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Advanced Combat Helmet

ArmorSource / Rabintex Recall

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Determining The Helmet Manufacturer



- Check in the following order:
 - Manufacturer's Label
 - Internal Identifying Features (remove Velcro coins if necessary)
 - Hardware & Retention System

NOTE: If unable to determine the manufacturer by any of these methods, turn in the helmet for replacement.



Manufacturer's Label



Label:

- The helmet manufacturer's label can be found on the inside of the earflap. If the label says **ArmorSource** or **Rabintex** then that subject helmet should be turned in.
- If the label is illegible or missing, there are other means to determine if your helmet is part of the recall (i.e., helmet benchmark and hardware / retention system) which is discussed on the following slides.

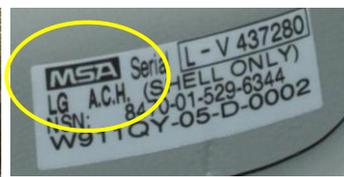
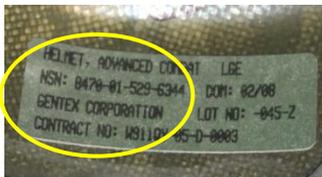
- If the helmet manufacturer's label says:
Gentex Corp., BAE Systems, Specialty Defense Systems, or MSA, the helmet is **NOT** part of the recall.



Gentex Corp.

BAE / SDS

MSA

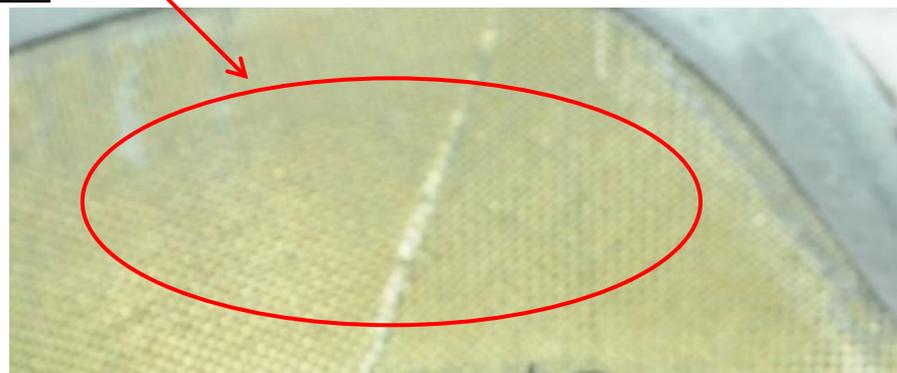




Missing Manufacturer's Label



- If the helmet is missing its label, refer to the following slides for other ways to determine if your helmet is part of the recall.



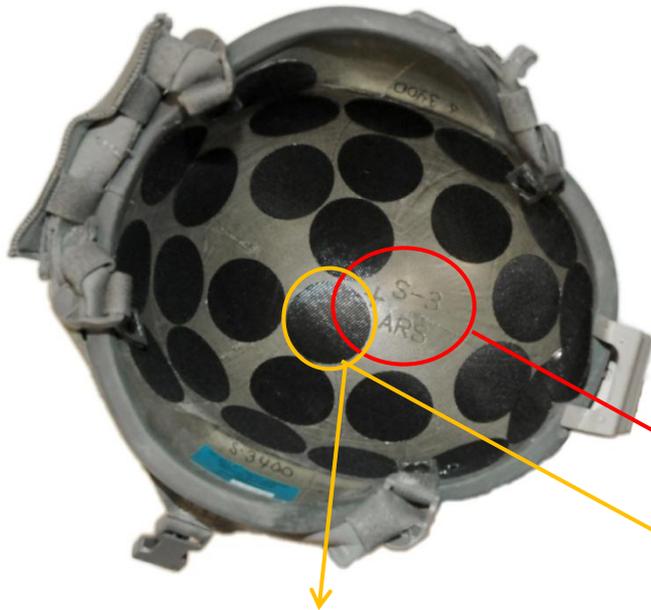


Helmet Benchmark



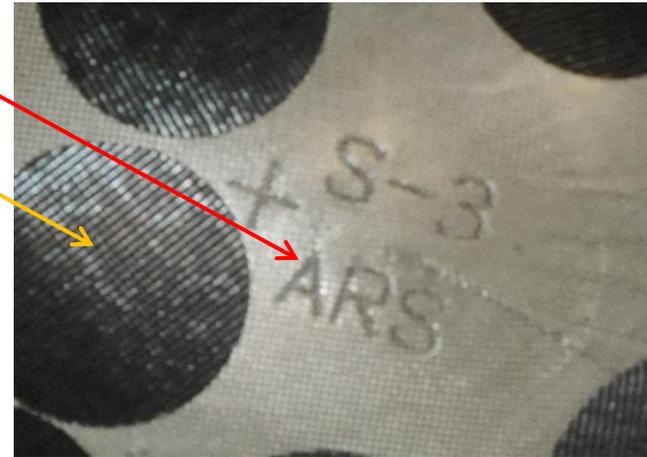
Benchmark:

- The helmet benchmark is found on the interior of the helmet at the top (or crown). If a benchmark is not visible, remove the Velcro discs (used to attach the pads to the interior of the helmet). Take care to keep the Velcro discs clean in order to re-attach if the helmet does not have "ARS" on it as shown.
- Some **ArmorSource** helmets will have "**ARS**" (shown below) marked near the crown on the inside of the helmet shell. **These are recall helmets.**



- Velcro disks may need to be removed to see the shell markings.

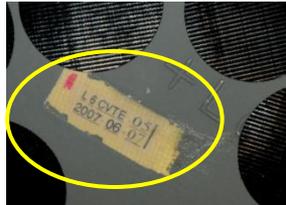
- If the helmet has the markings of SDS or Gentex it is **NOT** part of the recall. If the helmet has no marking refer to the other methods on the following slides.



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Gentex Corp.



MSA helmets have no MSA marking. They are painted on the inside and have an unpainted label.



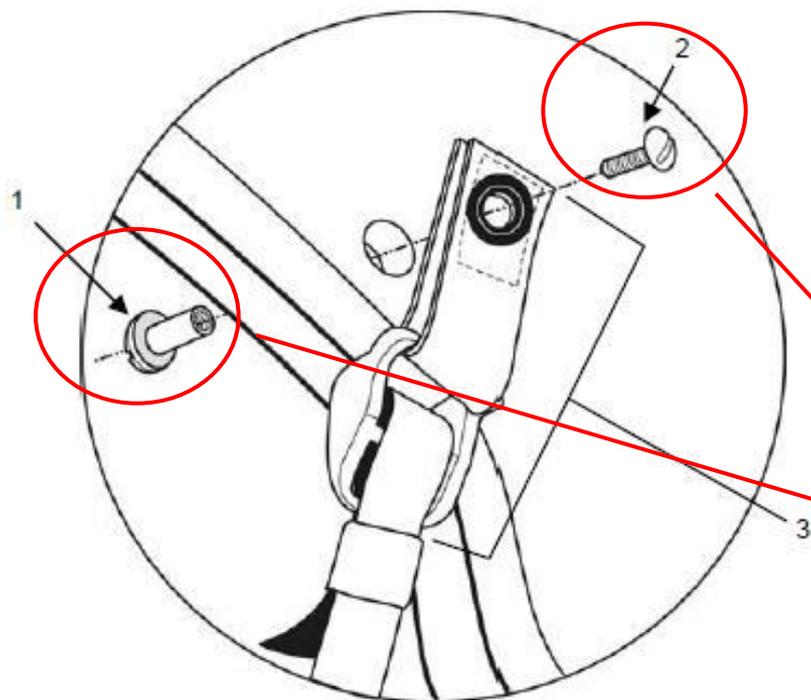
Hardware & Retention System



Hardware & Retention System:

If you are unable to determine the manufacturer of the helmet using the label or benchmark then check the helmets hardware & retention system.

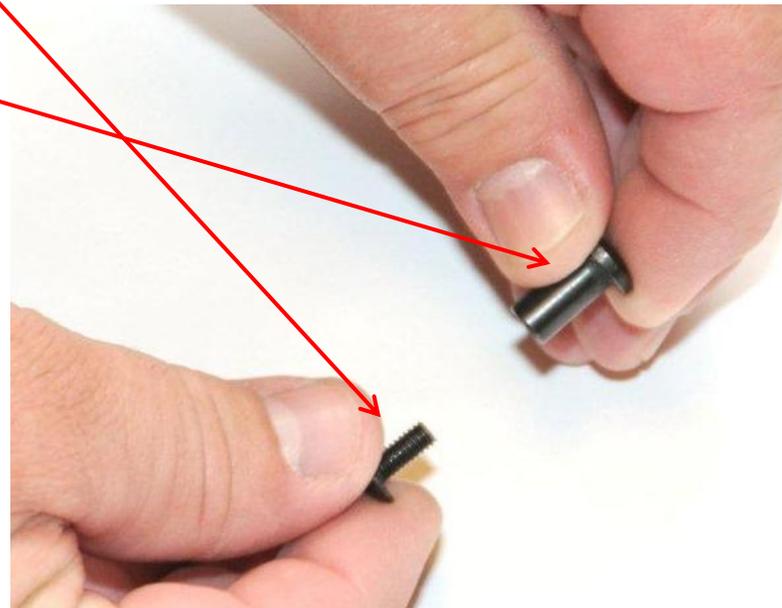
- If the helmets hardware has a jacket bolt and machine screw (as shown in the diagram to the left) then the helmet is an **ArmorSource** / **Rabintex** helmet and is part of the ACH recall.



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1. Jacket Bolt
2. Machine Screw
3. Attachment Tab Assembly

Figure 13. Hardware (Rabintex).





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