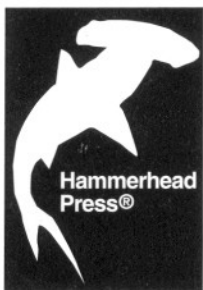


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# WARNING

Diving in contaminated water is very hazardous and is not recommended. The equipment, procedures, and techniques presented in this book represent the most current information available on the subject at the time of this printing, but are not reliable under all situations. Technology, hazards, and procedures constantly change, and some of the material you may find in this book may not be the current state-of-the-art.

This book makes no recommendations for “safe” exposures in contaminated water. Each diving operation must be evaluated by the on-site supervisor and the diver. Every hazard varies with concentration, exposure time, equipment compatibility, and other chemicals that may have altered the physical make-up of the diving equipment at some earlier date. If there is the slightest doubt regarding the hazard level, the diver must not dive. If you make a mistake during a dive in a high-risk environment you may be seriously injured or killed.

This book is not a substitute for qualified instruction in basic diving, dry suit diving, full-face mask diving, surface-supplied diving, or in dealing with hazardous materials. The purpose of this book is to provide supplementary information as part of a “hands-on” training program. Only after a diver has completed training in each of the above areas does he become qualified to participate in contaminated water diving activities. As equipment, techniques, and hazards change, the diver must continually update his training to maintain proficiency.



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