

Chapter 6

Aircrew Uniform

6-1. Classification

- a. The Army Aircrew Combat Uniform (A2CU) in the UCP is a daily work, utility, and field uniform for aircrew members (see figs 6-1 and 6-2). The A2CU in the OCP is designed to wear in deployed areas of operation only.
- b. The Fire Resistant Environmental Ensemble (FREE) in the UCP is designed to be worn with the prescribed duty uniform to provide aviators and combat vehicle crewman with modular, flame resistant protection (see para 6-11). The FREE in the OCP is designed to wear in deployed areas of operation only.

6-7. General guidelines

- a. The standard headgear for this uniform is the patrol cap (see para 4-10). The patrol cap will be worn when Soldiers are not performing flight duties.
- b. Soldiers may wear gloves with the AC2U without the cold-weather outer garments (for example, Gore-Tex ®jacket or field jacket).
- c. When the cold-weather coat or other authorized cold-weather outer garments are worn, Soldiers may wear the olive green scarf and gloves, but are not required to do so. Soldiers may wear the hood of the cold-weather coat at their option. However, when the hood is not worn, Soldiers will tuck the hood into the jacket with the zipper closed.
- d. The black or green fleece (ECWCS) can be worn as an outer garment when authorized by the commander.
- e. Soldiers will not starch the A2CU under any circumstances. Using starch, sizing, or any process that involves dry cleaning or a steam press will adversely affect the treatment and durability of the uniform, and it is not authorized.
- f. The tan (cold-weather) moisture-wicking, silk weight, undershirts are not authorized to be worn under the AC2U in place of the tan or foliage green undershirts. The silk weight (cold-weather) undershirts will be worn as undergarments
- g. Female personnel may carry purses/handbags with these uniforms only while in a garrison environment. Such bags must comply with standards set forth in paragraph 20-12 of this pamphlet and AR 670-1, paragraph 3-7f.
- h. Commanders may authorize using a camouflage, black, or solid color (in a similar color to match the shade of uniform) personal hydration system only in the following situations: in a field environment, in high-heat areas, or on work details. Soldiers will not wear hydration systems in a garrison environment unless the commander has authorized it for one of the situations described above. Soldiers will not let the drinking tube hang from their mouths when the device is not in use.
- i. Soldiers are authorized to store headgear when it is not worn. Soldiers may store headgear in the cargo pockets. When stored, the headgear must be folded neatly and not present a bulky appearance.
- j. The following insignia are not authorized to be worn on the AC2U: blood types, combat lifesavers, medic, allergies, Arabic nametapes, no known drug allergies, no known allergies, penicillin, and so forth.
- k. Commanders may authorize other uniforms for wear during administrative flights after performing the proper risk assessment.
- l. Elbow pads and knee pads are authorized with the A2CU.
- m. Care instructions are the same as the combat uniform (see para 4-7k).
- n. Any pin-on badges will be removed by all aircrew members prior to entry onto the flight line or working in and around aircrafts.

- o. The tan, temperate-weather, Army combat boots and the tan, HW flyer's insulated boots (when authorized according to CTA 50–900) are the authorized footwear for the A2CU.
- p. Soldiers may wear gloves with the A2CU when not performing crew duties. They may wear the gloves without cold-weather outer garments.
- q. When personnel sew on badges, the following must also be sewn on the AC2U coat: nametape, U.S. Army tape, and grade insignia. If a nametape, U.S. Army tape or rank is sewn on, then personnel must sew all of these items on the uniform coat. This requirement does not apply to the patrol cap.



