

Body Armor Set,
Individual
Countermine...

Just Some BASIC Instructions

THE BODY ARMOR SET, INDIVIDUAL
COUNTERMINE (BASIC) PROTECTS THE
SOLDIER PERFORMING MINE-PLACEMENT
OR MINE-CLEARING OPERATIONS.

BUT IT
WORKS
FOR YOU
ONLY IF...

...YOU WEAR
IT PROPERLY...

NOT
LIKE
THIS
GUY



OR
THIS
GUY



...AND YOU
CARE FOR IT
PROPERLY!

FOR MORE ON
THAT, YOU
NEED TO TURN
THE PAGE.



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THERE'S A LOT TO KNOW ABOUT WEARING AND CARING FOR THE BASIC.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS TO KEEP IN MIND...

Fitting

For the most part, the BASIC is not a one-size-fits-all outfit. Only the face shield, chest plate, groin plate and groin plate carrier are one-size-fits-all. Every other component—helmet cover, overboots, trousers, vest, collar and upper and lower arm protectors—requires sizing to get a good fit. You may need to mix and match component sizes.

The BASIC fits over your uniform. The helmet cover fits over the PASGT Kevlar helmet but not the advanced combat helmet. The vest and collar fit over the PASGT vest or the Interceptor body armor outer tactical vest. Arm protectors and trousers fit over BDUs or the new Army combat uniforms (ACUs). And overboots fit over your combat boots.

For more on sizing, see WP 0008 of TM 10-8470-203-10.



Try on the BASIC...



...to get a good fit

Cleaning

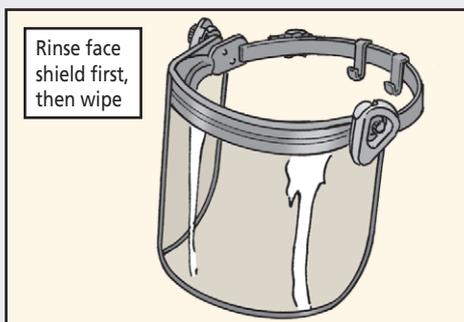
You'll find complete cleaning instructions in WP 0012. Pay particular attention to these points:

- Remove soft ballistic inserts from the front and back of the vest. You can't remove soft inserts from the rest of the components—they're sewn in. Also remove chest and groin plates.
- Hand wash the following parts in warm water and mild soap or detergent: helmet cover, trousers, vest, groin plate carrier, arm protectors and collar. Never machine wash and dry. It causes too much wear and tear on the fabric.

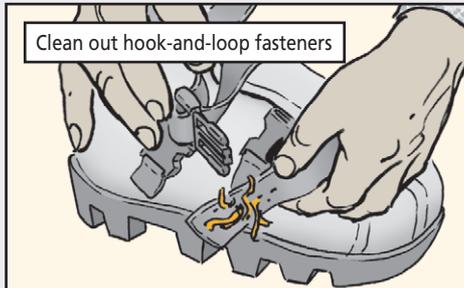


Remove chest and groin plates

- Always rinse off the face shield before you wipe it. If you wipe it without first rinsing, dirt and grit can scratch the surface.
- The BASIC has hook-and-loop fasteners on the helmet cover, collar, vest, groin plate carrier, arm protectors and boots. Clean the fasteners regularly or they won't fasten. Comb out dirt, debris and lint with one of the brushes in the TM's expendable and durable items list. In a pinch, an old toothbrush will do.
- Care and cleaning also applies to your boots. Clean dirt out of the side-release buckles. Dig out mud, ice and hardened dirt from the tread. Trim frayed areas on the webbing hook-and-loop fasteners.



Rinse face shield first, then wipe

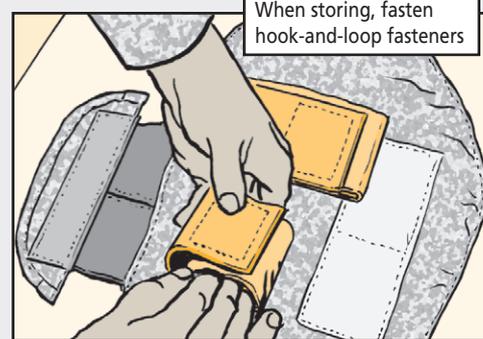


Clean out hook-and-loop fasteners

Storing

Store the BASIC in the Air Force carry bag, NSN 8460-00-606-8366. WP 0014 shows you how. When you store the suit:

- Fasten the hook-and-loop fasteners on each component. That way fasteners on one part won't catch on other parts. It just makes it easier to store and retrieve the components. Fastening also keeps the hook-and-loop fasteners from attracting dirt and lint.
- Put the groin plate in its carrier. Put the chest plate in the vest pocket.
- Store boots sole-to-sole. Keep them away from the face shield. That reduces the risk of scratching.
- Cushion the face shield between the right and left upper arm protectors.



When storing, fasten hook-and-loop fasteners