

International body armor standards

NIJ Standard 0101.04

Armor Type	Test-Bullet	Bullet-Producer	Bullet-Weight (g) [gr.]	Bullet-Velocity (m/s) [ft/s]	Distance (m)	Max. BFD (mm)	Angle Test (° Nato)	Wet test yes/no	Padding down yes/no	No. of shots per panel	No. of tests
I	22 caliber LRN	not spec.	2.6 129 ± 9 1080 ± 30	329 ± 9 1080 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
	380 ACP FMU/RN	not spec.	6.2 195	322 ± 9 1055 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
II-A	9mm FMU/RN	not spec.	8.0 124	341 ± 9 1120 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
	40 S&W FMU/RN	not spec.	10.2 158	322 ± 9 1055 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
II	9mm FMU/RN	not spec.	8.0 124	341 ± 9 1120 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
	357 Mag. JSP	not spec.	10.2 158	322 ± 9 1055 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
III	9mm FMU/RN	not spec.	8.0 124	341 ± 9 1120 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
	44 Mag. JHP	not spec.	15.6 240	436 ± 9 1430 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
III	7.62 mm Nato FMU	not spec.	8.6 148	847 ± 9 2780 ± 30	15	44	0°	yes only	Yes	6	2
	30 caliber M2 AP	not spec.	10.8 166	878 ± 9 2880 ± 30	15	44	0°	yes only	Yes	1	2

Particularities:

Backing material: Roma No. 1 19mm ± 2mm (1.03 kg sphere from 2m height) 3 min spraying from each side expect the V50 panels

Wet test: No Shot No. 1 = shot No. 2 or 3 (higher velocity far hit)

Measurement back face deformation: level, II-A, II and III-A additional 2 panels V50 using 9 mm

V50 requirements: 76 mm

Min distance from previous shots: 51 mm



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NIJ Standard 0101.06

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				New	Conditioned						New	Conditioned
II-A	9mm FMU/RN	Remington	8.0 124	373 ± 9 1225 ± 30	355 ± 9 1165 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45' each 1x	yes	6	8 wet 4 dry	
	40 S&W FMU	Remington	11.7 180	352 ± 9 1155 ± 30	325 ± 9 1065 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45' each 1x	yes	6	8 wet 4 dry	
II	9mm FMU/RN	Remington	8.0 124	398 ± 9 1305 ± 30	379 ± 9 1245 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45' each 1x	yes	6	8 wet 4 dry	
	357 Mag. JSP	Remington	10.2 158	436 ± 9 1430 ± 30	408 ± 9 1340 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45' each 1x	yes	6	8 wet 4 dry	
III-A	357 S&W FMU FN	Speer	8.1 125	448 ± 9 1470 ± 30	430 ± 9 1410 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45' each 1x	yes	6	8 wet 4 dry	
	44 Mag. JHP	Speer	15.6 240	436 ± 9 1430 ± 30	408 ± 9 1340 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45' each 1x	yes	6	8 wet 4 dry	
III	7.62 mm Nato FMU	not spec.	8.6 148	847 ± 9 2780 ± 30	847 ± 9 2780 ± 30	5	44	0°	-	6	-	4 wet (24 shots)
	30 caliber M2 AP	not spec.	10.8 166	878 ± 9 2880 ± 30	878 ± 9 2880 ± 30	15	44	0°	-	1-6	-	4-24 wet (24 shots)

Particularities:

Backing material: Roma No. 1, 19mm ± 2mm, all Indiv. values > 16 < 22 mm (1.03 kg sphere from 2m height) 30 min, vertical immersion, 10 min dripping of the unaged panels

Wet test: No

Temperature test: Shot No. 1, 2 and 3 = 44mm; if not estimated probability of BFD > 44 mm has to be < 20%

Measurement BFD: also measured for aped panels, but no fall criteria if < 44mm

Min distance from the edges: Lighter bullet min, not greater than 51 mm (2"), heavier bullet min, not greater than 76 mm (3")

Min distance from previous shots: 51 mm

Particularities level II-A, II and III-A: Panel sizes: 5 di. sizes spec ed. Manufacturer has to choose range of sizes. Smallest and largest size have to be tested 50%/50% for perforation and BFD test

Conditioning: Tumbling for 10 d at 45°C (149°F) and 80% RH with 5 ± 1 rpm (72,000 ± 1500 rotations)

V50 requirements: New: 120 shots (10 panels) each caliber largest size. No penetr. below max. ref. speed, (V0.5 new Vref. new)

Conditioned: 24 shots (2 panels) for each caliber largest size. No penetration below max. ref. speed

Shot pattern: Shots 4, 5 and 6 have to be within a 100 mm (3.94") circle

Particularities level III and IV: **Conditioning:** 10 d at 65°C (149°F) and 80% RH + 24h between -15°C and +90°C ± 2 degrees level III conditioned, 24 shots (14 plates). No penetration below max. ref. speed

V50 requirements: level III conditioned, 24 shots (14 plates). No penetration below max. ref. speed

Level IV Conditioned: 12 shots (12 plates). No penetration below max. ref. speed

22 LRHV lead RN 2.6 g	22 LR lead RN 2.6 g	5.45x18 FMU st. core 2.5 g	6.35 Browning FMU SC Geco 3.2 g	22 Win. Mag. FMU SC 2.6 g	7.62x25 Tokarev FMU SC 5.5 g	7.62x25 Tokarev CZ FMU st. core 5.5 g	7.62 x 25 Tokarev China FMU st. core 5.5 g	7.62x25 Tokarev Russia FMU SC 5.5 g	9x19 Para FMU SC DM 11 A1 83.8 g shot in 20°/0° direction	9x19 Para FMU SC DM 11 A1 82.8 g shot in 20°/0° direction	9x19 Para FMU SC DM 11 A1 82.8 g shot in 20°/0° direction	9x19 Para FMU SC DM 11 A1 82.8 g shot in 20°/0° direction	9x19 Para FMU st. core Biगत 6.5 g	9x10 Para FMU st. core Czech 6.5 g
9x19 Para FMU SC Norma 19022 7.5 g	9x19 Para FMU SC m39/B 6.9 g	9x19 Para FMU SC Fioch sintox 7.5 g	9x18 FMU st. core Makarov DDR 6 g	9x19 Para FMU SC MKZ 7.5 g	9x19 EMB 5.3 Hirtenberger	9x19 Para Action III brass 6 g	9x19 SXT + P + Winchester SC 8.2 g	9x19 FMU SC Remington (NIJ) 8 g	9x19 Para FMU SC Fame Peru 8.2 g	9x19 Para FMU st. core Biganet 6.5 g	9x10 Para FMU st. core Czech 6.5 g	9x10 Para FMU st. core Czech 6.5 g	9x10 Para FMU st. core Czech 6.5 g	9x10 Para FMU st. core Czech 6.5 g
9x19 Para FMU SC Fioch 41 17.5 g	9 mm THV Afrika copper 3.1 g	9 mm Actox 4	9 mm OD PEP	9 mm SCA	357 Mag. JSP 10.2 g	357 Mag. HSF brass 7.1 g	357 Mag. Geco FMU SC 10.2 g	357 Mag. FMU FN SC Norma 1910 10.2 g	357 Mag. THV brass 3 g	380 ACP FMU RN SC 6.2 g	38 Special RN lead 10.2 g	38 Special JSP Speer 4217 10.2 g	38 Special JSP Speer 4217 10.2 g	38 Special JSP Speer 4217 10.2 g
38 Special S&W Speer 4623 10.2 g	40 S & W FMU SC 11.7 g	44 Mag. SWC 15.6 g	44 Mag. FMU FN SC 15.5 g	44 Mag. JSP 15.6 g	44 SHP 15.6 g	45 Auto 11.5x23 FMU SC 14.9 g	Kaliber 12/70 Berneke 31.3 g	Stanag FSP 0.237 gr/3.7 gr	Stanag FSP 0.325 gr/5 gr	Stanag FSP 1.1g/17 gr 5.385	MI FSP 1.1 g/ 17 gr 5.46mm	Stanag FSP 2.786 g/ 43 gr 7.493mm	Stanag FSP 2.786 g/ 43 gr 7.493mm	Stanag FSP 2.786 g/ 43 gr 7.493mm

Fragments



MIL-STD-662F

TEST METHOD: Aluminum alloy sheet 2024 T3, 0.51mm thick, tensile strength 440N/mm², 15.2cm behind armor
Blade: Has to be specified by contractor
Max. yaw S°: (measured for each shot by a yaw card)
At least 2 projectile diameters from any previous impact, disturbed area, crack or edge
Complete penetration: Any projectile which perforates the witness system (light sheet through)
Max. penetration into backing: Average of an equal number of highest partial and lowest complete penetration velocities in a spec. velocity range

No. of shots/velocity span	No. of shots required		Velocity span	
	partial penetr.	complete penetr.	[m/s]	[ft/s]
2	2	18	60	
4	4	27	90	
6	6	30	100	
10	10	38	125	

Has to be specified by contractor

Stanag 2920

TEST METHOD: Must be rifled
Barrel for bullets: Rifled or smooth, with or without sub-armor
Fixing: Firmly clamped in a rigid framework; no backing within 30 mm of any point of impact
Witness system: Aluminum alloy sheet (AlCuMgMg) 0.5mm thick, tensile strength 440N/mm², 15cm behind armor
Striking angle: 0°, max. yaw 5°
Distances: Min. 30mm from any clamping point, edge, previous impact, deformation or disturbance
Complete penetration: Any projectile which activates/perforates the witness system
V50 definition: Velocity for which the probability of penetration of the chosen projectile is exactly 0.5
V50 calculation: Mean value of partial and complete penetrations

No. of shots required	partial penetr.		complete penetr.		Max. delta
	partial penetr.	complete penetr.	partial penetr.	complete penetr.	[m/s]
3	3	3	40		
5	5	5	50		
7	7	7	60		

If the highest partial velocity exceeds the lowest complete velocity by more than 60m/s, testing should be repeated on a new sample of material.

List of FSP's

Weight [g]	Weight [gr]	Diameter [mm]
1.102 ± 0.02	17.0 ± 0.3	5.385
0.162 ± 0.01	2.5 ± 0.2	2.642
0.237 ± 0.01	3.7 ± 0.2	3.251
0.486 ± 0.02	7.5 ± 0.3	4.064
2.786 ± 0.02	43.0 ± 0.3	7.493
0.325 ± 0.01	5.0 ± 0.2	3.600

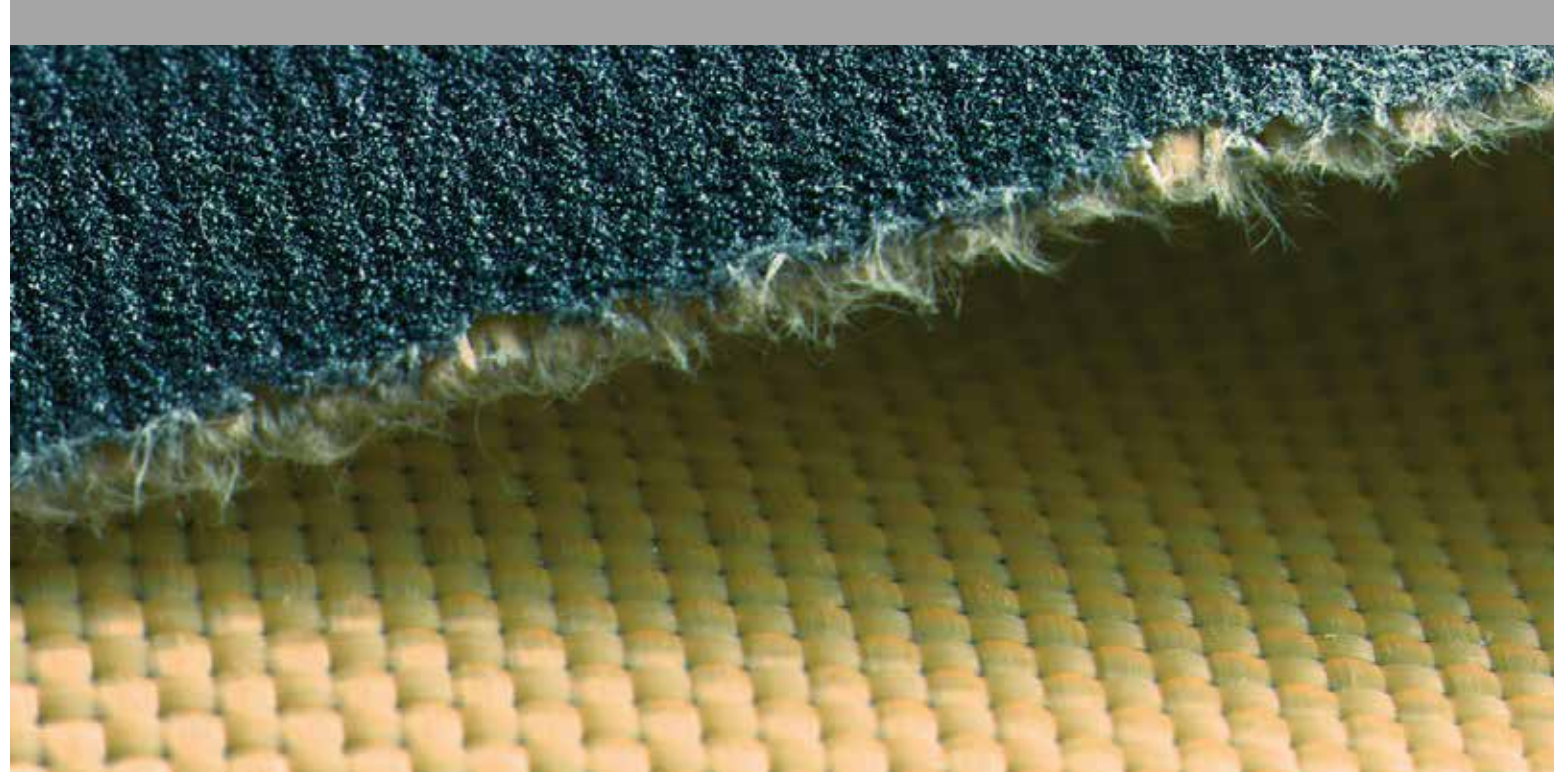
Hardness HRC: 30 ± 2

Shape: see drawings in Stanag 2920 standard



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Stab standards



Technische richtlinie april 2003, germany

Test method: Drop test
Backing material: Engineered test blade P18 (High-Speed and Carbide) 25 J (238kg, 1.07m)
Blade: 25 J (238kg, 1.07m)
Stab Energy: 25 J (238kg, 1.07m)
Angle of attack: 0°; in case of overlapping also 65°
No. of attacks: 3x normtemp, 3x clim+2, 3x 80°/70°C, 3x -20°C
Max. penetration into backing: 20mm (max. deformation incl. penetr. 40 mm)
Measurement of penetration: Cutting into the clay to the deepest point of the mark
Min. distances: 75 mm from the edges and any previous attack produce no CP

Technische Richtlinie March 2008, Germany

Test method: See VRAM May 2011, Class K1
Backing material: Weible clay (plasticity as for shooting)
Blade: Engineered test blade P18 (Wenger, S.A. Switzerland)
No. of attacks: 3x normtemp (± 0°C), 3x 70°C, 3x -20°C
Measurement of penetration: Cutting into the clay to the deepest point of the mark
Min. distances: 50 mm from the edges and 80 mm from any previous attack
Potential weak areas have to be tested with additional attacks of 65°

Class	Energy [J]	Angle [°]	Highest single penetration [mm]	Drop-Test	
				Height [m]	Weight [kg]
K1/D1	25	0	< 20	1.02	2.5
				1.63	2.5
K2/D2	40	0	< 20	1.63	2.5
				1.63	2.5
K3/D3	65	0	< 20	1.33	5
				1.63	5
K4/D4	80	0	< 20	1.63	5
				1.63	5

HOSDB Body Armor Standards 2007, UK

Test method: Drop test/ double punch (drop weight 1900 g)
Backing material: Composition of layers of foam and rubber, for shaped armor Roma day No. 1
Blade: Engineered test blade PSDB/P1/B
Spike: Engineered test spike PSDB/SP/B
Stab Energies: Level 1: E1 = 24J, E2 = 36J; Level 2: E1 = 24J, E2 = 50J; Level 3: E1 = 43J, E2 = 65J

No. of attacks: Blade: 30x E1 at 0°, 10x E2 at 0°; Angle attack at 45° only at potential weak areas
Max. penetration into backing: Blade: 7mm for E1 and 20mm for E2 (1x up to 30 mm perm.)
Measurement of penetration: 1 penetration out of 10 strikes permitted
Min distances: blade protruding length; width of the cut; blade into clay
Particularities: Blade only and blade + spike protection permitted, spike only not permitted

NIJ Standard 0115.00, USA

Test method: Drop test/ double punch (drop weight 1900 g)
Backing material: Composition of layers of foam and rubber
Blade: Engineered test blade PSDB/P1/A and PSDB/S1/G
Spike: Engineered test spike
Stab Energies: Level 1: E1 = 24J, E2 = 36J; Level 2: E1 = 30J, E2 = 50J; Level 3: E1 = 43J, E2 = 65J

No. of attacks: 4x E1 at 0°; 4x E2 at 0°; 4x E1 at 45°; with each blade and/or the spike
Max. penetration into backing: 7mm for E1 and 20mm for E2
Measurement of penetration: blade/spike protruding length; witness paper
Min distances: 51 mm from the edges and any previous attack
Particularities: Blade/spike only and Blade + spike protection permitted

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AP	Armor Piercing	FSP	Fragment Simulating Projectile	PB	Pointed Bullet
BFD	Back Face Deformation	HC	Steel Hard Core	RN	Round Nose
CB	Coned Bullet	HCI	Steel Hard Core, Incandescent	SC	Soft Core
FC	Ferro-Ceramic	JHP	Jacketed Hollow Point	SCP	Lead Soft Core With Steel Penetrator
FMU	Full Metal Jacket	LRW	Long Rifle High Velocity	SWC	Semi-Wadcutter
FMS	Brass As Nose	LRN	Lead Round Nose	WV	Wadcutting
FMSJ	Full Metal Steel Jacket	Mag.	Magnum	WC	Tungsten Carbide
FN	At Nose	P	Penetrator		

Technische Richtlinie March 2008, Germany*

* Version September 2009 - For particularities see VRAM 2006

Class	Test-Bullet	Bullet-Producer	Bullet-Weight (g)	Bullet-Velocity (m/s)	Distance (m)	No. of shots performed under following conditions 1 panel for each kind of test						
						0°	65°	0°/ contact shot	0° climat.	0° -20°C	0° +70°C	
SKL	9mm Luger FMU/RN/SC, lined	DAG, DM41	8.0 ± 0.1	360 ± 10	5 ± 0.5	3+1	3	3	3	3	3	3
SK L	9mm Luger FMU/RN/SC, lined	DAG, DM41	8.0 ± 0.1	415 ± 10	5 ± 0.5	3+1	3	3	3	3	3	3
	9 x 19 QD-PEP B/S	MEN	6.0 ± 0.1	460 ± 10	5 ± 0.5		3	3				
	9 x 19 Actox 4	RJAG	6.1 ± 0.1	460 ± 10	5 ± 0.5		3	3				
SK 2	357 Mag FMU/CB	DAG, Special	7.1 ± 0.1	580 ± 10	5 ± 0.5	3	3		3	3	3	
SK 3	223 Rem FMU/RN/SCP	MEN, SS 109	4.0 ± 0.1	950 ± 10	10 ± 0.5	3	3		3	3	3	
	308 Win. FMU/PB/SC	MEN, DM 111	9.55 ± 0.1	830 ± 10	10 ± 0.5	3	3		3	3	3	
SK 4	308 Win. FMU/PB/HC	FNB or CBC-MEN, P 80	9.7 ± 0.2	820 ± 10	10 ± 0.5	3	3		3	3	3	

VPAM 2006

Inspection Level
