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### Comments

I feel that SCI cylinders are the highest quality cylinders on the market and were the first composite cylinders to receive Department of Transportation (DOT) approval. SCI cylinders were the first SCBA cylinder to be part of NIOSH's approval of SCBA systems and continue to be approved through virtually every SCBA manufacturers products sold in North America. The only difference between cylinders sold directly by SCI and those sold by Respirator Manufacturers is the label! SCI cylinders are The Originals, not "knock offs" as some would lead you to believe.

The bottom line is that using SCI cylinders will save you 30% to 60% on the cost of Spare & Replacement SCBA cylinders. Purchasing SCI cylinders will also enable you to improve the quality, longevity and identification properties of SCBA cylinders. SCI is the first and only composite cylinder manufacturer providing 30 Year Life cylinders for use on SCBA sold in the USA.

Structural Composites Industries became the world's first producer of DOT approved composite cylinders for municipal, commercial, military, marine and aerospace applications. SCI has a safety record no other manufacturer can match and is the world's most advanced manufacturer of composite cylinders. With no field service failures, SCI maintains the absolute best safety record of any composite cylinder manufacturer today. In addition, SCI is the only ISO9001 - AS9100 certified Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinder manufacturer in the USA.

With more cylinders in use in the field than any other manufacturer worldwide, SCI leads the way in providing DOT, TC and other worldwide approved cylinders for deployment in SCBA of all kinds. Utilizing our own dealer network and through efficiencies in our manufacturing process, SCI is able to offer substantial savings when compared to Respirator Manufactures established list prices. Additionally, SCI is advancing Fire Service technology by introducing products never before available. Our DURA-LITE 15™ cylinders significantly improve exterior durability and longevity.

I am asking that you provide a NIOSH approval for the use of SCI cylinders on all SCBA as long as the said cylinder meets or exceeds the DOT regulations for such.