

BROCO STATEMENT

To Our Valued Customers and Friends:

As you may be aware, a lawsuit was filed against Broco last year. A diver suffered an injury to his hand during a cutting operation in the Gulf using a Broco BR-22 cutting torch. The suit went to trial this year in U.S. District Court. In the trial the Federal judge dismissed all claims of a design defect or a failure to warn. To restate, there was no finding of a defect in the torch's design and there is no product recall. The result of the trial was that the jury found the diver and the diving service company primarily at fault and Broco only partially at fault for a manufacturing defect; Broco is appealing that finding. Broco stands behind our products and our over 30 year history of serving the diving community. Broco continues to pursue product improvements and research in order that we can offer the safest and best equipment to the diving industry. Please contact us directly if we can be of any assistance or provide additional information.

IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNING: All users of the cutting torch should be reminded to 1) read and understand the Broco underwater cutting instruction manual, and 2) ensure that the collet nut is always securely tightened to maintain a solid electrical contact between the cutting rod and collet. This warning results from reports that a loose connection between the cutting rod and collet may cause arcing or heating at the collet under electrical load and may lead to the possibility of a flashback in the torch.

Sincerely,

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