

CHECKLIST TO CLEAR CIF OCIE

The key to clearing CIF the first time is to make sure your OCIE is clean, spot painted where needed and all markings are removed. Our goal is to have your clearance complete in one visit, **but you must do your part.** The following items have been found to be the most difficult to clear the first time. A recommended solution is provided.

Barracks bag: Dirty, Name/Markings on Bag. **Please do not place any marking on the Barracks Bag.**

Carrier, entrenching tool: Wash in warm soapy water inside and out, using a soft brush or green pad to remove black marks or rust spots.

Chemical Suit (top or bottom): Remove any tape from the garment before washing in warm soapy water. Air dry. If garment is still sticky where tape is removed, dust with talcum powder to remove tackiness.

Coverall, Mechanic's: When oil and grease is heavy, use a degreaser on the areas and wash in hot soapy water several times to remove. Air dry. Garments that are diesel soaked that cannot be removed may need a damage statement. Permanent stains are acceptable as long as items are clean. (*Hint: If you rub a stained area with a piece of paper and the paper comes out dirty it will **not** pass inspection*).

Duffle Bags: Wash item using warm soapy water and a soft brush to loosen dirt. Air dry. Must have no marking, spray paint bottom TAN color and sides OD Green Color

Helmet (ACH): Remove chin strap completely leaving the buckles intact. The Pads Suspension dispose item and clean Helmet with warm soapy water and a soft brush. Wipe helmet inside and out to ensure cleanliness. **PLEASE DO NOT SPOT PAINT THE HELMET.**

Bracket Level: *Must be clean, spray painted either Black or tan.*

Field Pack: *Take completely apart and wash with warm soapy water and a soft brush paying close attention to seam areas where dirt tends to collect. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residues. **Please do not place any marking on the Field Pack.***

Web Gear (All): Wash in warm soapy water, scrubbing with a soft brush. Putting these items in a washer does not clean most items properly. Pay attention to seams, folds, and crevasses where dirt tends to collect. Clean inside ammo pouches to remove black marks. Air dry. **DO NOT MACHINE WASH OR DRY.**

Jacket, Flyers (CVC): Wash using warm soapy water paying attention to rings around collar and cuffs. These areas may need to be scrubbed with a soft brush to remove dirt and oils not removed in regular laundering.

Parka/trousers, Wet Weather: Wash item inside and out using warm soapy water and a soft brush. Wipe dry with a cloth. **CAUTION: NEVER MACHINE WASH OR DRY!**

Entrenching Tool: Clean and spot paint using flat black paint.

Overshoes: Wash using warm soapy water and a soft brush. Remove all black marks from the inside and outside of boots. **DO NOT USE PAINT ON OVERSHOES.**

Mat, Sleeping: Scrub mat using warm soapy water and a soft brush or green pad. Air dry.

Liner, Coat: Wash in Warm soapy water and a soft brush, paying attention to collar and cuffs for dirt build up. Rinse and air dry.

Suspenders, Quick release: Clean in warm soapy water using a soft brush to loosen dirt. Air dry.

Canteen, Plastic: Clean with warm soapy water paying particular attention to the area around the neck where dirt can build up in the crevasses. The use of a soft brush or green pad will be of help in this area. Remove black marks and ensure the inside is dry to prevent mold and mildew.

Cup, Canteen: Wash in warm soapy water using a soft brush or green pad to remove rust or black marks.

Cover, Helmet: Remove rank and wash in warm soapy water. Air dry.

Bag, waterproof: Wash using warm soapy water and a soft brush or green pad inside and out. Air dry.

Poncho, Wet Weather: Wash with warm soapy water and a soft brush or cloth. Air dry. **DO NOT MACHINE WASH OR DRY!**

Parka, Gortex: Prewash item using warm soapy water and a soft brush paying attention to the areas around the inside of the hood, collar and around cuffs where dirt and oils seem to build up. Wash item in cold water using a mild soap. Air Dry. **DO NOT MACHINE DRY.**

NEW SLEEPING BAG SYSTEM:

Sleeping Bag (black or green): Bag may be laundered in a standard commercial washer using cold water. Wash temperature should not exceed 140 degrees F. Drying will be on the lowest setting with the temperature not to exceed 160 degrees F. Bivy Cover (CAMMO/Gortex): Cover may be laundered using a standard commercial washing machine on cold water not to exceed 100 degrees F, and tumble dry using the lowest temperature setting not to exceed 100 degrees F.

Helmet, Flyers: Helmet must be clean and inspected by school trained ALSE personnel who are on a valid signature card on file at the special gear area. Helmet must have a valid Yellow or Red Tag (DD Form 1577). All Helmets with red Tags (unserviceable) must also be accompanied by a damage statement. Helmets that have a tag over 30 days old will not be accepted. **NO HELMETS WITH GREEN TAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

IOTV and Plate Carrier: Remove loose dirt from the outer shell with a cloth or soft bristle brush. Do not machine wash or dry vest. Machine washing /drying will damage or destroy the IOTV and Plate Carrier. Hand-wash IOTV and Plate Carrier outer shell and component carriers only in cold water or warm water, using a mild detergent or soap. Do not use chlorine bleach, caustic cleaners, yellow soap, cleaning fluids, or solvents. These will cause discoloration and deterioration. Remove ballistics inserts and the hard armor plates from the IOTV and Plate Carrier and the component carriers. Soft ballistics inserts are to be cleaned only by removing loose dirt from the surface with a cloth or soft bristle brush. Do not bleach, machine wash, or dry clean. If the ballistics inserts become wet, lay flat and allow to air dry away from heat sources and direct sunlight. Rinse the outer shell and component carries thoroughly in clean warm water. Air dry indoors or in shade, away from direct sunlight and heat sources.