



COMBAT EQUIPMENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS PROGRAM MANAGER INFANTRY COMBAT EQUIPMENT

FULL SPECTRUM BATTLE EQUIPMENT: INDIVIDUAL AND PLATOON



REQUIREMENT

UUNS 04244UA FSBE for Reconnaissance Battalions
UUNS 04310UA OIF III FSBE for USMC Recon Units
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SON Log 42.19 Full Spectrum Battle Equipment w/Chg1 dtd 27 Feb 01

OVERVIEW

During a Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) training exercise on 9 December 1999, a CH-46 carrying a platoon from 1st Force Reconnaissance Company struck the side of the USS Pecos off the coast of Camp Pendleton, CA. The helicopter rolled into the water and sank immediately. The investigation that followed revealed that one of the major contributors to the fatalities were the heavy weight of the assault equipment worn by the boarding party and the difficulty in rapid egress from the helicopter. Full Spectrum Battle Equipment (FSBE) reduces the component weight, provides a single point of release mechanism, and has an integrated breathing and flotation system.

FSBE provides ballistic protection, brief underwater breathing capability, flotation, and limited load carriage to meet the specific mission profiles required by the USMC Force Reconnaissance community, Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Teams (FAST), and MEU (SOC) Helicopter Assault Companies.

The FSBE Platoon Kit consists of wearable pouches and other specific gear to outfit a Marine platoon in battle. The FSBE Individual Kit consists of wearable pouches and other specific gear to outfit an individual Marine in

battle. See the Marine Corps Stocklist for the components that make up each kit.

FSBE replaces the Close Quarters Battle Equipment (CQBE) Assault Vest and the interim issue of FDBE in 2000.

FIELDING INFORMATION

The FSBE will be fielded in two different kits, the Individual Kit and Platoon Kit. Each kit has three different configurations in order to satisfy the different mission of users.

Configuration A kits are fielded to Force Reconnaissance Companies, Reconnaissance Battalions, Special Operations Training Groups, and Radio Battalions. Configuration B kits are fielded to Marine Security Force Battalion FAST Companies. Configuration C kits are fielded to MEUs. Configuration D kits will be fielded to EOD Teams.

	AO	Qty Fielded	% Fielded
Config A- Indiv	3471	1805	52%
Config A- Plt	132	71	53%
Config B- Indiv	1127	620	55%
Config B- Plt	23	17	74%
Config C- Indiv	2249	1423	63%
Config C- Plt	49	10	20%
Config D- Indiv	285	0	0%
Config D- Plt	31	0	0%

TRAINING

New Equipment Training for the FSBE Individual Kit is conducted at the unit's location and is coordinated through the Project Officer as required. NET is normally conducted shortly after the kit is delivered if the unit requires training. A "Train the Trainer" approach is used to ensure every Marine issued a FSBE kit is properly trained in its use. No training is required for the FSBE Platoon Kit.

SUPPLY/LOGISTICS

ID No: Configuration A 11022A
Configuration B 11022B
Configuration C 11022C
Configuration D TBD

NSNs:

Individual Kits (TAMCN C3501)
Configuration A 8465-01-518-1441
Configuration B 8465-01-518-1442
Configuration C 8465-01-518-1443
Configuration D TBD

Platoon Kits: (TAMCN C3500)
Configuration A 8465-01-518-1434
Configuration B 8465-01-518-1437
Configuration C 8465-01-518-1439
Configuration D TBD

A complete listing of NSNs for the Individual and Platoon Kits can be found in the ULSS.

PRODUCTION

The Resource Center (TRC), Jamestown, produces some FSBE Individual and Platoon Kit components and serves as the system integrator for the remaining components. TRC assembles and ships completed kits directly to designated units.

MANUALS

User Logistic Support Summary: ULSS 000077-15 Full Spectrum Battle Equipment (PCN 13200007700)
Located at <https://pubs.ala.usmc.mil/pcnsearch.asp>

Marine Corps Stock List: SL-3-11022 Individual Full Spectrum Battle Equipment (PCN: 123110022000)
Located at <https://pubs.ala.usmc.mil/pcnsearch.asp>

Marine Corps Stock List: SL-3 11021 Platoon Full Spectrum Battle Equipment (PCN: 12311021000)
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