

## Topic: Limited Coverage Ballistic Resistant Body Armor

### Purpose

The National Institute of Justice's (NIJ's) Compliance Testing Program (CTP) has recently identified a need within the law enforcement and public safety communities for limited coverage ballistic resistant body armor. Limited coverage armor has a significantly reduced perimeter to allow for additional concealability in covert operations or in situations where personnel (i.e. first responders, EMT's firefighters, etc.) may not routinely wear armor or risk is low. This clarification provides additional requirements on limited coverage shapes in order to better inform end users of the intended application.

### Clarification

A limited coverage shape is considered any shape that is not intended to provide full torso coverage for the end user regardless if it is designed to be worn externally (tactical) or concealed (flexible) under clothing. The NIJ CTP considers full torso coverage to be, at a minimum, protection for the front, back, and sides of the upper torso.

Applicants that would like to offer the option of a limited coverage shape for a new model must:

- Submit a diagram of the shape (identified) that includes the sizes in which it will be offered to the CTP with all other shapes offered for that model when applying for a test ID number.
- Construct the ballistic panel identical to the samples supplied for initial type testing.
- Include on the ballistic panel label for that shape a statement that identifies the armor as "**Limited Coverage: This armor provides limited coverage for the torso against ballistic threats.**" in font that is twice as large as the rest of the type of the label (except the existing warning statements).
- A representative sample label bearing the "Limited Coverage" statement must be provided to the CTP.

Applicants that would like to offer the option of a limited coverage shape for a model currently listed on the NIJ CTP Compliant Product List or who have already fielded such models must submit a written request which includes:

- All applicable models.
- A diagram of the shape with the sizes in which it will be offered.
- A representative sample label bearing the "Limited Coverage" statement.

Applicants who have already fielded armor models that meet the description of this Administrative Clarification must also supply the end users of the those armor models with replacement labels that meet the requirements of this Administrative Clarification and the requirements of NIJ Standard 0101.06.

**(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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

**Limited Coverage**

This armor provides limited coverage for the torso against ballistic threats.

**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.**