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The first edition of NIST Handbook 150-24, which presents the technical requirements and guidance for the accreditation of laboratories under the NVLAP Personal Body Armor laboratory accreditation program (LAP), has been released.

The handbook sets out procedures, technical requirements and guidance for accreditation of Personal Body Armor testing laboratories. It supplements the procedures and general requirements found in NIST Handbook 150, *NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements*.

The scope of the Personal Body Armor LAP is the set of test methods contained in National Institute of Justice Standards 0101.04, 0101.06, and 0115.00, and other appropriate methods requested by the National Institute of Justice.

The handbook is available for downloading (PDF format) from the Program-Specific Handbooks page of the NVLAP web site <<http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>>. If you do not have Internet access, please contact NVLAP and specify whether you would like a paper copy of the handbook mailed to you or a PDF version e-mailed to you.

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