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Overview: The Enhanced Insert Small Arms Protective Body Armor (Side-ESAPI) is an integral part of the Family of Body Protection System (FBPS). It provides an increased area of coverage to the flank torso of the Marine by integrating into the side of the Improved Modular Tactical Vest (IMTV) and the Plate Carrier (PC). The Side-ESAPI replaced the Side Small Arms Protective Insert for training and operations. Side-ESAPI plates must have passed Non Destructive Testing and have a Non Destructive Test Equipment (NDTE) label affixed to be authorized for retention and use.

Features: The Side E-SAPI consists of a ceramic composite outer strike face with laminated composite backing and covered with a rubber, plastic, or nylon cover. Side-ESAPIs can be removed from the IMTV/PC, which allows Commanders to increase/decrease protection based on the threat. Contoured to fit the individual, plates are interchangeable between the left and right of the IMTV or PC. The Side-ESAPI covers a Marine's vital organs and can withstand multiple hits.

Components: N/A

Approved Acquisition Objective (AAO): The Side-ESAPI quantity authorized for peacetime and wartime requirements to equip and sustain the force in accordance with current DoD plans and policies is listed in the table below:

UNIT		AAO
I MEF		35,616
II MEF		33,486
III MEF		17,460
MFR		21,506
SPT EST		11,862
,	TOTAL	119,930

SIDE ENHANCED SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERTS

Concept of Distribution: Two per IMTV/PC

Fielding Status: Fielding complete

Requirements Document: Family of Body Armor (FBA) Operational Requirements Document (ORD); Change 8 dated 30 Mar 2012

Training: Product Manager Infantry Combat Equipment

(PdM ICE) Training Team (ITT)

Manuals: TM 500 10913A-OR-1 PCN 50010913100

Supply/Logistics: TAMCN: C00152E ID No: 11252B

NSN: 8470-01-540-6532

Manufacturers: Ceradyne, CA and Diamondback

Tactical, AZ

Ballistic Carrier Manufacturers: MED-ENG, ON and

Protective Products International, FL

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