

Updated NIJ Levels



- NIJ protection level nomenclature was revised to be more descriptive of threats and to reduce confusion
- New standards address three types of armor
 - Soft armor
 - Stand-alone hard armor (plates)
 - Hard armor paired (in conjunction with – “ICW”) with specific model of soft armor



OLD NIJ Level	New NIJ Equivalent	
NIJ Level II	NIJ HG1	HG = Handgun threats (Soft Armor)
NIJ Level IIIA	NIJ HG3	
NIJ Level III	NIJ RF1	RF = Rifle threats (Hard Armor)
	*NIJ RF2 (RF1+)	
NIJ Level IV	NIJ RF3	