# PRODUCT USE & CARE

Adhere to the following for proper cleaning, maintenance, assembly and storage of GH Armor product. Failure to follow guidelines below may void all warranties, including but not limited to any ballistic performance warranty, and may lead to serious injury or death.



## **READY IS THE ONLY OPTION.**

Prior to duty wear, don vest and adjust straps for proper fit and coverage. Contact distributor immediately with questions or concerns. Prior to laundering carrier, remove soft armor panels, hard armor plates, and secure all straps. Body armor should never be cleaned as a complete system. Each component should be cleaned separately. The chart below serves as a quick reference quide for care of each component.

### **CLEANING: SOFT ARMOR PANELS**

- 1. Remove soft armor panels and hard armor plates from carrier. Secure straps to carrier.
- 2. Gently wipe soft armor panels with damp cloth and mixture of cool water and mild laundry detergent or antimicrobial soap.
- 3. Gently wipe excess soap with clean water using damp cloth. DO NOT SUBMERGE, EXPOSE TO EXCESS HEAT, OR BLEACH.
- 4. Lay soft armor panels flat and gently wipe dry. DO NOT HANG OR LINE DRY. DO NOT PLACE IN SUN.
- 5. Ensure panels are completely dry before re-inserting into carrier.
- 6. Panels should be re-inserted in proper orientation with "BODY SIDE" label facing toward body.
- 7. Engage internal shoulder suspension tabs to secure soft armor panels to carrier.

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- 1. Remove soft armor panels and hard armor plates from carrier.
- 2. Detach removable straps.
- 3. Hand-wash or machine-wash on gentle cycle using cool water. Hand-wash preferred method. For machine-wash, place carrier in separate laundry bag made specifically for delicate items and use mild soap.
- 4. Lay carrier flat and air dry. For machine-dry, use lowest temperature setting.
- 5. Ensure carrier is completely dry before re-inserting soft armor panels and hard armor plates.
- 6. Panels should be re-inserted in proper orientation with "BODY SIDE" label facing toward body.
- 7. Engage internal shoulder suspension tabs to secure soft armor panels to carrier.

PRODUCT	DAMP CLOTH	HAND WASH	MACHINE WASH
SOFT ARMOR PANEL	Х		
CONCEALABLE CARRIER		Х	Х
CONCEALABLE CARRIER STRAPS	Х	Х	
EXTERNAL CARRIER	Х		
SOFT TRAUMA PLATES	Х		

DO NOT dry clean soft armor panels. DO NOT commercially launder soft armor panels. DO NOT expose soft armor panels to bleach.

#### **CLEANING: EXTERNAL CARRIERS**

- 1. Remove soft armor panels, hard armor plates, removable pouches and IDs.
- 2. Detach removable straps.
- 3. Gently wipe carrier with soft, clean cloth to remove contaminants.
- 4. For tough spots, gently engage using soft brush with mixture of cool water and antimicrobial soap. Gently wipe excess soap with clean water using damp cloth.
- 5. Lay carrier flat and air dry.
- 5. Ensure carrier is completely dry before re-inserting soft armor panels and hard armor plates.
- 6. Panels should be re-inserted in proper orientation with "BODY SIDE" label facing toward body.
- 7. Engage internal shoulder suspension tabs to secure soft armor panels to carrier.

## **VEST ASSEMBLY**

Locate "BODY SIDE" label on front soft armor panel. Insert front soft armor panel in proper orientation with "BODY SIDE" label facing toward body. Repeat steps for rear soft armor panel. Engage internal shoulder suspension tabs to secure soft armor panels to carrier. Close carrier. Don vest and adjust straps for proper fit and coverage, ensuring balanced front-to-rear overlap.

Significant adjustability may be achieved through strap placement. Prior to duty wear, adjust straps for proper fit and coverage. Contact distributor immediately with questions or concerns.

Routinely inspect vest for signs of degradation. If evidence of soft armor panel, panel cover, or seam seal damage is found, contact distributor immediately for repair or replacement.

## **VEST STORAGE**

Store vest in cool, dry location. Do not store vest with prolonged exposure to excessive heat and/or humidity, which may adversely affect vest performance.

Store vest on flat surface or in orientation avioding excessive stress on carrier components, including elastic and/or hook and loop. Do not hang vest by elastic straps for extended period. Do not store vest in compressed, folded, or improper configuration.