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SUBJECT: Carolina Performance Fabrics, S.A. de C.V. model XR32

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) hereby advises Carolina Performance Fabrics, S.A. de C.V. ballistic-resistant body armor model XR32 has been permanently removed from the NIJ Compliant Products List due to unresolved safety concerns. Any armor with this model designation should be replaced as soon as possible.

NIJ encourages law enforcement and corrections officers to continue to wear their body armor until it is replaced. Wearing armor that may have reduced effectiveness is better than not wearing any armor.

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