About Us



MFC International are a specialist manufacturer of inflatable rescue, recovery, survival and sewer maintenance equipment based in Tonypandy, South Wales. Our equipment is used by fire brigades, mountain and lowland rescue, utilities, the military and humanitarian support organisations internationally and we have earned an unrivalled reputation for our product quality, durability and performance.

Founded in 1959 at the old Naval Colliery site in Tonypandy, the company (then called MFC Survival) started by manufacturing life jackets and life rafts for the Royal Navy and South Wales commercial shipping ports. Over time the focus shifted towards the design and manufacture of specialist inflatable products for the defence and rescue industries.

MFC Survival quickly became a respected name in the field of technical inflatable products and boasts an impressive history of innovation; we were the original inventor of airlift bags, the first to manufacture aircraft recovery bags and one of the first to introduce inflatable shelters.

In July 2013 MFC Survival became part of the Respirex International group of companies, who enjoy a worldwide reputation for the manufacture, service and support of high performance chemical personal protective clothing and equipment.

Since becoming a part of the Respirex group there has been a renewed emphasis on product development, with a host of new product introductions including the RC4000 Rescue Craft, Recovery Board, Evacuation Raft and a range of Decontamination showers. The Rapid Response Shelters have been completely re-designed and the Stak Jak lifting mats are now being manufactured in our South Wales factory.

There has been continuous investment in new tools and machinery in our South Wales factory, including new presses to mould our own high pressure lifting mats and an autoclave for manufacturing our new range of products for sewer maintenance. This means the whole process from design to manufacture is carried out in under one roof. To reflect the expansion of our product range we changed the name of the business to MFC International in the summer of 2017.