

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Compliance Testing Program (CTP) assesses the performance of commercially available law enforcement and corrections equipment to provide the user community with confidence in knowing that their equipment has been independently evaluated or has demonstrated an ability to meet current NIJ performance standards.

Equipment testing priorities are developed based on practitioner input. Based on these priorities, two types of testing programs are administered:

1. *Standards-based compliance testing.* Products are tested in accordance with NIJ voluntary performance standards. This testing, conducted at NIJ-approved independent testing laboratories, confirms the equipment's compliance with NIJ standards. Many law enforcement and corrections agencies require compliance with NIJ standards before equipment is purchased.

Testing of this type is now being performed on:

- Ballistic-resistant body armor.
- Stab-resistant body armor.
- Metallic handcuffs.
- Semiautomatic pistols.



2. *Comparative evaluation programs.* Equipment is field tested and the test data is published, allowing users to select the product that best suits their needs and requirements.

Testing of this type is now being performed on:

- Patrol vehicles.
- NIJ/Michigan State Police (MSP) After Market Brake Pad Evaluation.
- NIJ/MSP Police Vehicle Tire Evaluation.

National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center-National publishes and disseminates test results in the following formats:

- Equipment Performance Reports (EPRs) that provide a complete list of test procedures and detailed test data.
- Compliant Product Lists (CPLs) that list all models of products tested (by manufacturer) that comply with NIJ standards.
- Selection and application guides for product selection and use.



NLECTC staff members provide technical and procurement assistance through:

- A toll-free 800 hotline.
- Specialized demonstrations or instructional presentations on request.
- User guides to assist agencies with the procurement process.

Contact the CTP

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