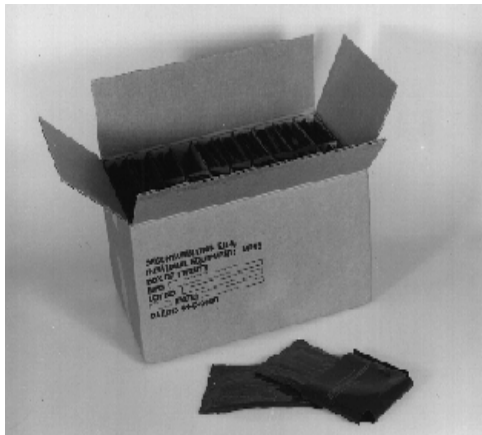


Decontamination Kit, Individual Equipment: M295

Description: The M295 was developed to replace the M280 Decontamination Kit, Individual Equipment, which is no longer being procured. The M295 allows soldiers to decontaminate their individual equipment through physical removal and sorption of chemical agents.



The M295 consists of a pouch containing four individual wipe-down mitts; each enclosed in a soft, protective packet. The packet is designed to fit comfortably within a pocket of the battle dress overgarment. Each individual wipe-down mitt in the kit is comprised of a decontaminating powder contained within a pad material and a polyethylene film backing. In use, powder from the mitt is allowed to flow freely through the pad material. Decontamination is accomplished through sorption of contamination by both the pad and the decontaminating powder. The M295 is issued in boxes of 20 kits.

Key Requirements:

- Decontaminate chemical-biological protective mask/hood, gloves, footwear, weapon, helmet, and load bearing equipment.
- Preclude agent transfer during MOPP Gear exchange and entry or exit procedures.
- Reduce the amount of agent a soldier touches and minimize the agent penetration into surfaces of their individual equipment.
- Have a squad container that is capable of being decontaminated, is weatherproof, and may be stored inside or outside tactical vehicles.

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