

## ZIPPER DETAILS

**Z**ippers must be checked regularly for corrosion and waxed or lubricated. In several instances, corroded zippers have prevented crew members of sinking vessels from closing their survival suits. T-handles like those on the Mustang Ocean Commander make pulling easier. The Stearns 1590 zipper would benefit from these handles. The best performer was the smooth-sliding Dynat T-zipper on the Viking PS5006, which needed just 10 pounds of pull. Oxidized zippers can significantly increase the tension required to open and close zippers.

