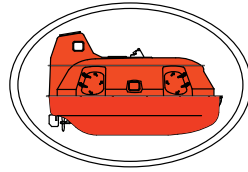


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## COVID-19 Response

COVID-19 has reshaped businesses and their practices on the local level and worldwide, and here at SSI it has been no different. We are a company who operates businesses in nine different countries all of which are experiencing varying levels of impact from the virus, and have different regulations set forth by their government on how to deal with the virus.

Locally we have found ways to ensure our employees and customers safety though enforcing strict guidelines aimed to prevent any potential spread of the virus.

Internationally we not only follow these same guidelines, but have also found new innovative ways to interact with our customers and perform routine maintenance and repairs without risking any further spread of COVID-19.



**Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds**



**Wear a mask**



**Disinfect surfaces around your home and work**



**If you're sick, stay home**

## + MEASURES WE ARE TAKING AT SSI

- Limit or suspend the number of face to face meetings, training or any other gatherings that bring employees together in close proximity to one another.
- Screen employees and visitors prior to entry to facility to determine if symptoms are present.
- Require sick employees to stay home, seek medical attention as necessary and appropriate. At our discretion, we can send an employee home if they are ill and reported to work.
- Communicate regularly with sick employees to determine the proper time for the sick employee to return.
- Staggered lunch periods and break periods to reduce the number of employees in any one space at a time.
- Closure of communal areas to include breakrooms.
- Limit visitors or outside vendors from entering our facility unless necessary.
- Reminders to wash hands regularly and provide hand sanitizer solutions where hand washing facilities are not immediately available.
- Increase maintenance schedule to include more frequent cleaning and deep cleaning where necessary.
- Wearing of different colored armbands for each different department to avoid intermixing.

Our New Orleans branch has been paving the way with their success in performing services in the cruise industry, while abiding by all restrictions and new practices put in place by COVID-19 locally and internationally. Here in the US they have been working with Norwegian Cruise Lines and have serviced two of their ships in Miami, and are currently working on another of their vessels in Hawaii. Internationally, they have two more scheduled repairs next month with Norwegian Cruise Lines for vessels located in Curacao, and are also working with Holland America Group servicing two vessels next month.

We have mostly been fortunate with our ability to get our technicians on site whenever our clients are in need of repairs or maintenance. However, for our clients in countries like China who have travel bans that restrict us from getting our technicians



on location, we have had to become more innovative. One way we have conquered this issue for our clients in China was through our Singapore branch and their collaboration with RINA, and use of the KIBER helmet. The KIBER helmet offers a two way live feed where one of our remote experts can instruct a trained and authorized lifeboat technician in situations related to:

- Troubleshooting
- Maintenance
- Training
- Production
- Inspection
- Supervising



The KIBER Helmet

For more information on our collaboration with RINA and information on how the KIBER Helmet works visit our website at:

[www.survivalsystems.com](http://www.survivalsystems.com)

# SSI Solar

**+ We at Survival Systems are strong believers in creating sustainable business practices. Last month we took another step towards sustainability by installing solar panels at our main office and headquarters in Valley Center, California.**

We are proud to announce that with the help of Newport Power we will be providing our factory and main office with 100% clean renewable energy. The finished product totaled 1385 individual solar panels that will be producing 2770 kilowatts per day. This means that every day we are producing enough clean energy to heat the water in the average home for over 7 months, or do 1,440 loads of laundry.

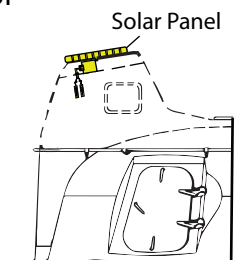
More importantly this installation enables our headquarters to harness the natural energy our desert landscape has to offer. Given that the average lifespan of solar panels is 25-30 years we can confidently say this decision will assist us in working toward a more sustainable future for years to come.

**“BUSINESSES EVERYWHERE ARE BEING FORCED TO ADAPT TO FIND THEIR PLACE IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD, AND HERE AT SSI WE HAVE RISEN TO THE CHALLENGE”**

-MARK BEATTY  
SSI PRESIDENT

Renewable energy has been a big focus of SSI the last few years and this is not our first use of solar power. All of our capsules are given the option to replace their classic battery trickle charger with a solar powered trickle charger.

This solar panel is a part of our green initiative and is pre-wired, waterproof, and mounted on the exterior of the capsule. The energy harnessed



allows the safe and renewable charging of capsule batteries to power interior electronics. For any more information on our Solar Panel Trickle Charger or any of our other Enhanced Safety Kits visit our website or send us an email at:

[safetykits@ssivc.com](mailto:safetykits@ssivc.com)



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# V22

**BELL BOEING**

- + The Bell V-22 Osprey is a multi-mission, tiltrotor military aircraft with both vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL), and short takeoff and landing (STOL) capabilities. It is designed to combine the functionality of a conventional helicopter with the long-range, high-speed cruise performance of a turboprop aircraft.

This year SSI's Aerostructures Division was awarded a 3 year IDIQ contract for the supply of ballistic foam for the Bell V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor. Over the previous 5 years as the supplier of ballistic foam SSI has exceeded Bell's expectations in quality & delivery. In addition our premier level of customer service has brought added value to the V-22 program through enhanced communication, technical support, & specialized shipping fixtures.

SSI's Aerostructures Division is proud to continue providing a superior quality product, on time, to support the V-22 Osprey.

## Why Ballistic Foam?

Ballistic foam slows down the speed of shrapnel, prevents fires, and adds strength to the aircraft's structure while offering lightweight, cost effective protection.

# Employee Profile



## Acknowledging Hector Torres

+ We are strong believers that it is people who drive business, which is why we always strive to not only find the best worker for the job, but the best person. For this month's issue we would like to recognize our Capsule Assembly Supervisor in Valley Center, Hector Torres, for all the amazing work he has been doing at our Headquarters.

Hector was born nearby in Escondido, California and comes from a large family with 2 brothers and six sisters. This year he and his wife Maria had their first child, a baby boy named Sebastian.

We actually have Hector's older brother Mario to thank for introducing him to SSI. He asked his brother who worked as the Laminating Supervisor if we were hiring. Mario told him that we were not hiring in his laminating department, but thought there may be an opportunity in capsule assembly. Hector brought in his application and was working with the capsule assembly department one week later! In his time with SSI he has proven to be a smart, hard working and driven individual. He and his team have helped build our company into what it is today.

### Fun Fact

"I can play a musical instrument. I learned to play the trumpet in middle school and can still play."

### What's Your Favorite Thing about SSI?

THE STAFF/CO-WORKERS. I ENJOY WORKING WITH EVERY TEAM MEMBER, SSI HAS GREAT PEOPLE ALL THROUGHOUT THE COMPANY"

-HECTOR TORRES  
CAPSULE ASSEMBLY SUPERVISOR

Outside family and work, Hector likes to devote most of his time to his passion for watching sports. He is currently following just about every sport... even golf, and has played baseball and soccer since he was six years old. He is hoping to share this love for sports with his son when he gets older and coach his little league team.

Hector has always been a part of a big family, and being a family owned business we are proud to say he is also a part of our SSI Family.