please note: CQC and OFSTED do not distribute these alerts. Independent healthcare providers and social care providers can sign up to receive MDAs directly from the Central Alerting System (CAS) by sending an email to: safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk and requesting this facility.

Enquiries

England

Send enquiries about this notice to MHRA, quoting reference number **MDA/2018/022** or **2018/005/003/601/011**.

Technical aspects

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Reporting adverse incidents in England

Through Yellow Card <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

Northern Ireland

Alerts in Northern Ireland are distributed via the [NICAS system](#).

Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Northern Ireland should be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre, CMO Group,
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Tel: 028 9052 3868

Email: niaic@health-ni.gov.uk
<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/niaic>

Reporting adverse incidents in Northern Ireland

Please report directly to NIAIC using the [forms on our website](#).

Scotland

Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Scotland should be addressed to:

Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre, Health Facilities Scotland, NHS National Services Scotland

Tel: 0131 275 7575

Email: nss.irc@nhs.net

Reporting adverse incidents in Scotland

NHS Boards and Local Authorities in Scotland – report to [Health Facilities Scotland](#).

Contractors such as private hospitals carrying out NHS work and private care homes that accept social work funded clients – report to [Health Facilities Scotland](#).

Private facilities providing care to private clients report to the [Care Inspectorate](#) and [MHRA](#).

Wales

Enquiries in Wales should be addressed to:
Healthcare Quality Division, Welsh Government

Tel: 02920 823 624 / 02920 825 510

Email: Haz-Aic@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Reporting adverse incidents in Wales

Report to MHRA through Yellow Card <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/> and follow specific advice for reporting in Wales in [MDA/2004/054 \(Wales\)](#).

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