



COMBAT EQUIPMENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

PROGRAM MANAGER INFANTRY COMBAT EQUIPMENT

UNDERWEAR, NEXT-TO-SKIN, COLD WEATHER



Requirement

USMC Cold Weather ORD NO LOG 42.4 w/chg 1, 2, 3.

Overview

- USMC adopted the Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) in 1985 to replace Korean War era Cold Weather (EW) Clothing. Over the last 20 years USMC made periodic low risk product changes to improve material performance of selected layers with only minor design changes. Recent conflicts have identified needs to provide our Marines with better "Systemized" equipment and clothing.

- The new next-to-skin underwear is intended for wear by male and female military personnel of the USMC in mountainous and cold weather environments. It will provide improved moisture management and comfort when worn in intermediate to cold weather environments. It will be part of the Mountain /Cold Weather Clothing System and will also replace the current lightweight CW underwear set, PGC 02277 & PGC 02276.

Features

The new next-to-skin underwear is a mock turtle neck undershirt with a zip closure and long sleeves with a monkey paw design. The drawers have a front fly and a cuff-less leg. The underwear comes in a Coyote silk weight material (a Polartec Power Dry fabric) that has both wicking and anti-odor performance.

Fielding Status

- AO for MCWS: 35,000 / AO for USMC: 206,000
- Nov 06 – MWTC 800 sets and 200 sets to D Co AT Bn 4th MARDIV, Elmendorf AFB, AK.
- Dec 06 – Apr 07: 33,176 sets to STAP (Camp Pendleton, CA).

- Under a new contract, an additional 13,500 sets will be shipped to the STAP between Oct 07 -Feb 08.
- Note: The silkweight underwear will be issued as 2 each.

Training

No training is required.

Supply/Logistics

TAMCN: N/A (pending)

ID No: N/A pending

NSNs: Establishment in process

Production

The current manufacturer is: Peckham Inc. (a NISH/JWOD facility). Initial production began in Oct 2006. Fielding started in Nov 2006 and under current contract will continue into 2008.

Manuals

N/A

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