

- To all owners of the Red Rocket Parachute Flare L-35 (Pirolec)

**Onderwerp** Safety alert for use Red Rocket Parachute Flare L-35 (Pirolec)

The Dutch Safety Board calls on all owners of the Red Rocket Parachute Flare L-35 / L-35A (Pirolec) to take note of this Safety Alert.

In the night of January 1, 2023, a person on board a Dutch sailing ship on the Pacific Ocean died when he fired a flare.

The experienced sea sailor fired the flare, which complied with its requirements, in accordance with the instructions. The flare did not launch as intended, but exploded immediately, with fatal consequences.

After becoming aware of the accident, the Dutch Safety Board started a preliminary investigation. From the initial analysis of the available information, the Dutch Safety Board has not yet been able to determine whether this is a one-off accident or if a more structural problem exists. Given the nature of the incident, there is a risk that it is not a one-off incident.

Because of this risk, contact has been made with the manufacturer in Spain. The Spanish manufacturer has warned its customers in Spain and is recalling the specific batch. Because these products are sold only in Spain, the warning of the Spanish manufacturer is aimed at Spanish customers (see later on). The accident, however, shows that owners (users) are also located outside Spain. For example, Spain can be a final supply station for transatlantic or Mediterranean (sailing) trips.

With this warning, the Dutch Safety Board calls on all owners of Red Rocket Parachute Flare from Pirolec, type L-35/ L35A, batch 0525/2021 – 113, to not use these and to replace them.

Yours faithfully,

CHAIR Dutch Safety Board

On behalf, chair Dutch Safety Board,  
Secretary general Dutch Safety Board

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Pirolec Red Rocket Parachute flare L-35

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Pirolec Red Rocket Parachute flare L-35A  
Ongevalsbatch 0525/2021 113 08/2021 – 08/2025

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Warning message LeCea, Larrea, 17 January 2023



Subject: Recall of lot 113 of rockets with the commercial designation L-35

We hereby inform you that we received notification of an accident involving an L-35 rocket from lot 113, manufactured in August 2021. Taking into account the information received, as a preventive measure, it has been decided to recall all rockets of the aforementioned lot. Likewise, it is recommended not to use the L-35 rockets marked with the lot number 113 and to facilitate their return to the factory.

To this end, once this communiqué has been published, all customers who have received rockets from lot 113 will be contacted, indicating the delivery note number and date of sale of the product so that, in turn, they can contact the end customers and proceed with the recovery of the articles. Rockets or equipment withdrawn will be replaced immediately, free of charge.

We regret the inconvenience that this situation may cause, but we understand that it is the quickest and safest preventive solution for the end customer.

We are at your disposal for any questions you may have.

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