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# Protection Levels Explained

NIJ Levels

Prior to Testing

The Test

NATO STANAG 2920

When testing handgun and submachine gun ammunition each soft armour panel or plate is shot 6 times from a distance of only 5 metres (The approximate distance from the front of a short wheelbase van to the back). Not all of the shots are straight on at least 2 shots are fired at the armour from a 30-45 Degree angle.

When testing Rifle ammunition each armour panel or plate is shot 6 times from a distance of 15m (Approximately the length of an articulated Lorry including trailer) again not all of the shots are straight on at least 2 shots are fired at the armour from a 30-45 Degree angle.



**The pictures above are taken during the testing phase of both soft Armour Panels and Hard Armour Plates**



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