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DuPont Launches Kevlar® XP™ for Hard Armor Applications
New Innovation Builds on DuPont Science to Protect People

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 21, 2010 — DuPont has launched Kevlar® XP™ for Hard Armor to provide extra protection and extra performance in ballistic applications. The product is initially targeted for military and police helmets, and tactical plates used in ballistic protective vests.

An Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH) used by the U.S. military today can weigh almost four pounds. DuPont™ Kevlar® XP™ for Hard Armor provides a half pound (0.5 lb.) reduction in weight, which is vital to operating in stressful physical environments where moving quickly and efficiently is critical to protecting soldiers and marines.

For other helmet and tactical plate designs, Kevlar® XP™ for Hard Armor can offer 20 percent higher ballistic performance and increased protection, without sacrificing other performance requirements.

“DuPont is committed to protecting people around the world through science-based innovations. One of our goals is to provide the U.S. military with new products that provide significantly better protection for soldiers so they can more effectively complete their missions,” said [Thomas G. Powell](#), president — [DuPont Protection Technologies](#). “The U.S. military was looking for a lighter weight helmet option and DuPont developed this new product in less than a year. Using our integrated science and more than 40 years of experience, we were able to offer a solution that not only addresses the military’s needs to ‘lighten the load,’ but also to better protect the lives of those who protect us.”

Developed under the Kevlar® XP™ platform, the increased ballistic protection offered by Kevlar® XP™ for Hard Armor makes the new system usable in a variety of ballistic applications, including but not limited to military, law enforcement and homeland security segments. The new product was developed at DuPont’s Armor Technology Center in Wilmington, Del. This facility leverages DuPont’s integrated science capability, focusing on the latest innovations in life protection technologies to design, produce and test prototypes of helmets and composite panels for helmet and vehicle armor applications.

Kevlar® fiber has been a critical component of providing protection for the military in helmets, vests and vehicle armor for more than 30 years, and is widely used in the Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH) worn by U.S. troops today.

The patent-pending Kevlar® XP™ for Hard Armor is a combination of DuPont™ Kevlar® KM2 Plus fiber and a new thermoplastic resin that creates an entire matrix system, improving

upon the original Kevlar® technology. Kevlar® KM2 Plus, a precursor to Kevlar® XP™ for hard armor, will be produced at DuPont's new \$500 million Kevlar® facility currently under construction near Charleston, S.C. The site, which is expected to be fully operational by the beginning of 2012, will produce Kevlar® fibers for the military, law enforcement and other industrial applications, and will help increase worldwide production of Kevlar® by 25 percent.

This launch reflects DuPont's commitment to protecting people and the environment through innovative protective apparel, building materials, safety training and environmentally sensitive and sustainable solutions.

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