

Certification Logo on Approved Gear



A PEO Soldier Certification Logo is designed to help Soldiers and their commanders identify clothing and equipment that meet the Army's high standards for safety, performance and durability.

The logo will initially be used to identify approved flame-resistant (FR) gloves as well as flashlights. Additional items will be added. Depending on the product, the logo will either be incorporated into a tag or branded directly onto the equipment.

Soldiers who choose to purchase their own FR gloves or flashlights should be aware that not all products labeled by manufacturers as Army-approved have actually been certified for military use. Only equipment with this official logo meets Army standards, and manufacturers must submit their products for testing by the Army before receiving permission to use the logo. PEO Soldier has numerous checks in place to ensure that products are reviewed periodically so that a high standard is maintained and that compliance with requirements is not compromised. Fraudulent use of the logo could result in punitive actions including debarment from future contracts.

The logo is the latest PEO Soldier initiative to ensure that Soldiers are not misled into purchasing knock-off items that may not provide adequate protection or performance. The logo will be readily visible so that leaders can quickly confirm that their Soldiers are wearing appropriate gear before they enter the combat environment.

Flame-Resistant (FR) Gloves:

Wearing authorized FR gloves has been proven to reduce burns. The logo is an extension of an initiative to develop the approved product list (APL) for combat gloves. FR combat gloves are provided to all Soldiers before they deploy, but PEO Soldier has acknowledged that there is a wide range of personal preferences when it comes to fit and style and that Soldiers often want to buy their own gloves. The APL provides information on products that meet individual needs regarding mission and price.

The APL for gloves is available at www.peosoldier.army.mil/docs/FRCombatGlove.pdf. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service/Military Clothing Sales Stores also provide the lists.

Family of Flashlights (FoF):

The focus of the FoF is to provide an increased illumination capability that is highly effective and more reliable than previous illuminators. The FoF will fill a current capability gap by providing lighter, more versatile and more durable multifunctional lights that feature increased range and better power management.

The FoF began as a Soldier Enhancement Program (SEP) initiative in 2005. The FoF will improve the Soldier's ability to illuminate the battlefield and perform a myriad of duties, including reading maps, performing first aid and maintenance duties, navigating terrain, signaling, conducting searches, and identifying targets. The variants of the FoF will considerably enhance the Soldiers' tactical advantage, survivability, and mobility.



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