

January 15, 2019

RE: NIJ Advisory Notice #09-2018; Hardwire, LLC model – HW-LWP-III

Dear Valued Customer:

Safariland, LLC (“Safariland”) is providing notification of the issuance of **NIJ Advisory Notice #09-2018** with respect to **Hardwire, LLC model – HW-LWP-III** (the “NIJ Notice”), a copy of which is attached. Pursuant to the NIJ Notice, the Hardwire model HW-LWP-III (the “LWP-III”) has been suspended from the NIJ Compliant Products List.

As described in the notification from Hardwire, LLC (“Hardwire”), a copy of which is also provided with this letter, Hardwire advises that the test samples were not tested correctly and that it is working with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) on a re-test protocol.

You are receiving the NIJ Notice because our records indicate that you have purchased Hardwire LWP-III plates. It is important that law enforcement and corrections officers currently using the LWP-III plates are made aware of the NIJ Notice. Once the ongoing investigation between Hardwire and the NIJ is completed, we will provide an updated notification with any additional information.

In the meantime, as noted in the NIJ Notice, law enforcement and corrections officers currently wearing the plates are encouraged to continue wearing it during this suspension period until completion of the ongoing evaluation and a final determination about the compliance status of LWP-III plates.

As always, Safariland’s commitment to officer safety is absolute and will guide the resolution of this issue.

For any questions, please contact me at 909.930.8096 or email me at Todd.Mackler@safariland.com.



Todd Mackler
Vice President, Armor

Attachments: NIJ Advisory Notice #09-2018
Hardwire Notification

12/20/2018

THE SAFARILAND GROUP
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ATTN: Todd Mackler, Vice President Armor

Subject: NIJ Advisory Notice #09-2018 for Hardwire, LLC Model – HW-LWP-III

Dear Safariland Team:

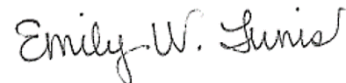
The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you and all end users of an NIJ Advisory Notice received for Hardwire's lightweight plate Model HW-LWP-III.

First and foremost, I want you to know that we do NOT believe there is any performance or safety issue with this body armor plate. The NIJ encourages users to continue to wear and use the plate(s). Thorough analysis has been conducted and is ongoing regarding this advisory notice, and we are specifically analyzing the test protocols utilized during this FIT testing. Hardwire is working closely with the NIJ office on this matter, and we expect to have this resolved as quickly as possible.

Again, please rest assured that we do not believe there is any safety issue associated with the equipment you received from our team. In the unlikely event that there does appear to be a performance issue during a re-test, we will work with you immediately to provide an adequate replacement or a refund.

We apologize for any inconvenience this causes, and we will work expeditiously to get it resolved quickly.

Respectfully,



Emily W. Tunis
President & COO

Attachment Enclosed



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20531

NIJ Advisory Notice #09-2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2018

SUBJECT: Hardwire, LLC model – HW-LWP-III

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) hereby advises that Hardwire, LLC model HW-LWP-III has been suspended from the NIJ Compliant Products List. Following the completion of an ongoing evaluation, the compliance status of this model will be reassessed.

Law enforcement and corrections officers currently wearing this model of armor are encouraged to continue wearing it during this suspension period.

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Supplementary information

Information about NIJ Standard 0101.06 *Ballistic Resistance of Personal Body Armor* can be found at <http://www.justnet.org/CTP and Police Armor webpage>. NIJ's research and testing reports in response to the Attorney General's Body Armor Safety Initiative can be found at [OJP BVP website](#).