

Common Myth #8

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It doesn't matter how I remove an "O" ring.

Description

It does. Even if you plan on replacing the "O" ring, you must be careful how it is removed.

"O" rings require periodic inspection and/or replacement in order to maintain optimum extinguisher performance. Care must be used when conducting this essential maintenance.

Using a sharp object to remove any seal may not only damage the seal, but can cut into the sealing surface of the valve. This may cause a leak, even when a new seal is installed.

Just a little bit of care and caution when removing or replacing seals of any kind will help to eliminate "leakers" caused by seal failure.