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# Introduction

In 2021, we replaced our polycarbonate based stab resistant body armour.

Here's why: Based on our comprehensive understanding of today's most realistic and most recent operational risks and threats, polycarbonate as a raw material is simply no longer good enough for use in stab resistant body armour. Its lack of certified spike protection resulted in it simply becoming 'morally' unjustifiable.

For us, carbon fibre composites are 'the future', and the only real reliable and forward-thinking solution. It offers far superior levels of stab protection alongside substantial weight reduction and reduced thickness. With a Home Office Certification guarantee twice as long as the majority of body armours at 10 years and finally, fully certified spike protection all at an extremely competitive price.

Carbon fibre offers thoroughly field-tested and dependable protection from the vast majority of knives, machetes, razor blades, shanks and indeed spikes.

Certified spike protection is crucial, especially to correctional and prison officers, but has also become of equal importance to all homeland and private security professionals, simply due to the type of weapons appearing on the streets in recent years.

The reason why we have decided to create this 'new generation' of stab resistant body armour lies in the recent changes of today's society.

Looking especially at Western Europe and many other regions, we have to accept that religious extremism, terrorism, social deprivation, immigration and a general breakdown in society have all contributed to the increasing number of edged weapons being carried, but also the types of edged weapons actually being used.

Today we see truly evil people walking the streets, carrying 'Samurai' swords, meat cleavers and machetes with 60cm (24") long blades, brutally chopping people into pieces in rage or driven by extremism, often committing multiple homicide or mass murder in the process.

Our key objective is to supply you, the Homeland and Private Security Professional with the very best, most reliable and operationally sound body armour, effectively increasing your chance of coming home safely after work. For this reason, we say: "goodbye polycarbonate... and welcome carbon fibre."

**Robert Kaiser, Founder & CEO PPSS Group** 



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# **Covert Black**

#700130/BLK

Protective Panels:

CAST KR1 / SP1 Stab & Spike **VPAM W5 Blunt Force Trauma** 

#600101 #600102 #600103

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#### **Features and Benefits**

- · Ultra Lightweight
- Protects all the vital organs
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# Who Is This Product Suitable For?

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## **Materials**

## **Protective Panel**

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#### **Outer Cover**

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S - 3XL ('Wide' fitting also available at no additional cost)

# Weight (set of panels)

1.5kg (based on size 'Large')

#### **Care & Maintenance**

Panel easily removed to allow for machine washing of outer cover

### Colour

Black















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#700130/WHT

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### Colour

White















# **Overt Black**

#700131/BLK

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# **Care & Maintenance**

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### Colour

Black















# **Overt Navy Blue**

#700131/NVY

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### Colour

Navy Blue















# **Overt Black with Reflective Tape**

#700132/BLK

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# **Care & Maintenance**

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### Colour

Black

#### **Place of Manufacture**















# **Overt Navy Blue with Reflective Tape**

#700132/NVY

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# **Care & Maintenance**

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### Colour

Navy Blue















# **Overt Yellow with Reflective Tape**

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### **Features and Benefits**

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- Protects all the vital organs
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# **Care & Maintenance**

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### Colour

Yellow

#### **Place of Manufacture**















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### Colour

Black















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### Colour

Navy Blue















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Black

#### **Place of Manufacture**















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# **Testimonials**

# **Elite Medical & Ambulance Services Ltd**

"Currently I have two teams of 3 staff who are deployed to referrals where the risk assessment suggests that the use of a higher level of PPE would be beneficial. These are usually very high risk 135 warrants for Mental Health patients or where we are supporting colleagues from local police forces in the community or health-based places of safety.

The first thing to note, having worn a multitude of different body armours while deployed on security details over the last 2 decades is the comfort and adjustability with the PPSS range. They are light but sturdy and there isn't a huge amount of excess movement when walking, driving or physically engaging with a patient. The classic under arm sores rubbing around the chest and between the shoulder blades isn't apparent with these. Another thing that my staff comment on is that they don't get too hot wearing them, as often we will still use communicative techniques before using physical skills, which can sometimes take an hour or so. Lastly for me, from a business perspective is the look. The ambulance green just fits in so well with our standard uniform that many people think we are wearing tactical vests rather than body armour and many don't comment at all. We went for the option with front pockets which are so useful and PPSS made us matching Ambulance logos that match standard ambulance uniforms that attach to the armour by hook and loop.

All in all, they are great, and we are very happy with the equipment"

# Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

"I would like to write in and compliment the level of protection given by your current overt stab vests you supply to our security team here at MKUH.

Two weeks ago I was on duty and was called to our ED department where we had been watching over a very poorly mental health patient, this patient had smashed a porcelain plate and was holding a sharp piece in each hand I stood myself at a door to the room and made an attempt to verbally talk the patient down when he suddenly made a advance towards me stabbing at my face.

Other team members and I then made entry to the room and began to take control of the patient, during this one of his arms became free and he started stabbing ferociously at my abdomen, The team and I then managed to regain control and disarm him.

If I had not been wearing my vest, I believe the outcome would have been very different for me, and since the incident I have all confidence in the level of protection the vest gives, and we have instructed our agency staff management to supply their staff with vests recommending PPSS as their choice."

# **Peterborough Hospital (Compass Group)**

I feel that the Security team are now more recognisable, to staff, visitors, and patients within the Hospital as the blue does not conflict with other services uniforms. This will only assist these persons to be assisted in whatever is required from the Officers in a more efficient manner.



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# **Darent Valley Hospital (Compass Group)**

"When looking at hard shell PPSS stab vests they do, in my opinion, outperform the old Kevlar in areas such as stab resistance, weight, comfort and durability.

I did ask my team members to give some feedback, all agreed that it protects well against punches, absorbing most of force. As the shell is hard almost no impact is felt by the officer.

Comfortable even for prolonged periods of wear. Officers reported feeling less fatigued and restricted when comparing to old vests, which is especially beneficial during long shifts or in environments requiring constant movement (like long patrols etc.)

No incidents with direct stabbing or slashing (thankfully!) but looking at some tests done in controlled environment on the vests would appear that PPSS withstand those very well. Whole old Kevlar vests were optimized for ballistic protection in mind PPSS focused on direct stabbing and punching protection.

Also, all agreed vets are very light weight compared to Kevlar ones."

### **Sodexo**

"PPSS provide a bespoke service at a very competitive price, they were very engaging and listened to our needs, even designing the cover to include 'Guard tour' pipe pocket, body worn video bracket, extra zipped pockets for gloves and extra radio loops."

# **University of Bristol**

"The Security department have worked alongside PPSS to ensure our teams are equipped with body armour that is both attractive and suitable for all our Officers. PPSS have been great partners in helping to deliver the right products, on time and to the required standard."

# **Enforcement Bailiffs Ltd**

I would like to recommend PPSS Stab Resistant Vests to all County Court Bailiffs and High Court Enforcement Officers due to the exceptional levels of protection from edged weapons, hypodermic needles, but more importantly from blunt force trauma.

# **RONIN South Africa**

We strongly recommend this product line in our academy and have no hesitation in recommending it to any professional in need of low profile, yet highly effective, covert body armor. We are available to any party for further clarification regarding our experiences of this product.



**Bespoke Stab Vests Available** 

Customise your protection with our stab vests available in various colours, two-tone designs and optional logo embroidery to suit your style and branding needs.







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