

Finding the Right PFD for You: 5 Things to Consider

1 STYLE

Vests



Bibs



Suspenders



T-Shirts



Belt Packs



Float Coats



2 FLOTATION

Inherent/Standard

- Typically foam flotation
- Low maintenance
- Recommended for all swimming abilities



Hybrid

- Dual flotation, typically foam & CO₂
- Security of foam with less bulk
- Not recommended for nonswimmers



Manual Inflatable

- CO₂ flotation
- Manual pull to inflate
- Oral backup inflation
- Ages 16+
- Not recommended for nonswimmers



Automatic Inflatable

- CO₂ flotation
- Automatically inflates in water
- Manual and oral backup inflation
- Some models can be set to auto or manual*
- Ages 16+
- Not recommended for nonswimmers



3 BUOYANCY



- Most adults need 7-12 lbs. to keep their head above water.
- The higher the buoyancy, the higher you will float.

