

## TRUE NORTH L-1 RIT BAG INSTRUCTIONS

1. Open the flap on the top of the bag by releasing the metal seatbelt buckle and pulling up and forward on the flap.
2. Look inside the compartment and locate the red webbing attached to a silver colored metal loop on the side of the opening. There are two pieces of red webbing attached to the metal loop. The top piece of webbing is secured with Velcro. Separate the Velcro and pull up on the piece of red webbing. This will create a larger opening for inserting the air cylinder into the bag.
3. In the bottom of the bag is a padded block made of red and black fabric which is attached to the bottom of the bag by a piece of webbing. Pull this chock block toward the front of the bag so it will be out of the way.
4. Insert the bottom of the air cylinder into the bag opening and push it all the way down toward the bottom of the bag until only the valve set is still visible.
5. If the hose assembly isn't attached to the valve set attach it now. If already attached proceed to next step.
6. Rotate air cylinder until pressure gauge on valves is pointing up and easy to read.
7. Grab the chock block by the Velcro hook and pull it up so it wedges in between the knurled wheel used to tighten the hoses to the valve, and the shoulder of the cylinder. Next wrap the Velcro hook over the top of the neck of the cylinder, then wrap the Velcro loop piece with the reflective on the end over the top of the Velcro hook so that the chock block is held securely in place. The purpose of the chock block is to prevent the knurled wheel from rotating accidentally and loosening up the connection between the hoses and the tank over time.
8. Reattach the two pieces of red webbing through the metal loop so the bag is closed up again.
9. Next we'll stow the hoses. Locate the two flaps on the outside of the bag, one near the top and one on the side. Open both flaps. The top flap, with the seat belt buckle on it, is for the low pressure (second stage regulator) hose line. The lower flap with the ring on it is for the transfill hose line.

NOTE: The L-1 has been designed with low visibility conditions in mind and the buckle and ring can help you find the right hose pocket by touch even with gloves on.

10. Place the transfill hose in the lower pocket with a series of loops that will allow the hose to pay out evenly when pulled. Place the transfill fitting at the top of the pocket where it will be easy to grab when the pocket flap is opened. There is a piece of elastic on the inside of the flap that can be used to hold the transfill fitting so it's always accessible (not compatible with all makes, disregard if not applicable).
11. Place the low pressure hose in the top pocket with a series of loops that will allow the hose to pay out evenly when pulled. The second stage regulator can either be placed at the top of the pocket where it will be easy to grab when the pocket flap is opened, or it can be pre-attached to a spare mask if one is being placed in the bag as part of your RIT set up.

NOTE: For SCBA systems that require more space for the hose system (such as the MSA models which have a large splitter block between the high and low pressure lines) you can undo the snap and the strip of Velcro between the two hose pockets to give you more room.

12. Secure the flaps in their closed position.

13. If you want to have a spare mask as part of your RIT set up there is a protected space for one in the front of the bag. The mask can be placed in by itself, or with the second stage regulator pre-attached. It's recommended that the mask be placed in the bag with the open side facing up so that the valves remain visible and accessible.

NOTE: There is impact resistant plastic on all sides of the front of the bag to protect the face piece and valve set from damage during search operations.

14. Secure the cover over the mask and valves by re-connecting the seat belt buckle and attaching the Velcro on the sides of the flap.

15. The L-1 RIT bag has two tool pockets on the side which are designed to hold light sticks, metal shears, dykes, door stops, duct tape, etc

16. The daisy-chain behind the handle is for clipping on TICs, search line bags or other equipment.

17. The Velcro loop with the reflective on the end on top of the hose pockets is designed to hold the shoulder strap secure when the bag is stowed in a vehicle so it doesn't catch on other gear.

18. The shoulder strap can be attached in two different modes. For over the shoulder carrying it's recommended that the strap is attached on the side of the bag. The length of the strap is adjustable depending on how it is to be carried. For low angle entry it's recommended that the shoulder strap be clipped to the two d-rings at the front of the bag allowing the bag to be dragged behind the firefighter.

19. The handle at the top of the bag is convenient for carrying the bag, and also for passing the bag through openings such as windows, or breaches in a wall.

20. There are also drag handles at the front and back of the bag to provide for a wide range of handling and dragging options.