

# Getting the Most Out of JSLIST



Dear Editor,

Here at the US Army Chemical School we teach soldiers the best ways to use and take care of their joint service lightweight integrated suit technology (JSLIST). These are some of the JSLIST tips we give our students:

- The barrel lock on the hood drawstring is the part of JSLIST most likely to break. Once that happens, it's difficult to keep the hood tight. You can help the barrel lock last by tying a bow below the lock once you have the hood tight. That keeps the lock from being jerked if the drawstrings are jerked. Tying the bow is easier if you and a friend do it for each other. It's also good to check if the barrel lock is damaged or missing before you go to the field.

- If you have trouble securing the hook-and-pile fasteners for the hood, the drawstring is probably too tight. Work out the kinks in the drawstring (it's much easier if a friend helps) and get as much slack in the drawstring as possible. Then try again.

It's better to secure the bottom of the hood fastener first and work your way up. That way you're less likely to leave gaps.



Tie bow below barrel lock



Work out kinks in drawstring



Start with bottom of fastener first

Once you've secured the fastener, make sure the drawstring creates a good seal around the mask second skin before you tighten the drawstring. The drawstring should run just below the outlet valve. If you get the hood too far down on the neck, you won't have a good seal. The hood also shouldn't go over the eye lenses. If it does, you could break the seal.

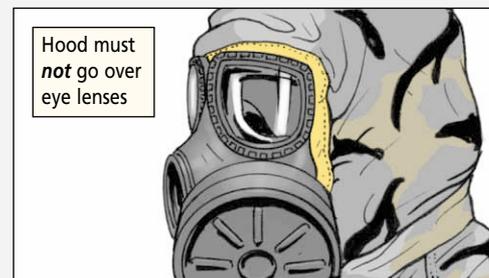
You and your friend should check each other's suits once you have your JSLIST on and strapped down. A second pair of eyes helps spot gaps that could hurt the suit's seal.

- If you have the newer pants with suspenders and the suspenders are too long even after you adjust them, cross them to take up the slack.

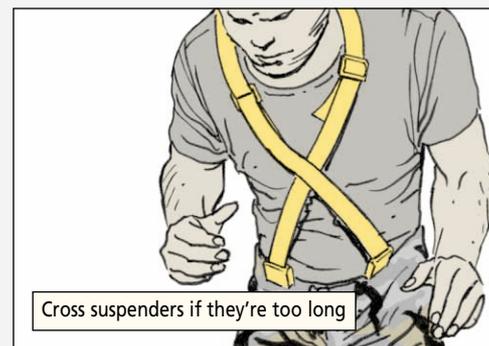
- There is a new mask second skin that doesn't go so far down the neck and is used with JSLIST and the quick-doff hood. You can order a small skin with NSN 4240-01-413-1540 and a medium/large skin with NSN 4240-01-413-1543.



Drawstring should run below outlet valve



Hood must not go over eye lenses



Cross suspenders if they're too long

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From the desk of the *Editor*

Whew! Good job, sergeant. Your suggestions are a good fit for JSLISTers. Thanks.