

# CAN YOUR UNMENTIONABLES TAKE THE HEAT?



Combat vehicle crewmen (CVC) and air crewmen, mind if we ask you a personal question? Just what are you wearing under your aramid (fire-resistant fiber) coveralls this winter?

No, we're not being nosy, just concerned. Truth is, if you're caught in a vehicle or aircraft fire, your underwear plays a crucial role in keeping you alive.

Aramid fibers can withstand temperatures up to 700°F. But polypropylene—the material found in some cold weather undershirts and drawers—melts at less than half that temperature. In a fire, aramid can transfer enough heat to your polypropylene underwear to melt it to your skin. A fire you might otherwise survive becomes a death trap.

Never wear polypropylene cold weather undershirts and drawers in your combat vehicle or aircraft. Same goes for lightweight polyester cold weather undershirts and drawers. Polyester's another material that can melt. Neither are authorized for CVC, air crews and other personnel who wear fire-resistant uniforms.



Read your underwear labels. If your underwear contains polypropylene or polyester, don't wear them with your fire-resistant uniform. If you're not sure what they're made of, don't wear them.

Now that you know what not to wear, just what should you be slipping into? For CVC, extreme cold weather undershirts and drawers are good choices. They're 100% cotton. The natural cotton fibers won't melt, and they also help keep heat away from your body in a tank fire. Air crewmen should wear the flyers' undershirt and drawers made out of aramid fibers. Aramid is designed to resist flames and not to melt. Both types of underwear are authorized for use by CVC and air crewmen.

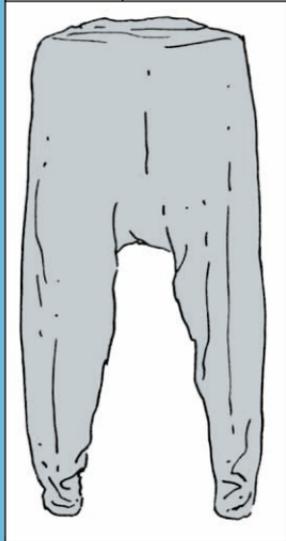


| Extreme Cold Weather Undershirt (100% cotton) |             |
|---|-------------|
| Size  | NSN 8415-   |
| X-small                                       | 01-051-1174 |
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| Medium  | 00-270-2013 |
| Large   | 00-270-2014 |
| X-large                                       | 00-270-2015 |



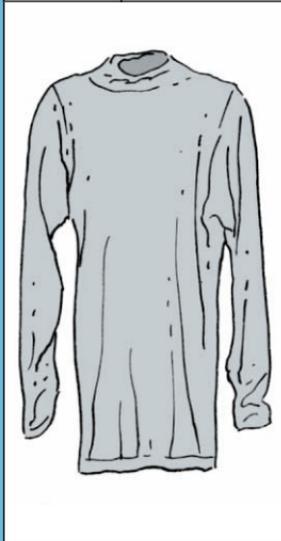
**Extreme Cold Weather Drawers (100% cotton)**

| Size    | NSN 8415-   |
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| X-small | 01-051-1175 |
| Small   | 00-782-3226 |
| Medium  | 00-782-3227 |
| Large   | 00-782-3228 |
| X-large | 00-782-3229 |



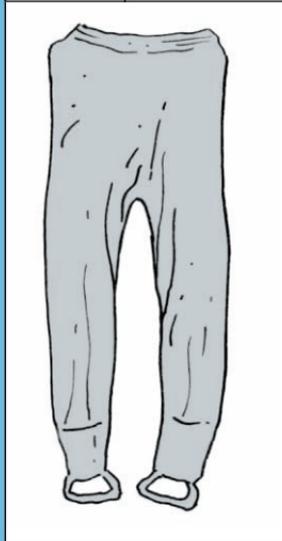
**Flyers' Undershirt (aramid)**

| Size    | NSN 8415-   |
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| X-small | 01-043-8375 |
| Small   | 00-485-6547 |
| Medium  | 00-485-6548 |
| Large   | 00-485-6680 |
| X-large | 00-485-6681 |



**Flyers' Drawers (aramid)**

| Size    | NSN 8415-   |
|---------|-------------|
| X-small | 01-043-4036 |
| Small   | 00-467-4075 |
| Medium  | 00-467-4076 |
| Large   | 00-467-4078 |
| X-large | 00-467-4100 |



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THAT WAY YOU *WON'T* GET SUBSTITUTE UNDERWEAR THAT *ISN'T* FLAME-RESISTANT.

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