

# BLACKHAWK!®

## Cutaway Vest & Armor Assembly Instructions

Fig. 1



1. Place the front vest panel with sides attached facedown on a flat surface. (Fig. 1)

Fig. 2



2. Insert the plastic pull strap through either the right or left protective webbing on the shoulder, weaving it through the strap tunnel and small securing web above the grommets. (Fig. 2)

Fig. 3



3. Place the back panel faceup on the top of the front panel. (Fig. 3)

Fig. 4a



4a. Run the two front shoulder straps through the shoulder tunnels of the back panel. (Fig. 4a)

Fig. 4b

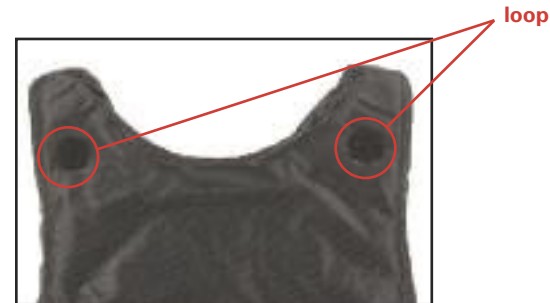


4b. Open access panel at the center bottom of the back panel. (Fig. 4b)

## Placement of Soft Armor into BLACKHAWK!® Cutaway Vest



- Improper placement of armor panels can leave wearer unprotected.
- Strictly follow these assembly instructions.
- Follow armor panel instructions.
- Ensure all armor is enclosed in vest; seal hook & loop closure.
- Do not wear if ballistic cover is torn, damaged, or altered in any way.
- Ensure strike face is facing out and wear face is against body.
- Fasten all straps and fasteners.
- Carrier offers no protection without armor inserts.
- When assembling, follow all instructions on armor panels.
- The carrier is designed specifically for use with BLACKHAWK! soft armor.



1. Armor size must match carrier size. Determine correct placement for front/rear of vest as referenced on armor information panel.



2. Open access flap on vest. Install armor into carrier and match loop on back of armor with hook inside top shoulder of vest.



3. Ensure all armor is enclosed in vest.



4. Seal hook & loop access flap.

# Placement of Armor Plate into BLACKHAWK!® Cutaway Vest



- Improper placement of armor plates can leave wearer unprotected.
- Strictly follow these assembly instructions.
- Follow armor plate instructions.
- Ensure all armor is enclosed in vest; seal hook & loop closure.
- The carrier is designed specifically for use with BLACKHAWK! Medium and Large hard plates.



1. Use correct size plate for vest as referenced on BLACKHAWK! website and catalog.



2. Open access flap on vest front.

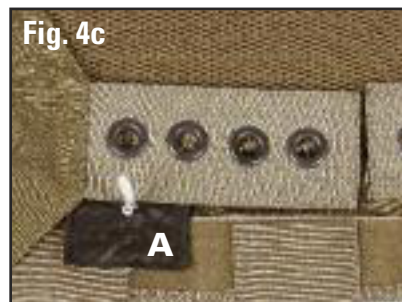


3. Install plate into pocket. Ensure concave portion of plate faces body.

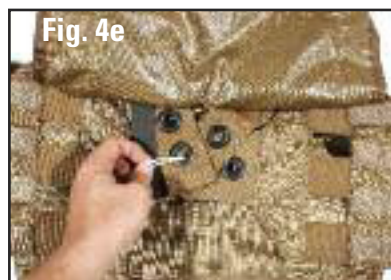
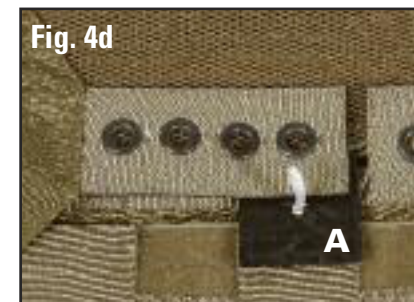


4. Close access flap.

**Note:** If access flap doesn't close on front and/or rear pocket, wrong size plate is being used.



**Proper fit** can be accomplished by moving the anchor platform (A) to the desired grommet. For a smaller girth, anchor platform must be moved left (Fig. 4c). For a larger girth, anchor platform must be moved right (Fig. 4d).



4e. Insert the two side panel belts through the back panel and thread the top (white) nylon loop through the grommet on the non-cutaway shoulder strap followed by the cutaway side with the plastic strap on the very top. (Fig. 4e)



5. Thread the plastic cutaway strap through both nylon loops and secure the end of the strap under the nylon webbing at the bottom of the shoulder strap. (Fig. 5)



6. Cut the plastic strap on a cut-line so that it extends 1/2" longer than the end of the shoulder strap. (Fig. 6)



7. Additional girth adjustments can be made by adjusting the hook & loop front cummerbund. (Fig. 7)