

Interceptor Body Armor...

SOME INSIGHTS ON INSERTS



TWO SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERTS (SAPI) FIT INTO THE POCKETS OF YOUR INTERCEPTOR BODY ARMOR VEST...

ONE TO GUARD YOUR CHEST...

THE SAPI WILL SHIELD YOUR VITAL ORGANS FROM MULTIPLE HITS BY ROUNDS AS LARGE AS 7.62mm.

THE SAPI PROTECTS YOU, SO HOW ABOUT PROTECTING THE SAPI?

...THE OTHER TO GUARD YOUR BACK.

For starters, don't play rough with the inserts. That means no throwing them to the ground. And no dropping them on hard surfaces. Even though they're tough, the inserts are ceramic and they can crack if you manhandle them. And cracks weaken an insert's ballistic protection.

Don't drop inserts or vests

MAN! THIS THING IS HEAVY!

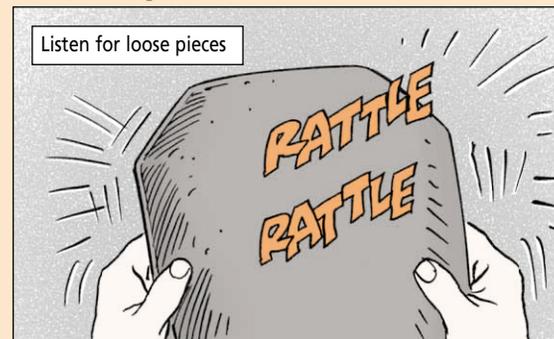
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Inspect the insert for cracks before each mission and once a day during garrison or field use. It takes more than just looking it over, because cracks may be hidden underneath the fabric. Here's how to inspect:

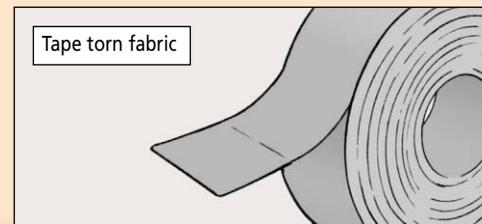
- Handle the insert to see if it flexes.
- Listen for crunching sounds that indicate broken pieces.
- Shake the insert and listen for loose pieces rattling around.
- Look for rips, tears or holes in the fabric that expose the black ceramic tile.

Listen for loose pieces

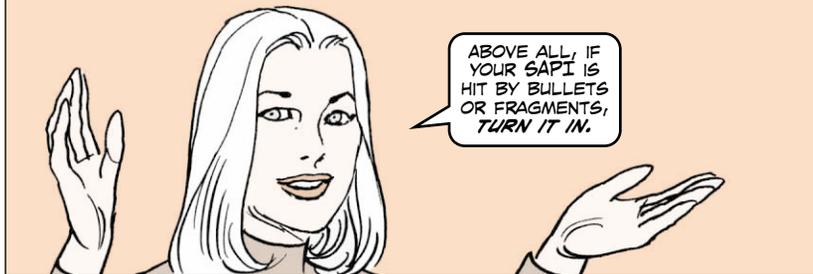


If you find any of these problems, the insert is unserviceable. Turn it in to direct support and get a replacement. In a pinch, you can patch torn fabric with 100 mph tape, until you can replace the insert.

Tape torn fabric



ABOVE ALL, IF YOUR SAPI IS HIT BY BULLETS OR FRAGMENTS, TURN IT IN.



NSNs and Sizes

As a rule, to fit properly, the SAPI should be the same size as the vest. For example, if you wear a medium vest, order the medium SAPI. The exception to the rule is if you wear an XX-, XXX- or XXXX-large vest. The SAPI doesn't come in those sizes, so order the X-large inserts. All size inserts are interchangeable between front and back pockets.

NSN 8470-01-497-	Size
8701	X-small
8709	small
8710	medium
8712	large
8714	X-large