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MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND PROGRAM MANAGER INFANTRY COMBAT EQUIPMENT



PLATE CARRIER

Overview: The Plate Carrier (PC) replaced the Scalable Plate Carrier (SPC) and is the USMC vest of record. The PC provides a solution to the two areas of concern with the SPC: shoulder comfort and cummerbund stability.

Features: The PC is comprised of a vest with removable soft armor panels that extend a minimum of one-half inch beyond the Enhanced Small Arms Plates Inserts (ESAPI). The PC accepts the ESAPIs and provides both direct and indirect fire protection. The total weight and associated thermal burden are minimized in the PC, thereby enhancing the individual Marine's mobility and lethality.

Components: The PC is fielded as a complete system to include a user level repair kit. Individual Components are: Cummerbund Assembly, PC Front (without soft armor), PC Rear (without soft armor), 1.5 Inch Plastic Loop, Buckle Shoulder Strap, Yib-Yab Shoulder Strap, 1.5 Inch Side Release Buckles, 1.5 Inch Tension Locks, 1.5 Inch Metal Loops, 1 Inch Plastic Loop, Cummerbund Panel, Quick Release Pull Cable, Cummerbund Adapter, PC Repair Kits, PC Spares Blocks, Side Plate Pockets, Inner Cummerbund, Removable Waist Belt, and Front and Rear Soft Armor Inserts.

Approved Acquisition Objective (AAO):

UNIT	AAO
I MEF	48,008
II MEF	43,210
III MEF	28,051
MARFORRES	39,171
MARFORCENT	646
MARFORSOC	3,057
WRMR	0
DMFA	0
SPT EST	45,638
TOTAL	207,781

Concept of Distribution: One per Individual. Item available at CSP.

Fielding Status: Fielding complete

Requirements Document: Urgent Statement of Need (USON), Change 2, dated 23 Jul 2009, ACAT IV (M) Designation, dated 15Apr 2009

Training: Coordinated through Program Manager, ICE.

Video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5czpZM3fVo4>

Manuals: One Use and Care Manual is provided with each new PC.

PM ICE Serviceability Standard:
 TM 4451-20/1 PCN 180 445100 00

Supply/Logistics:

Nomenclature: CARRIER, SMALL ARMS
 TAMCN: C00612F
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