

# 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	329 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
		380 ACP FMJ/RN	not spec.	6.2	322 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6
II-A	9 mm FMJ/RN	not spec.	8.0	341 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
		46 S&W FMJ/RN	not spec.	10.2	322 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6
II	9 mm FMJ/RN	not spec.	8.0	1200 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
		357 Mag. JSP	not spec.	10.2	1205 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6
III	9 mm FMJ/RN	not spec.	8.0	1430 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6	4
		44 Mag. JHP	not spec.	15.6	1430 ± 30	5	44	0° 4x 30° 2x	yes only	Yes	6
IV	.30 caliber M2 AP	not spec.	10.8	2880 ± 30	15	44	0°	yes only	-	1	2
		not spec.	166	2880 ± 30	15	44	0°	yes only	-	1	2

### Particularities:

**Backing material:** Roma No. 1 19mm ± 2mm (1.03 kg sphere from 2m height)  
**Wet test:** 3 min spraying from each side expect the V50 panels  
**Temperature test:** No  
**Measurement back face deformation:** Shot No. 1 + shot No. 2 + 3 (higher velocity far hit) level: B-A, II, and III-A additional 2 panels V50 using 9 mm  
**V50 requirements:** 76 mm  
**Min distance from the edges:** 51 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	9 mm FMJ/RN	Remington	8.0	373 ± 9	355 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45° each 1x	yes	6	8 wet	4 dry
		46 S&W FMJ	11.7	352 ± 9	325 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45° each 1x	yes	6	8 wet	4 dry
II	9 mm FMJ/RN	Remington	8.0	398 ± 9	379 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45° each 1x	yes	6	8 wet	4 dry
		357 Mag. JSP	10.2	436 ± 9	408 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45° each 1x	yes	6	8 wet	4 dry
III-A	357 S&W FMJ FN	Speer	8.1	448 ± 9	420 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45° each 1x	yes	6	8 wet	4 dry
		44 Mag. JHP	15.6	436 ± 9	408 ± 9	5	44	0° 4x 30° 45° each 1x	yes	6	8 wet	4 dry
III	7.62 mm Nato FMJ	not spec.	9.6	1480 ± 30	1340 ± 30	5	44	0°	-	6	-	4 wet (24 shots)
		not spec.	148	2780 ± 30	2780 ± 30	5	44	0°	-	6	-	4-24 wet (24 shots)
IV	.30 caliber M2 AP	not spec.	10.8	2880 ± 30	2880 ± 30	15	44	0°	-	1-6	-	4-24 wet (24 shots)
		not spec.	166	2880 ± 30	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)  
**Wet test:** 30 min, vertical immersion, 10 min dripping of the unaged panels  
**Temperature test:** No  
**Measurement BFD:** Shot No. 1, 2, and 3 - 44mm; if not estimated probability of BFD > 44 mm has to be < 20%; also measured for apert 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 d. sizes spec ed. Manufacturer has to choose range of sizes. Smallest and largest size have to be tested  
**Conditioning:** 50%/50% for perforation and BFD test  
**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 days  
**V50 requirements:** level II Conditioned: 24 shots (14 plates). No penetration below max. ref. speed  
**Level IV Conditioned:** 12 shots (12 plates). No penetration below max. ref. speed

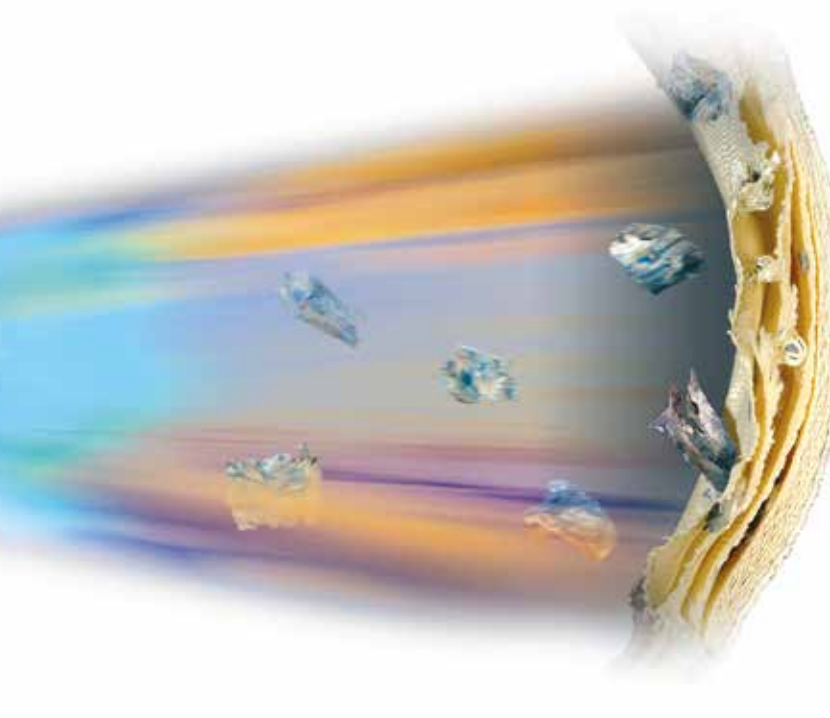
## HOSDB Body Armor Standards (2007), UK

Armor Type	Test-Bullet	Bullet-Producer	Bullet-Weight (g) [gr.]	Bullet-Velocity (m/s) [ft/s]	Distance (m)	Max. BFD (mm)	Angle Test (° Nato)	Padding down yes/no	No. of shots per panel	No. of tests	
HG1/A	9 mm FMJ	DM 11 A1B2 Dyn. Nobel	8.0	365 ± 10	5	44	2x Size 5 3x Size M 1x Size L	3 6	45° 0° 0° 6x 0° 45° 3x 0° 45° 0°	Yes	
		357 Mag. JSP	R357M3 Remington	10.2	390 ± 10	5	44	2x Size 5 3x Size M 1x Size L	3 6	45° 0° 0° 6x 0° 45° 3x 0° 45° 0°	Yes
HG1	9 mm FMJ	DM 11 A1B2 Dyn. Nobel	8.0	365 ± 10	5	25	2x Size 5 3x Size M 1x Size L	3 6	45° 0° 0° 6x 0° 45° 3x 0° 45° 0°	Yes	
		357 Mag. JSP	R357M3 Remington	10.2	390 ± 10	5	25	2x Size 5 3x Size M 1x Size L	3 6	45° 0° 0° 6x 0° 45° 3x 0° 45° 0°	Yes
HG2	9 mm FMJ	DM 11 A1B2 Dyn. Nobel	8.0	430 ± 10	5	25	2x Size 5 3x Size M 1x Size L	3 6	45° 0° 0° 6x 0° 45° 3x 0° 45° 0°	Yes	
		357 Mag. JSP	R357M3 Remington	10.2	455 ± 10	5	25	2x Size 5 3x Size M 1x Size L	3 6	45° 0° 0° 6x 0° 45° 3x 0° 45° 0°	Yes
HG3	Carbine 5.56x45 Nato Ball L2 A2	Federal Tactical Bonded	4.01	62	750 ± 15	10	25	2x Size 5 3x Size M 1x Size L	3 6	45° 0° 0° 6x 0° 45° 3x 0° 45° 0°	Yes
		BAE Systems Nato Ball L2 A2	9.3	144	830 ± 15	10	25	2	3	0°	no
RF2	Rifle 7.62 mm Calibre	BAE Systems Nato Ball L4B1A1	9.7	850 ± 15	10	25	2	3	0°	no	
		Winchester 1 oz Rifled Lead Slug 1.29515 or 1.2952	28.4	437	435 ± 25	10	25	2	1	0°	-

### Particularities:

**Measurement Back Face Deformation:** BFD to be measured after each shot  
**Backing material/plasticity:** Upper prediction limit for BFD, is calculated based on the 0° BFD values measured on all medium size test samples  
**Temperature test:** Roma No. 1 15mm ± 1.5mm (1.043 kg sphere from 1.5m height)  
**V50 requirements:** No V50 test required  
**Min. distance from the edge:** 50 mm  
**Min. distance from previous shots:** 50 mm  
**MQT (Manufacturers Quality Testing):** MQT 1 and MQT 2 to be conducted after a spec. No. of armors being produced to ensure quality

## Fragments



## MIL-STD-662F

### TEST METHOD:

**Witness system:** Aluminum alloy sheet 2024 T3, 0.51mm thick, tensile strength 440N/mm<sup>2</sup>, 15.2cm behind armor  
**Striking angle:** Has to be specified by contractor  
**Yaw:** Max. yaw 5° (measured for each shot by a yaw card)  
**Distances:** At least 2 projectile diameters from any previous impact, disturbed area, crack or edge  
**Complete penetration:** Any projectile which perforates the witness system (right through through)  
**V50 of notion:** Average of an equal number of highest partial and lowest complete penetration velocities in a spec. velocity range

partial penetr.	No. of shots required		Velocity span	
	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:

**Barrel for bullets:** Must be rifled  
**Fixing:** Rifled or smooth, with or without back stop  
**Witness system:** Aluminum alloy sheet (AlCuMgMn) 0.5mm thick, tensile strength 440N/mm<sup>2</sup>, 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 of notion:** Velocity for which the probability of penetration of the chosen projectile is exactly 0.5  
**V50 calculation:** Mean value of partial and complete penetrations

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

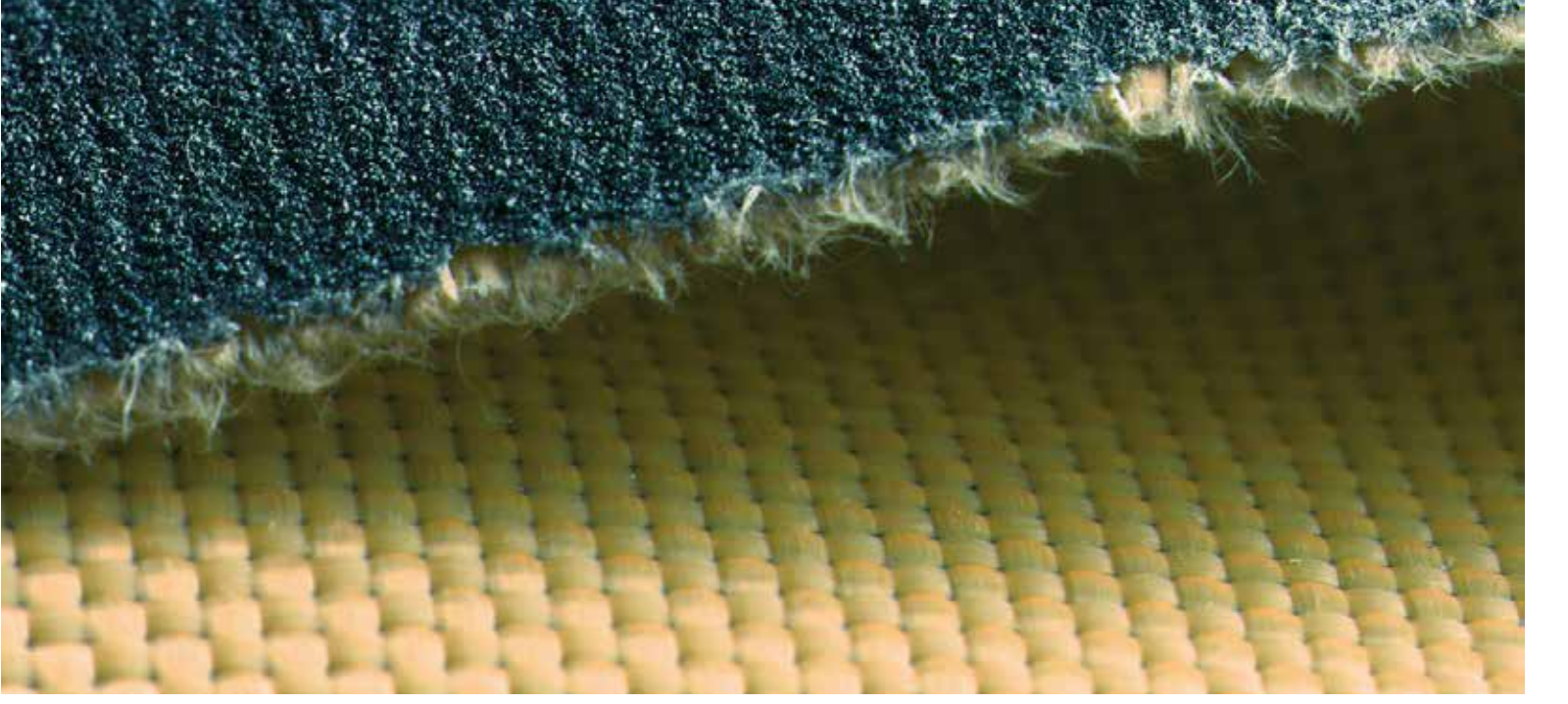
**Hardness HRC:** 30 ± 2  
**Shape:** see drawings in Stanag 2920 standard



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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)  
**Blade:** 25 J (238kg, 1.07m)  
**Stab Energy:** 0°  
**Angle of attack:** 0°; in case of overlapping also 65°  
**No. of attacks:** 3x normtemp; 3x clim.; 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

See VRAM May 2011, Class K1

## VPAM May 2011

**Backing material:** Weible clay (plasticity as for shooting)  
**Blade:** Engineered test blade P18 (Wenger, S.A. Switzerland)  
**No. of attacks:** 3x normtemp (100°C); 3x 70°C; 3x -20°C  
**Measurement of penetration:** Cutting into the clay to the deepest point of the mark  
**Min. distances:** 50mm from the edges and 80mm from any previous attack  
**Potential weak areas:** have to be tested with additional attacks at 65°

Class	Energy [J]	Angle [°]	Highest single penetration (mm)	Drop-Test	
				Height [m]	Weight [kg]
K1/D1	25	0	< 20	1.02	2.5
K2/D2	40	65	< 20	1.63	2.5
K3/D3	65	65	< 20	1.33	5
K4/D4	80	65	< 20	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 PSD8/P1/B  
**Spike:** Engineered test spike PSD8/SP/B  
**Stab Energies:**

Level	Blade:	Spike:
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:** Spike: 10x E1 at 0°  
 Blade: 7mm for E1 and 20mm for E2 (1x up to 30 mm perm.)  
**Measurement of penetration:** 1 penetration out of 10 strikes permitted  
 blade protruding length; width of the cut; blade into clay  
**Min distances:** 50 mm from the edges and any previous attack  
**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 PSD8/P1/A and PSD8/S1/G  
**Spike:** Engineered test spike  
**Stab Energies:**

Level	Blade:	Spike:
Level 1	E1 = 24J E2 = 36J	E1 = 24J E2 = 36J
Level 2	E1 = 30J E2 = 50J	E1 = 30J E2 = 50J
Level 3	E1 = 43J E2 = 65J	E1 = 43J E2 = 65J

**No. of attacks:** 4x E1 at 0°; 4x E2 at 0°; 4x E1 at 45°  
 with each blade and on 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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CB	Coned Bullet	HCI	Steel Hard Core, Incendary	SC	Soft Core
FC	Iron Core	JHP	Jacketed Hollow Point	SCP	Lead Soft Core With Steel Penetrator
FMJ	Full Metal Jacket	LRW	Long Rifle High Velocity	SWC	Semi-Wadcuter
FMS	Brass As Nose	LNN	Lead Round Nose	WC	Tungsten Carbide
FMSJ	Full Metal Steel Jacket	Maq	Magnum		
FN	At Nose	P	Penetrator		