Morning Pride® VIPER Turnout Gear

Ergonomically Engineered for Maximum Mobility

by Honeywell
WHEN WE SET OUT TO CREATE THE NEW GENERATION OF TURNOUT GEAR, OUR DESIGNERS SEARCHED THE GLOBAL GARMENT INDUSTRY FOR IDEAS THAT COULD SOLVE A KEY DESIGN PROBLEM: HOW TO MAKE GEAR THAT DELIVERS COMFORT AND MOBILITY WITHOUT ADDING WEIGHT OR BULK.

WE FOUND THE ANSWER IN SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, AND OTHER HIGH-PERFORMANCE SPORTS WHERE THE LIMITS OF MOBILITY ARE PUSHED TO THE EXTREME.
MORNING PRIDE® VIPER WAS BORN: USING ADVANCED PATTERN ENGINEERING TO IMPROVE ERGONOMICS, WE WERE ABLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE FABRIC BULK WHILE MAXIMIZING MOBILITY AND THERMAL INSULATION.
Tasks such as search and rescue of victims, climbing ladders and stairs, and charging a hose, when performed in full fire-fighting protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus, can have an energy cost corresponding to 80%–100% of a firefighter's VO2max.

SIX different types of movement at the shoulder joint are used when operating the hose: flexion, extension, abduction, adduction, rotation, circumduction.

11 muscles produce the following FOUR knee joint movements during running and climbing activities: flexion, extension, lateral rotation, medial rotation.

STEP 1
UNDERSTAND THE BIOMECHANICS OF MOVEMENT

Honeywell designers analyzed human movement as a mechanical system, developing a framework to document and understand the range of bodily movement most commonly employed by firefighters. Climbing, crawling, ventilating a roof, or pulling hose all entail specific patterns of movement and muscle utilization. Understanding how a firefighter moves was the first step to creating a new type of turnout gear.

The restriction of movement caused by added bulk alters the mechanics of gait and the efficiency of movement of the body's joints, resulting in a hobbling or binding effect.

In extreme sporting activity, cooling of the body often occurs prior to the event, but in firefighting this is not really possible or practical due to the unexpected demands of the role.

THE EVOLUTION
STEP 2

OPTIMIZE GARMENT ENGINEERING

Optimizing the complex interface of the firefighter, the garment, and the environment meant rethinking the way turnout gear is engineered. Traditional pattern designs were proven to be less than ideal in meeting these demands. So Honeywell design teams invented a new pattern-engineering platform that delivers superior performance across all three aspects of the firefighter/garment/environment matrix. Morning Pride® VIPER’s unique 5-panel construction is just one result of this kind of thinking.

In a thermal-neutral environment, the use of personal equipment weighing 25 kg increases cardiovascular strain by 20%-30%.

STEP 3

DEVELOP FEATURE FUNCTIONALITY

Building on the core pattern-engineering platform, Honeywell designers then developed an array of functional features to meet the demanding requirements of today’s firefighters. VIPER’s unique T-Closer™ system, Sidewinder™ coat pockets, In-collar DRD™, and I-Tech insertable knee system are all firefighter-tested features that complete the VIPER turnout gear system.
Available Coat and Pant Closure Systems
All paired with hook and loop
- Zipper under flap
- Hooks and dees outside flap
- Hooks and dees inside flap

Viper AT A GLANCE

Unique Ergonomic Shoulder and Underarm Design
Increases venting
Eliminates the gusset for less bunching under the arm, increasing comfort
Minimizes coat rise

Sidewinder™ Coat Pockets
Many other pocket types available as options – all sewn below the waist to avoid overlap with SCBA straps (graded size) (patent pending)

Side Adjustment Pull-tabs in Tough and Durable Nomex® Webbing
Waist adjustment of 4” to 6” provides a better, tailored fit

Full-bellows Pockets (10” x 10”)
For large capacity

Kevlar® Reinforced Pockets
Maximized durability

Ergonomic Legs
2 front panels divided at the knee
The lower front panel is convex at the knee for better mobility and fit in all positions

Choice of Knee and Cuff Reinforcements
Matching your specification needs

Integrated Collar and Storm Flap T-Closer™
Eliminates the gap found in so many other throat strap and collar designs (patented)

Bar-tack Reinforced Stress Points
For enhanced durability

SteamGard™ Wrist Trim
Helps reduce the risk of compression burns and complies with the new SET requirement of NFPA 1971

Lo-rise Front, Hi-rise Back Pant
Maximizes mobility and flexibility

Oversize Knee Reinforcements
Cover the knee both standing and kneeling

Neoprene-lined Anti-wicking Pant Bottoms
Protect against water wicking up

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Ergonomic Athletic Design and Advanced Pattern Engineering: Mobility at Its Best...

One of the most critical components of turnout gear is mobility. This is particularly important in areas of the body where bending and twisting occur – typically the mid-torso, arms, and legs. Morning Pride® VIPER’s unique five-panel and ten-panel designs mimic the human shape and conform to the body’s anatomical movements. This is key to an ergonomic fit without bulk and excess fabric.

Another method of manufacture is to use single-piece patterning for the inner two layers, essentially limiting the ergonomics and performance of the gear.

Extending the five-panel and ten-panel designs through the outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal liner ensures that all the ergonomic pattern features of the coat and pant are implemented throughout all layers of the garment.

What does this mean for you?
- Increased mobility and performance
- Improved reach, stride, and comfort
- Eliminated binding and constriction
- Reduced fatigue

...because all layers of the garment work as a system.
The patented T-Closer™ system was invented to counter a common problem: neck exposure due to improper closure of the coat. Morning Pride® VIPER’s progressive design integrates the storm flap and throat strap into one uninterrupted piece. This eliminates gaps in the critical neck area and offers secure, single-action closure for fast donning and doffing.

New Alternative Chinstraps

- Comfort Chinstrap
- Comfort T-Closure
- Stormflap/Chinstrap
Designed to aid in the rescue of an incapacitated or injured wearer, the Drag Rescue Device (DRD) is a critical safety component of any turnout jacket. Morning Pride® VIPER offers the only in-collar DRD on the market. This proprietary design places the DRD access port in the collar instead of further down the back of the jacket, ensuring clear visibility and easy access—even when the downed firefighter wears a breathing apparatus.

Gaps between the outer shell and inner liner can leave a firefighter with only one layer of protection, exposing the wearer to an increased risk of thermal injury.

Morning Pride® VIPER utilizes an engineered zipper system to attach the outer shell to the moisture barrier and thermal liner, completely eliminating the risk of gaps between the outer shell and the thermal liner frequently found in snap-in liner systems.

ZIP-IN LINER FEATURES

- Eliminates gaps in thermal protection
- Prevents detachment of liner
- Easily removed for washing or decontamination
- Liner overlap design delivers enhanced comfort

IN-COLLAR DRD FEATURES

- Reflective lettering for high visibility in low light conditions
- Flexible Kevlar® webbing for strength and comfort
- Unique, non-removable design prevents loss and improper installation
- Performance exceeds NFPA 1971

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INNOVATIVE STANDARD FEATURES
TAKING MORNING PRIDE® VIPER TO THE NEXT LEVEL

The most popular and sought after Morning Pride® TAILS™ high-performance options now available on Morning Pride® VIPER

- Dead Air Panels
- Comfort Chinstrap
- Articulating DRD
- Hybrid Wristlet
- Dyna-Fit Suspenders
- Angled Cuffs
- Heat-channel Knee
- BiFlex Heat-channel Knee
- 3D BiFlex Heat-channel Knee
Using X-9 engineered thermal padding, dead air panels, found only in Morning Pride® garments, increases conductive compressive heat resistance (CCHR) in critical areas significantly higher the NFPA standard. No other system combines such results with a lightweight, highly vapor-permeable design, and low cost found in Morning Pride® dead air panels.

**TES™ (Thermal Enhancement System) Creates Extra Thermal Protection Without Adding Excess Bulk**

TES™ (thermal enhancement system) design dramatically increases TPP (thermal protective performance) with no significant impact on THL (total heat loss). This means extra protection without added bulk.

TES™ consists of a layer of Nomex® mesh engineered into the garment design on the upper torso and arms – all areas typically exposed to compression and the highest thermal load.

**TES™ Advantages**
- Superior protection of the entire upper torso and arms when compared to other thermal enhancement systems
- Increased thermal protection with no significant impact on THL

**Increase of TPP** 20 pts
The Morning Pride® patented Articulating Drag Rescue Device is unlike any other DRD on the market.

The articulating nature of this design means that both underarms are engaged when the rescuer must pull from an angle. In contrast, non-articulating designs will only pull on both underarm areas if the rescuer can make a straight pull. Engaging both sides of the downed firefighter should help minimize the chance of pulling the coat off or failing to gain effective leverage on the victim.

The hybrid wristlet helps create additional comfort for the firefighter and will not get in the way of movement. This wristlet is attached to the waterwell that is then attached to the outer shell.

Thanks to this design exclusive to Morning Pride® VIPER gear, you won’t have to worry about contaminated water running down your sleeves from your waterwells when you raise your arms. You stay safe and dry!
Dyna-Fit “Rig-friendly”
Removable
Suspenders Hold
Pants Securely

These patented suspenders have no mid-back hardware and comfortably stay in place because of an interplay of the suspender loops. They feature rig-friendly snap attachments (instead of buttons) preventing suspender rotation when the pants are being donned.

Angled Cuffs Improve
Durability

Angled cuffs feature a cutout above the heel, eliminating extra fabric bulk. This improves your movement by decreasing the chance of stepping on or tripping over excess material.

Because the rear cuffs of bunker pants are often the first areas to wear, and this can challenge the integrity of the entire garment, the angled cuffs help lengthen the garment's lifespan.

I-Tech Insertable Knee System
Provides Maximized
Thermal Knee Protection

Knees are often compressed and in direct contact with water. A break in the barrier system or moisture can result in increased risk of steam burn. The Morning Pride® VIPER I-Tech insertable knee system greatly reduces this risk with removable inserts made of a highly flexible, flame-resistant elastomeric compound positioned in a proprietary pocket system. The result is enhanced protection and comfort with reduced risk of steam burn.

I-Tech Advantages
- Enhanced thermal protection
- Improved comfort
- Removable, inexpensive, and easily inspected
- Flexible, with excellent structural memory
- UL component certified to NFPA 1971
The BiFlex Heat-channel Knee utilizes additional lateral panels for even greater flexibility, maximizing comfort and protection with unparalleled conductive and compressive heat resistance (CCHR). It provides five layers of protection in the primary kneeling area and reduced layering for less centered areas.

With a combination of concave and convex seams, the 3D BiFlex Heat-channel Knee creates a three-dimensional shape that enhances mobility while making room for removable knee pads. This knee allows fire departments to provide varying levels of protection that are job specific. Waterproof knee pads are available in aramid and moisture barrier or ¼” silicone foam padding (patent pending).

Enhanced thermal protection in the knee area is critical. The proprietary Heat-channel Knee offers three to four times the NFPA minimum level requirement, providing you with maximized thermal and compressive protection, while the unique flexible design offers added comfort and mobility.
A common problem with traditional bellows or full-bellows pockets is the access restriction when an SCBA is worn: the SCBA straps often overlap with the pocket.

Our engineering teams have virtually eliminated the problem by developing an innovative pocket design and rethinking its location. The proprietary Sidewinder™ pocket follows the seam of the garment, and its location was moved from the front to the side of the coat.

In addition to making the pockets accessible while wearing an SCBA, we have graded pocket size, allowing it to expand based on the coat size, from 11” all the way up to 19” wide, giving you maximum capacity.*

*Sidewinder™ pocket available in regular, semi-bellows, and full-bellows.
HIGH-PERFORMANCE
OPTIONAL FEATURES
LIFE GRIP™ LADDER/ESCAPE BELT
Functional and fully adjustable escape belt
• Built-in two-inch increments for all even-waist-size bunker pants
• The most economical yet fully featured ladder/escape belt
• Separate sliding D-ring for bailout system pre-connect
• Use with integrated pant adaptation or simple belt loops
• Optional tether stows at waist for use with ladder hook

PATRIOT™ HARNESS
Integrated Class II safety and rescue harness
• Built-in two-inch increments for even waist sizes 32-inch and above
• Compatible with internal or external leg loop configurations
• Integrated pant also accepts Patriot Harness and Life Grip Belt
• Separate sliding D-ring for bailout system pre-connect
• Optional tether stows at waist for use with ladder hook

SPIDER™ HARNESS
Integrated Class II safety and rescue harness with A-frame
• Built-in two-inch increments for even waist sizes 32-inch and above
• Compatible with internal or external leg loop configurations
• Integrated pant also accepts Spider Harness and Life Grip Belt
• Extra stable A-frame stows on waist belt for bailout and ladder work
• Separate sliding D-ring on the A-frame for bailout system pre-connect

LIFE GRIP™ LADDER/ESCAPE BELT
Functional and fully adjustable escape belt
• Built-in two-inch increments for all even-waist-size bunker pants
• The most economical yet fully featured ladder/escape belt
• Separate sliding D-ring for bailout system pre-connect
• Use with integrated pant adaptation or simple belt loops
• Optional tether stows at waist for use with ladder hook

CERTIFIED BELTS AND HARNESSES
UL classified to NFPA 1983, current edition
Components UL classified to NFPA 1971, current edition
INTEGRATED HARNESS PANT SYSTEM

Parallel engineered for seamless compatibility
Constructed of 100% DuPont Kevlar® webbing and thread

PANT WITH EXTERNAL LOOPS

Leg Loop Tension Adjuster
Four Breakaway Velcro® Tabs Front and Back
Leg Loop Tension Adjustment Tab
Sliding D-ring to Attach Tether
Sliding D-ring to Attach Escape System
Leg Loops

Easy to inspect, remove, and install
(Patriot Harness shown)

PANT WITH INTERNAL LOOPS

Four Breakaway Velcro® Tabs Front and Back
Leg Loop Tension Adjustment Tab
Sliding D-ring to Attach Tether
Pass-through Slot Backed Up with Outer Shell

Protected from UV and abrasion
(Patriot Harness shown)

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Carabiner not included.
DESIGNED TO WORK IN UNISON

Intuitive Leg Adjustments
- Just grab and pull to tighten
- Thumb the adjuster hardware to loosen (internal or external)

Integrated Closure
- Simply zip and clip
- Harness closure and pant closure become one
- Donning and doffing are almost unaffected, requiring a short learning curve

Built-in Spider™ Harness A-frame
- Optional ladder hook stows in A-frame when not in use
- Separate sliding D-ring for escape system pre-connect

ALL LEG LOOPS, CLOSURES AND A-FRAMES ARE INTUITIVELY ADJUSTABLE

ALL HARDWARE IS IN HOT-FORGED ALLOY STEEL FOR COMPLETE SAFETY
Morning Pride® VIPER Proximity Gear

Morning Pride® VIPER Proximity Gear is designed to provide added protection from high levels of radiant heat associated with flammable liquid fires. Its unique ergonomic design combines the advanced VIPER fit, maximized protection, comfort, and mobility.

- Unique Ergonomic Shoulder and Underarm Design
  - Eliminates the gusset for less bunching under the arm, increasing comfort and minimizes coat rise

- Sidewinder Coat Pockets™ (graded size) (patent pending)
  - Many other pocket types available as options – all sewn below the waist to avoid overlap with SCBA straps

- Side Adjustment Pull-tabs in Tough and Durable NOMEX® Webbing
  - Waist adjustment of 4” to 6” provides a better, tailored fit

- Full-bellows Pockets (10” x 10”)
  - For large content capacity

- Ergonomic Leg
  - Two front panels divided at the knee. The lower front panel is convex at the knee for better mobility and fit in all positions.

- Neoprene-lined, Anti-wicking Pant Bottoms
  - Protect against water wicking up

- In-collar DRD™
  - Integrated and easily accessible

- Integrated Collar and Storm Flap T-Closer™ (patented)
  - Eliminates the gap found in so many other throat strap and collar designs

- Available Coat and Pant Closure Systems
  - (all paired with hook and loop)
    - Zipper under flap
    - Hooks and dees inside flap

- Lo-rise Front/Hi-rise Back Pant
  - Maximizes mobility and flexibility

- Bar-tack Reinforced Stress Points
  - For enhanced durability

- Thermal Enhancement Option
  - Morning Pride® VIPER’s unique TES™ (Thermal Enhancement System) design dramatically increases TPP (thermal protective performance) with no significant impact on THL (total heat loss). TES™ consists of a layer of Nomex® mesh on the upper torso and arms – all areas typically exposed to compression and the highest thermal load.

- V-blade Rescue Knife Pocket Option
  - A customized pocket specifically designed for a V-blade rescue knife for extrication from safety harness or seat belt. It is conveniently located on the upper leg and features a wide-reach hook & loop opening, making it easily accessible.
Options – Coat

Wristlets
- Nomex® knit 3¾” long with neoprene waterwell
- Nomex® knit with 6” thumb hole and neoprene waterwell

Reinforcements
- Sleeve cuffs, double stitched
- Elbow patches 8” x 6”
- Shoulder patches

Pockets
- Semi-bellows pocket
- Full-bellows pocket
- Regular hand warmer
- Charlotte hand warmer

Device Pockets & Accessories
- Large radio pocket 9” x 4½” x 2” with antenna port
- Small radio pocket 7½” x 3½” x 2” with antenna port
- 2- or 3-cell flashlight pocket
- Inspection port on thermal liner of coat and pant
- American or Canadian flag

- Microphone loop in webbing 1” x 2½”
- Flashlight loop 2” x 2” with utility strap in webbing 1” x 12”
- Glove holder in webbing 1” x 12”
- Accessory hook on Hypalon® patch 3” x 2”
- Accessory dee on Hypalon® patch 3” x 2”
- PDD loop 2½” x 2¾”
Options – Pant

Suspenders
- Removable suspenders, side quick-release buckle
- Removable suspenders, New England style
- Add 2” 3M™ Scotchlite™ triple trim
- Add advanced foam technology padding for suspenders

Accessories
- Waterdams
- Knee patches
- Reverse boot cut

Thermal Enhancements
- Thermal Enhancement System (TES)
- Yoke padding (7” high): extra thermal layer
- Dead air panels
- Knee pads: extra thermal layers
- I-Tech Insertable Knee System

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Trim and Lettering Options

Trim Material

- 3" two-tone Reflexite® Brilliance
- 3" and 2" Reflexite® Brilliance
- 3" orange or lime two-tone 3M™ Scotchlite™
- 3" and 2" solid orange or lime 3M™ Scotchlite™

Trim Stitching

- Double stitch on reflective trim

Name Patch Common Positioning

- Top Straight
- Bottom Straight

Lettering

- 2" or 3" sewn-on 3M™ Scotchlite™ solid orange, lime, or silver. 2" or 3" heat-set 3M™ Scotchlite™ solid orange or lime.
- 2" or 3" sewn-on Reflexite® solid lime and orange or Reflexite® Brilliance.

Name Patches

- Permanent patches: 3 lengths
- Removable patches: 2 lengths
- Hanging name patch 4" x 19"

Trim Configurations

- Standard – 2" or 3"
  - NFPA Standard – Front
  - NFPA Hi-viz – Back
  - NFPA Standard – Back
  - NFPA Combo – Back

- New York – 2" or 3"
  - New York Standard – Front
  - New York Hi-viz – Back
  - New York Standard – Back
  - New York Combo – Back

3M Scotchlite
Reflective Material
Honeywell is proud to be the exclusive corporate sponsor of the United States Fire Administration/National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s National Fire Service Vulnerability Assessment Project.