

Topic: Production Ballistic Panel Labeling

Purpose

The label requirements identified in *NIJ Standard 0101.06, Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor*, and the CTP Applicant Package are intended to provide end users with important information pertaining to their body armor. Due to the changing needs of the law enforcement and corrections communities, the information pertinent to practitioners may change over time.

Recently, the program has been made aware of concerns from law enforcement and corrections practitioners that point-of-contact information regarding customer support and warranty information for their body armor model may be difficult to locate.

Clarification

This clarification will expand on the Production Ballistic Panel Labeling requirements defined in section 6.3 of the CTP Applicant Package. Whereas the current requirements specify that a label must include:

Length of manufacturer's warranty period for ballistic performance of the model with the originally declared threat level.

The CTP will now require that the production ballistic panel labeling indicate:

Length of manufacturer's warranty period for ballistic performance of the model with the originally declared threat level and contact information (ex. telephone, website) for inquiries regarding said warranty.

The Applicant who submits the armor and is responsible for the model's ongoing compliance with program requirements shall determine the appropriate contact information.

The CTP also recommends that specific webpages, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., be established for these purposes.

This requirement applies to all labels applied to ballistic panels of NIJ-compliant ballistic-resistant body armor models produced 30 days after the date of this clarification.

For armor models that have been fielded prior to the date of this Administrative Clarification, no further action is required to update labels. Armor models manufactured after the date of this Administrative Clarification are subject to the requirements identified.

For armor models completing the initial type testing process, Applicants must provide the NIJ CTP with updated labels that meet all of the NIJ CTP requirements.

A sample label is shown in Fig 1.

Figure 1. Sample Production Ballistic Panel Label

(Listed Company's) Name
(Listed Company's) Address

Model: _____
 Size: _____
 Serial Number: _____
 Lot Number: _____
 Location of Manufacturer: _____
 Date of Manufacture: _____
 Date of Issue: _____
 Threat Level (NIJ 0101.06): _____
 Ballistic Performance Warranty Period: _____
 For Warranty Information Contact: _____

This model of armor has been determined to comply with NIJ Standard-0101.06 by the NIJ Compliance Testing Program and is listed on the NIJ Compliant Products List.

WARNING!

This garment is rated **ONLY** for the ballistic threat level stated above. It is **NOT** intended to protect against rifle fire or sharp-edged or pointed instruments.

Care Instructions for Ballistic Panel:
(Sample instructions Shown)
1. Do not wash or dry Clean
2. Wipe with a damp cloth

****Wear Face****
This side to be worn against the body.