

## TECH TIPS

# Getting the Right Fit

**B**y checking how the harness feels under load, and how the inflated PFD supports your body in the water, you get a realistic picture of how the harness should be adjusted for safe, everyday use. Testers found it easier to achieve the right pre-set fit by slightly overtightening the chest straps, donning the harness and then loosening the buckles until the chest strap was snug but comfortable. None of the tested harnesses were easy to adjust in the water, nor were they adjustable under load, so achieving the right pre-set fit is important.



*A quality PFD should have reflective material in places that can be seen should the wearer fall overboard. The Revere inflatable PFD (left) had 42 square inches of reflective material. Most of the 112 square inches of reflective material on the Spinlock Deckvest (center) was on the spray hood, rolled up in this photo. The Bluestorm (right) has only 16 square inches.*

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