



# URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

**SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet**

**SAM FSCA 2018-01**

**Type of action - Return of Medical Device**

**Company / Customer:**

**Address:**

**Address:**

**Date:** 2018-05-01

**Attention:** Distributors and Direct Customers

## Details on affected devices:

SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet Tactical Black (PN SAM XT-M)

SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet Hi-Viz Orange (PN SAM XT-C)

SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet Hi-Viz Blue (PN SAM XT-B)

The lots affected by this recall were manufactured from March 2017 to April 2018 are listed in the table below:

XT1713	XT1715	XT1716	XT1717	XT1719	XT1721	XT1724	XT1725
XT1726	XT1727	XT1728	XT1729	XT1730	XT1731	XT1737	XT1738
XT1741	XT1742	XT1743	XT1744	XT1745	XT1746	XT1749	XT1750
XT1751	XT1752	XT1801	XT1802	XT1803	XT1804	XT1805	XT1808
XT1809	XT1810						

For additional information in identifying affected product please go to the SAM Medical website:

[www.sammedical.com/xtrecall](http://www.sammedical.com/xtrecall)

## Description of the problem:

The purpose of this notification is to inform you of a Field Safety Corrective Action (FSCA) for the SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet product family. The SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet (SAM XT) with the identified lot numbers could contain a manufacturing error that was not caught by inspection. The manufacturing error is caused by manual sewing operations that could cause the seam retaining the buckle to the belt to fail. The probability of a failure in a clinical situation was estimated to be 1 in 524,800 uses when the windlass is rotated at least 3 times. If the failure occurs in a clinical situation, it could lead to a delay in treatment by a first responder who may have to apply a second tourniquet, use manual pressure or use an alternate technique to control arterial bleeding.

## Advise on action to be taken by the Distributor:

As part of this FSCA we need you to:

- Conduct a thorough inventory of SAM XT Extremity Tourniquets at your facility to identify and quarantine affected unused devices.
- Cease further distribution of the affected devices.

- Contact any sub-distributors and/or customers that you have shipped product to providing them with a copy of this FSCA/Response Form and advise them to quarantine their affected devices.
- Sub-distributors and customers should return the SAM XT Extremity Tourniquet to the Distributor from whom the device(s) were purchased.
- Return the completed Recall Response Form to the Distributor.

**Transmission of this Field Safety Notice:**

This notice needs to be passed on to all those who need to be aware within your organisation or to any organisation where the potentially affected devices have been transferred.

Please transfer this notice to other organisations on which this action has an impact.

Please maintain awareness on this notice and resulting action for an appropriate period to ensure effectiveness of the corrective action.

**Return of Affected Product**

Contact the distributor from whom you purchased the device to arrange for a return authorization and shipping information. Shipping will be provided free of charge.

Once the unused devices have been returned, an equal number of replacement devices will be provided. Your replacement may consist of a device that includes one of the lots identified above but can be differentiated from affected devices by the placement of a "Box X Stitch" icon on the IFU and the presence of a "Box X" stitch on the nylon belt adjacent to the attachment site of the buckle.

**Contact reference person:**

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**Website:** [www.sammedical.com](http://www.sammedical.com)

**SAM XT Updates:** [www.sammedical.com/xtrecall](http://www.sammedical.com/xtrecall)

**NOTE:** The appropriate Competent Authorities have been notified of this FSCA.

Kindest regards,



Jeff Lipps