

Just the Facts... **Wearing Army Combat Boots in Cold Weather**

The Army Combat Uniform (ACU) shirt, jacket and pants have the same insulation properties as the Battle Dress Uniform so guidance for its wear is the same.

Boots currently authorized for wear are:

ARMY COMBAT BOOT (HOT WEATHER) [NSN series 8430-01-514-4935]



The ACB (HW) is constructed from tan-colored water resistant/breathable, flesh side out cattlehide leather and nylon uppers. It contains a combination speed lace and eyelet lacing system, drainage eyelets for water removal, a padded comfort collar and a non-marking, oil & flame resistant, shock attenuating soling system for durability and injury reduction.

The ACB (HW) is an unacceptable choice for personnel exposed to the cold for any period of time.

ARMY COMBAT BOOT (TEMPERATE WEATHER) [NSN series 8430-01-516-1506]



The ACB (TW) is constructed from tan-colored water resistant/breathable tan flesh side out cattlehide leather and Cordura nylon uppers. It contains a waterproof-breathable membrane package with durable wicking fabric inner lining, a combination speed lace and eyelet lacing system, a leather comfort collar w/ leather pull tab for ease of donning, and a non-marking, oil & flame resistant, shock attenuating soling system for durability and injury reduction. The ACB (TW) contains integrated flame and conductive heat resistance features and is currently authorized for US Army flight and Combat Vehicle Crewman use.

The ACB (TW) is acceptable until the temperature drops below 32° F.

INTERMEDIATE COLD-WET BOOT (ICWB) with REMOVABLE LINER - TAN [NSN series 8430-01-527-8274]



The tan Intermediate Cold-Wet Boot with Removable Liner (ICWB) is made of waterproof, breathable leather and has removable liners. The tan ICWB is similar to the black ICWB and has the same temperature specifications (14°F to 68°F). It is designed for use in cold, wet weather environments.

The tan ICWB is currently available for requisition from DSCP and will be issued concurrently with the black ICWB until stocks of that item have been depleted. Stock is currently being transitioned from black to tan color. During this transition, tan ICWB may not be available. **A TEMPORARY EXCEPTION IS APPROVED TO ALLOW SOLDIERS TO WEAR THE BLACK ICWB WITH ACU IN CLIMATIC ZONES III THROUGH VII (KOREA, USAREUR, USARPAC, AND OCONUS - FORTS MCCOY, DRUM, LEWIS, LEAVENWORTH, CARSON, RILEY, STEWART, ETC.), BEGINNING NOV 06 THRU APR 07.**

The **ACB (HW), ACB (TW) and ICWB** are all constructed from tan-colored, flesh side out cattlehide leather. The nylon quarter side panels are as strong as leather and will last if cared for properly. To clean your Combat Boots, brush with stiff nylon bristle brush to clean and then use warm water. Do not use soap to clean your boots. If additional, more stringent cleaning is necessary, only water-soluble cleaning products should be used as oil- or alcohol-based cleaning products will damage your boots. Do not apply polish or waterproofing products to your flesh-side out tan boots as doing so will ruin the natural properties of the leather, make your boots less breathable and increase drying time.

No steel-toed boots are to be worn in cold weather.

EXTREME COLD WEATHER BOOT (ECWB) [NSN series 8430-00-655-5535]



The Extreme Cold Weather boot (ECWB) is constructed with insulation consisting of three layers of needle punched polyester foam hermetically sealed within an outer and inner layer of rubber. The boot is provided with a pressure release valve to adjust internal air pressure in the boot during high altitude operations.

When the temperature is 14°F to -60°F, ECWB boots should be worn.

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