

MAINTENANCE

Your body armor should NEVER be cleaned as a complete armor protection system. Each system component should be cleaned separately. The chart at the bottom of this page serves as a quick reference guide for care of each component.

CLEANING

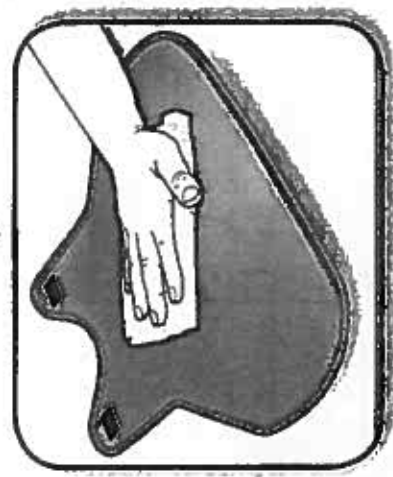
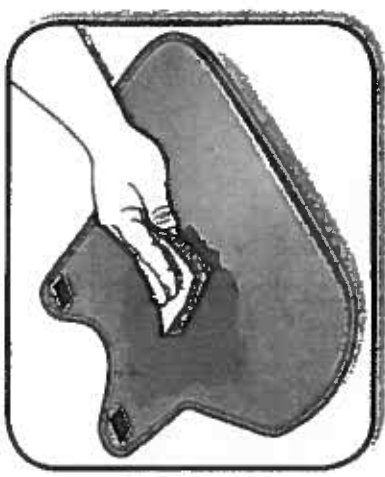
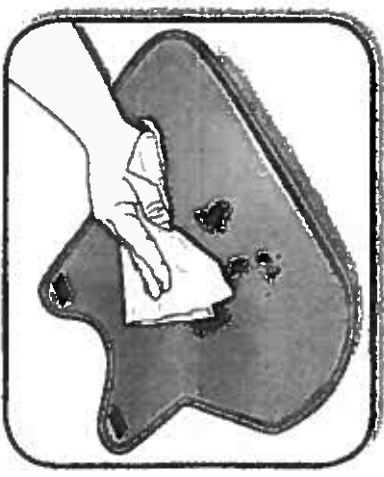
ARMOR PANELS AND SOFT TRAUMA INSERT/SPECIAL THREAT PLATE

1. Remove the armor panels, trauma inserts and special threat plates from the carrier.
2. Gently wipe the armor panels with a damp sponge and a mixture of cool water and mild laundry detergent or antimicrobial soap.
3. Wipe off excess soap with clean water and a damp sponge.
4. Lay flat and wipe dry. **DO NOT HANG OR LINE DRY. DO NOT PLACE IN THE SUN.**
5. Ensure panels are completely dry before reinserting into the carrier.
 - a. Make sure the panels are reinserted properly with the "Strike Face" side facing away from your body.
 - b. Be sure to engage the shoulder suspension tabs which secure the armor panel to the carrier garment.

DO NOT dry clean armor panels. **DO NOT** commercially launder armor panels. **DO NOT** expose armor panels to bleach (liquid or vapor).

CONCEALABLE CARRIER OR UNIFORM OUTER CARRIER

1. Remove all armor panels, trauma inserts and special threat plates from the carrier.
2. Detach any removable shoulder and/or waist straps.
3. Hand (preferred method) or machine-wash the carrier in cool water using the gentle cycle.
 - a. When machine washing, place the carrier in separate laundry bag made specifically for delicate items and use a mild soap.
 - b. Your uniform outer carrier can be dry-cleaned.
4. Lie carrier on a flat surface and allow to air dry.
 - a. If machine drying, use the lowest temperature setting.
5. Make sure the carrier is completely dry before reinserting armor panels, trauma inserts and special threat plates.
 - a. Make sure the panels are reinserted properly with the "Strike Face" side facing away from your body.
 - b. Be sure to engage the shoulder suspension tabs which secure the armor panel to the carrier garment.



PRODUCT	DAMP CLOTH	HAND WASH	MACHINE WASH
CONCEALABLE BODY ARMOR			
Concealable Armor Panel	•		
Concealable Armor Carrier		•	•
Soft Trauma Insert	•		
Strap System	•		
Tactical Assault Carrier**	•		
Uniform Shirt Carrier **		•	•

*Preferred method of care.

** USC can also be dry-cleaned and ironed.

EXTERNAL CARRIERS

1. Remove all armor panels, special threat plates, pouches and ID patches before attempting to clean the carrier.
2. Detach all fixed hook and loop fasteners.
3. Use a soft, clean cloth in a back-and-forth motion to remove dust, dirt and loose matter.
4. To treat tough spots on the carrier's exterior, use a soft brush with antimicrobial soap and water. Wipe off excess soap with a clean, damp cloth.
5. Lie carrier on a flat surface and allow to air dry.
6. Make sure the carrier is completely dry before inserting armor panels, trauma inserts and special threat plates.
 - a. Make sure the panels are reinserted properly with the "Strike Face" side facing away from your body.
 - b. Be sure to engage the shoulder suspension tabs which secure the armor panel to the carrier garment.

VEST ASSEMBLY

1. Identify the "Strike Face" warning label on NIJ label of the armor panel.
2. Insert "Strike Face" out and engage the Grip-Lok" suspension system
3. Zip carrier close and repeat steps 1-3 on back armor panel
4. Attach shoulder and waist straps to the back of the carrier. Adhere shoulder straps to front of carrier.
5. Don vest. Adjust shoulder and waist straps as necessary. Waist should have comfortable equal overlap.

VEST INSTRUCTIONS

An officer's body armor is only meant to perform when it is properly taken care of. Failure to properly maintain your vest in accordance with the use and care instructions will void the armor's warranty. Below are some additional warnings you should note prior to the use of your armor. Please also refer to the Safariland warranty guide for more information.

This flexible body armor ("Vest") is an integrated system consisting of an outer carrier and front and back torso ballistic panels.

FAILURE TO CLOSELY FOLLOW THESE USE & CARE INSTRUCTIONS WILL VOID ALL WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY BALLISTIC PERFORMANCE WARRANTY, AND COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

DO NOT ABUSE YOUR VEST! If this Vest is heavily worn (e.g., wrinkles or rolls in the ballistic panels open breaks in the outer carrier, heavy stains, worn threads, visible moisture, cracked seams, cover splits), regardless of its age, it shall be deemed to be abused and no longer subject to any warranties.

INSPECT YOUR VEST FREQUENTLY! Should the ballistic panel package (including without limitation any edge seal of a ballistic panel, where applicable) be broken, interrupted, cracked or damaged in any way, the Vest should immediately be taken to an authorized dealer for an inspection. Ballistic panels that are broken, interrupted, cracked or damaged may negatively impact the Vest's ballistic performance and may need to be repaired or replaced!

STORAGE

STORE YOUR VEST CAREFULLY! The resistance and performance of ballistic panels are known to change with time and wear, especially when exposed to extreme environmental conditions.

This Vest should not be stored in places where it is exposed to high temperatures and/or in combination with high humidity for long periods of time. Exposure to such extreme environmental conditions may negatively impact the Vest's ballistic performance.

APPLICABLE TO CUSTOM-FIT VESTS: Only the original user who was custom-fit by an authorized dealer under the Safariland® Sizefight™ program should wear this Vest. Users should never allow any other person to wear his or her custom-fit Vest without it first being re-sized for the new user by an authorized dealer.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF IMPROPER USE: Replacing the ballistic panels with those from another manufacturer, placing the Safariland ballistic panels into an unauthorized outer carrier; wearing the outer carrier without inserting the ballistic panels; or inserting the ballistic panels into the outer carrier in the wrong direction. Contact the Safariland Customer Service Department if you have any questions about authorized configurations.