



New or Used?

Is that great deal on a second-hand rebreather really a bargain?

We all love a bargain, and nobody can argue with trying to save money on a piece of dive gear, but sometimes what looks like a fantastic offer, isn't so attractive when you look closely.

Buying a used rebreather - ANY brand of rebreather - is a case in point and Silent Diving has put together the following 'checklist' to help point out the pros and cons specifically for our units. And since our rebreathers have been around about the longest, and we've consistently sold a lot of them every year we've been in business, you may come across "old" Inspirations and Evolutions on a semi-regular basis. Most of them, ARE a good deal. As a rule, a well looked-after, well serviced AP CCR holds its value, but there are exceptions. Here are some facts: *Caveat Emptor*.

New:

- The Inspiration & Evolution+ plus units have larger scrubber than an Evolution (holding approximately 2.5 kg compared to 2.1 kg in an Evolution)
- The latest Vision Electronics come standard with Auto Activation and Recreational software to 130 feet (40 metres). Nitrox and Trimix (to 500 feet/150 metres) are available for an additional cost
- Approved by PADI for both Recreational (Type R) and Technical Programs (Tec 40, 60 and 100)
- Standard Low-power Solenoid (serviceable) and new 123 lithium batteries, which are readily available
- Option of Back Mounted Counterlungs (BMCL) at additional no charge
- High Pressure Cylinders rated to 3442 PSI
- One-year warranty and free first annual service on the LID.

Used:

- In most cases requires servicing and upgrades. Here are some approximate prices: Lid Service \$199; New Low-power Serviceable Solenoid \$199.00; Battery box upgrade \$249.00; New Display \$599.00; New Lid \$1400.00; Unit body service \$599.00
- Not available with Back Mounted Counterlungs, to upgrade is \$1300
- Usually comes with Low Pressure Cylinders rated to 2400 PSI
- No warranty*

**Silent Diving Recommends: We strongly suggest that if you decide to buy a used unit, your offer is conditional on the unit passing a factory inspection to ensure critical components are in working order, and that the unit is safe to dive as per its original factory specs.*

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