# How can I be sure I'm ordering compliant products?

The model designation is required to be listed on the top of the ballistic panel label. Before purchasing, ask the seller to provide the model designation. Note that a retailer may use a model marketing name for a particular product or product line. Make sure you get the model designation and find it on the NIJ Compliant Products List (CPL).



Purchasing body armor is an important task that can be made simpler if you ask the right questions and:

- Look for the NIJ Certification Mark (NIJ Mark).
- Look up the model designation on the CPL on PoliceArmor.org.

For more information, see Selection and Application Guide to Ballistic-Resistant Body Armor for Law Enforcement, Corrections and Public Safety – on PoliceArmor.org.

Check the label.

Check the CPL.

#### For More Information Contact:

Justice Technology Information Center (800) 248-2742 http://www.justnet.org

For information on all issues related to body armor, visit http://www.policearmor.org



A word of caution about body armor from the Justice Technology Information Center







Check it.

Now double check it.

## Check It Out. Then Check It Again.

When purchasing body armor, ask a couple of questions up front to ensure that you are buying quality, compliant products. Take a look at the model of armor you are considering. Does it have the NIJ Mark of Compliance on the label? Check one. ✓ Now go straight to the Compliant Product List (CPL) on PoliceArmor.org (http://www.policearmor.org) on JUSTNET.org. Is the model listed there? Check two. ✓ You are now ready to make a purchasing decision.



Ask questions. Do your research.
Buy a quality, NIJ-compliant product.
Your Life Depends on It!



### Why purchase compliant products?

Only body armor that has been submitted to the National Institute of Justice Compliance Testing Program (NIJ CTP) and has found to be compliant by NIJ, bears the NIJ Certification Mark and is included on the List. Here's how the NIJ CTP works:

- Manufacturers voluntarily submit models to be tested to ensure they meet the current standard, Ballistic-Resistance of Body Armor (NIJ Standard 0101.6), which is on PoliceArmor.org (http://www. policearmor.org).
- Models that meet the requirements of the standard and the NIJ CTP must bear the NIJ Certification Mark (more at PoliceArmor.org). Only NIJ can authorize manufacturers to use the NIJ Mark.
   NIJ intends to protect it and can take action against unauthorized use.
- Manufacturers who affix the NIJ Mark to a body armor model attest that the armor represents the same design and construction evaluated by the CTP.

 The NIJ CTP conducts a Follow-up Inspection and Testing (FIT) program to provide additional confidence that new production armor continues to perform as it did when the model was initially tested and NIJ listed.

### Is old body armor still on the market?

Armor produced after March 2017 will have the NIJ Mark on the label. Armors that comply with the 0101.06 standard and that were produced prior to March 2017 may have either the NIJ Mark or the NIJ Statement of Compliance on the label. Check to be sure that the armor

you are considering purchasing appears on the CPL. Older models that were tested to a previous standard may also still be available. These armors are NOT listed on the CPL.

