

Keep SAPI Happy



The small arms protective inserts (SAPI) that fit into your Interceptor body armor (IBA) vest will protect you from multiple hits by rounds as large as 7.62mm. But even though the SAPI are rugged, they still need tender loving care.



Cleaning

DIRTY, GRIMY INSERTS NEED A GOOD CLEANING, ESPECIALLY BEFORE YOU TURN THEM IN TO THE CENTRAL ISSUE FACILITY (CIF). CIF EXPECTS IT.

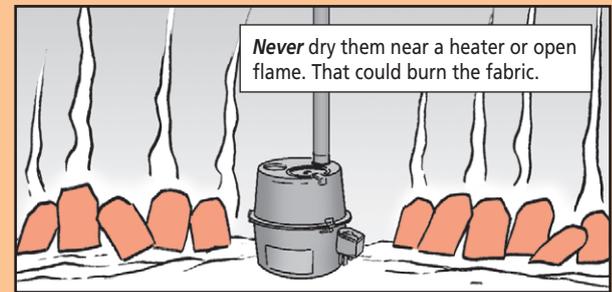


- Never machine wash or dry. That causes too much wear and tear on the SAPI, not to mention the washer and dryer.
- Use a cloth or soft brush to remove loose dirt or lint from the surface. Never use a stiff-bristled brush. You could tear the fabric.



- Wet the SAPI with some warm (**not hot**) water. Hand wash with a mild detergent and a cloth or soft brush.
- To clean heavy grease and oil, apply a mix of detergent and dry cleaning solvent directly on the spots and scrub with a soft brush.

- After washing, rinse with clean, warm water until all suds are gone.
- Lean the inserts against a post or wall and let them air dry.



Storage

**ALWAYS
CLEAN THE
SAPI BEFORE
STORING.**



- Put the inserts into the IBA vest pockets—just like you were going to wear them. That way you'll know exactly where they are.
- Put the vest in a plastic bag to keep out dirt, dust and moisture.
- Store the vest as flat as possible to keep the materials from bunching.



Use & Care Manual

Outer Tactical Vest (OTV) &

S&I

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
SEE THE *USE &
CARE MANUAL*
THAT COMES
WITH THE IBA.**

Your Name _____

Serial No. _____

Vest Size _____

Date of Issue _____

S&I Size _____

Date of Issue _____

THE VEST HAS A
POCKET INSIDE THE
LEFT FRONT PANEL
DESIGNED TO HOLD
THE MANUAL.



ALSO SEE CHAPTER 25
OF TM 10-8400-203-23,
*GENERAL REPAIR
PROCEDURES FOR
INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT.*

