

Leak Insure

by Peter Rowlands

“The longer you have been taking underwater photographs, the nearer to a flood you will be.” So goes the old saying and I think it’s true that inevitably you will, one day, experience a flood.

There are three main types of flood; the first being the instant filling up of a housing, almost certainly due to user error, secondly the slight leak most likely from something across the main O ring such as a hair or fibres and finally, not strictly a leak, but condensation caused by slightly moist air inside a housing being heated up by direct sunlight or heat generated by the camera.

Nothing is going to save you from the first and there is a choice of methods for the second and third but only one product will effectively protect you from both and that is a sachet of Leak Insure.

Traditionally sanitary towels have been used to absorb any slight leaks and silica gel sachets have been used to absorb condensation but Leak Insure sachets will do both. They contain highly absorbent granules which can hold moisture and water. The larger the sachet the more water it can absorb. The largest size is

Standard and this can absorb up to 40ml of water. Going down in size there is Slim, Mini and Shorty as well as Go-Strips for GoPro housings. They all come in grip seal bags and there is an additional metal storage tin available which offers double protection storage.

Which size relates to you depends on the size of your housing and the available space to store it. A point to bear in mind when looking for a suitable space to store a Leak Insure sachet is that, should you have a slight leak which the sachet absorbs, it will increase in size considerably and if restricted it will tear the retaining tissue which could leave a sticky mess of granules for you to clean up. The upside is that it will most probably have saved your camera so a little bit of mess cleaning up is a small price to pay.

Speaking of price, a sachet costs about £1 and I think that that is a very small price to pay for protecting a camera worth hundreds of pounds.

Leak Insure have resellers in several countries or they can be ordered direct online.

I recommend Leak Insure sachets as a ‘no brainer’ because if you don’t



use them you are very much at risk and, if you do, you could well divert a disaster.



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