

COMPLIANCE TESTING PROGRAM

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NIJ Standard 0115.00 Stab Resistance of Personal Body Armor: Statement of Compliance

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standard 0115.00 requires stab resistant body armor panel labels to display a statement of compliance on all NIJ approved stab resistant body armor models. Specifically, Section 4.4.1.1 (m) of the standard requires:

For armor that has been successfully tested for compliance to this standard through NIJ's voluntary compliance testing program at an NIJ-approved testing facility, the following statement shall be included on the label: "The Manufacturer certifies that this model of armor has been tested through NLECTC and has been found to comply with NIJ Standard–0115.00 for the (insert appropriate class designation) PROTECTION CLASS at PROTECTION LEVEL (insert appropriate level designation)."

Effective immediately, NIJ Standard 0115.00 Section 4.4.1.1 (m) is being amended so that the required statement of compliance is now representative of the current National Institute of Justice Compliance Testing Program (NIJ CTP) nomenclature. The revised statement of compliance is now:

"The Manufacturer certifies that this model of armor has been tested through the National Institute of Justice Compliance Testing Program and has been found to comply with NIJ Standard–0115.00 for the (insert appropriate class designation) PROTECTION CLASS at PROTECTION LEVEL (insert appropriate level designation)."

This revised statement must be displayed on all stab resistant body armor panel labels of all newly produced units of NIJ-listed stab resistant body armor models from this point forward.

For stab resistant body armor models that are currently on the NIJ Compliant Products List (CPL), the NIJ CTP requires that revised stab resistant panel labels shall be submitted to the NIJ CTP within 90 days of the publication date of this Administrative Clarification for each model listed on the NIJ CPL in order for those armors to remain active on the NIJ CPL. If the NIJ CTP does not receive a revised label for a model currently listed on the NIJ CPL within the time period specified, the NIJ CTP will move that model to inactive status. Inactive models are not eligible for funding through the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP).

The Administrative Clarification does not impact the compliance status of currently fielded NIJ-listed stab resistant body armor models that display the previous NIJ statement of compliance. This new labeling requirement only applies to newly produced armor.

If you have questions regarding the revised labeling requirements, please contact the NIJ CTP at bactp@nijctp.org.