



Hand Signals Refresher





Remaining Air Question

TVSC

How Much Air Do You Have?

You tap two fingers lightly onto the palm of your opposite hand, with your palm facing upward or outward.

IN RESPONSE- your buddy will signal how much air he has by holding up fingers to represent the bar/psi shown on his gauge.

A half-tank is sometimes indicated by making a "T" sign with your hand.
(Except when Diving Metric????)



ALTERNATE- Tap Your Computer.



Remaining Air Response



Unfortunately, NO Consensus on this Hand Signal.
Some Systems being taught include:

- 1. Both Hands – “Hundreds”.** Use both hands to indicate PSI in Hundreds. 1600 PSI would be: a. Both hands with Five fingers followed by- b. One Hand with 5 fingers, One Hand with 1 finger.
- 2. Vertical and Horizontal Hand.** Indicate 1-5 with Hand Vertical and # of fingers. Indicate 6-9 with Hand Horizontal and # of Fingers. Still need to show 1000's with Vertical Finger(s). 1,600 would be: One Vertical Finger (PAUSE) followed by 1 Finger Horizontal.
- 3. Arm and Fingers.** Indicate 1000's by holding 1-2- (3?) Finger against the Left Arm. Indicate 100's with Vertical Hand(s) shown by fingers.
(Preferred Method Used by)

**DISCUSS BEFORE ENTRY IF WITH SOMEONE NEW – REVIEW AGAIN
with Previous Partners**



Horizontal / Vertical Hand (100's)



1. Indicate **100 - 500 PSI** with
Vertical Fingers.



500 PSI

2. Indicate **600 - 900 PSI** with
Vertical Fingers.



800 PSI

3. Indicate **1000 PSI** with Closed
Fist. (??)



Arm (1000's) / Hand (100's)



1. Indicate **1000's** by placing Right Hand against the Left Upper Arm with **1 or 2 (3?)** Extended.



2. Indicate **100's** by Holding One, or Two, Hands in the open water with appropriate fingers extended.



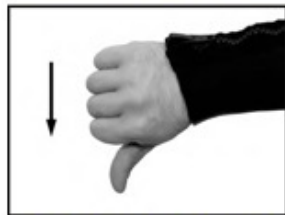
3. **Preferred method for Board Members**



Common Hand Signals



Stop



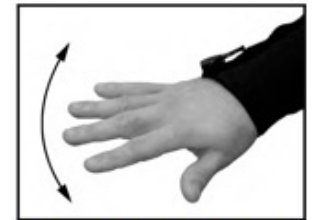
(Going) Down



(Going) Up



(Are You) OK



Somethings Wrong



Come Here



Watch/Look



Me



Think



I Don't Know



Low on Air



Out of Air



Share Air



Danger



Danger



Common Hand signals



Level Off



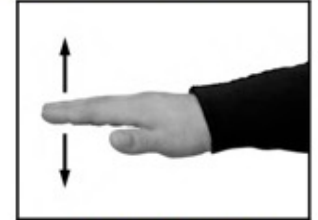
Which Direction?



Go That Way



Turn Around



Slow Down



Get with Buddy



Who Will Lead



Boat



Ears Not Clearing

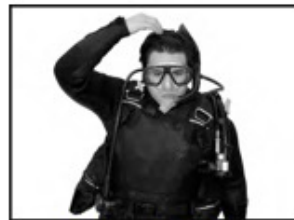


I am Cold

Surface Signals



(I am) OK



(I am) OK



Distress



Common Hand Signals



Danger??? Cold?? Or Abort Dive???

Clench both fists and cross arms in front of the body.



Potential for Confusion-

- PADI chart shows As “Cold” Signal.
- RSTC shows as “Danger” Signal (with Clenched Fist)
- RSTC also shows as “Cold” Signal (with Flat/ Open Hands)
- Key West and other Caribbean areas – using as “Abort Dive” Signal



Comments

