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MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND PROGRAM MANAGER INFANTRY COMBAT EQUIPMENT



SIDE ENHANCED SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERTS

Overview: The Side Enhanced Small Arms Protective Inserts (Side ESAPI) body armor is an integral part of the Family of Ballistic Protection Systems. It provides an increased area of coverage to the flank torso of the Marine by integrating into the side of the Improved Modular Tactical Vest (IMTV) and the Plate Carrier (PC). The Side ESAPI replaced the Side Small Arms Protective Insert for training and operations. Side ESAPI plates must have passed Non-Destructive Testing and have a Non-Destructive Test Equipment (NDTE) label affixed to be authorized for retention and use.

Features: The Side ESAPI consists of a ceramic composite outer strike face with laminated composite backing and is covered with a rubber, plastic, or nylon cover. Side ESAPIs can be removed from the IMTV/PC, allowing commanders to increase/decrease protection based on the threat. Contoured to fit the individual, plates are interchangeable between the left and right of the IMTV or PC. The Side ESAPI covers a Marine's vital organs and can withstand multiple hits.

Components: N/A

Approved Acquisition Objective (AAO):

UNIT	AAO
I MEF	44,839
II MEF	39,497
III MEF	26,327
MARFORRES	34,739
MARFORCENT	1,036
MARFORSOC	0
WRMR	0
DMFA	0
SPT EST	20,602
TOTAL	167,040

Concept of Distribution: Two per IMTV/PC. Item available at CSP.

Fielding Status: Fielding complete

Requirements Document: Family of Body Armor (FBA) Operational Requirements Document (ORD); Change 8, dated 30 Mar 2012

Training: Can be coordinated through Program Manager, ICE

Manuals:
TM 500 10913A-OR-1 PCN 50010913100

PM ICE Serviceability Standard:
TM 4451-20/1 PCN 180 445100 00

Supply/Logistics:
Nomenclature: INSERT, SMALL ARMS P
TAMCN: C00152E
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