

BRISTOL FIRE FIGHTING SUIT

USER INFORMATION



AS/NZS 4967:2009



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This protective clothing is intended to be worn whilst engaged in interior attack, structural firefighting and associated activities where there is a risk of exposure to heat and /or flame.

Limitations on use

This garment may not provide protection for proximity or fire entry applications or protection against other hazards e.g. chemical, biological, radiation and electrical hazards.

Alternative clothing should be considered for use in long term firefighting operations in high ambient temperature, e.g. brush, wildland, or forest firefighting.

Please note the following warnings

- **Heat Stress** - overexertion in hot conditions while wearing AS4967 compliant garments may lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Symptoms felt by wearer may be weakness, dizziness, rapid pulse, low blood pressure and headaches.
- In the event of the garment being accidentally splashed by chemicals or flammable liquids, the wearer should immediately withdraw the garment after such an incident. The garment should then be cleaned or withdrawn from service.
- The wearer of this garment must carry out regular inspections to detect obvious damage and deterioration. Whenever a potential problem is detected the garment should be inspected by a trained and competent person, which includes a service provider such as Bristol Uniforms.
- Deficiencies in the thermal protection may be felt through feeling heat more quickly or more easily than before. Getting wet from rain or hose leaks may indicate deficiencies in the moisture barrier.
- Damaged garments, incorrectly fitted garments and heavily soiled garments can present a potential risk to the wearer

FITTING

When fitting the overtrouser the brace straps should be over the shoulders and adjusted so the trousers are snug at the waist. If side adjusters are fitted these should be pulled to achieve a comfortable fit.

When fitting the fire coat pull the coat onto the body and secure hands to the wristlet using the thumbloop or thumbhole provided. Fit anti-flash hood over head with the bib under the coat then engage the front fastenings securely up to the neck and close throat tab.

Always remove garments when safely removed from the hazard area. Open the front of the coat to ventilate the body as quickly as possible in order to cool down. Remove compatible PPE first before the coat and boots.

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APPLICATION

This garment must be worn as a suit i.e. fire coat and overtrouser to comply with AS4967. The body areas covered by the clothing are the upper and lower body including the neck, arms to the wrists and legs to the ankles. Parts of the body not covered by this clothing must be fully protected with compatible PPE i.e. boots, gloves, helmets and anti-flash hoods to avoid injury.

MATERIALS

The main materials used in this garment are inherently flame resistant. Prior to testing to AS4967:2019, where pre-treatment is required; the materials were subject to 5 wash/dry cycles. This number of cycles does not relate directly to the life expectancy. Continued fitness for purpose is dependent on inspection and maintenance in accordance with EC Directive 89/656/EEC

CLEANING



To ensure long-term performance, a maximum 60°C reduced action wash in a computer controlled programmable industrial machine is recommended.

Use only near neutral, non-ionic detergent. Close all zips and fasteners before washing to protect against damage.

Not suitable for domestic tumble drying, air dry only.

Suitable for temperature controlled commercial tumble dry at 60°C to partially dry, then air dry. Garments should be tumble/air dried lining side out.

Decontamination of garments should only be carried out by trained experts or Bristol Uniforms Ltd. The garments should be bagged securely when transported to prevent cross contamination.

Repairs should only be carried out by Bristol Uniforms Ltd or an approved repairer

STORAGE

Garments should be stored in a dry place and after use must be dried before placing back in storage.

Whenever possible store away from direct sunlight, as this can degrade the colour, also away from any direct fume sources.