

Chapter 7

WATERPROOF SLEEPING SUIT

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Description

1. This suit (*fig. 1*) consists of two garments which are rolled and stowed in a pack. They are supplied as a single item and are identified under the stores reference number on a label attached to the handle or the pack.

2. The pack is similar to that in which the airborne lifeboat suit (non-working pattern) is stowed, but should not be confused with it as the label is of a different colour and it has a different stores reference.

Outer Suit (Stores Ref. 22C/443)

3. This garment is in the form of a sleeping bag (*fig. 1*) which covers the body completely. It is made of yellow rubberised gaberdine and has an opening down the front which is closed by a sliding fastener. Behind the opening is a wide gusset of waterproof fabric to ensure watertightness. A stole container is embodied in the upper part of the garment and is shaped to carry the stole of the life jacket, or life-saving waistcoat, so that the lobes lie on either side of the chest. The stole is inserted in the container through an opening in the neck portion which is closed by a sliding fastener. The inflation tube projects through an opening on the left-hand side of the stole container and is stowed in an inverted pocket above. Details of the stole and inflation equipment are in Chap. 4.

4. An opening, closed by a sliding fastener, extends down the centre of the glove and wrist portion of each sleeve; this opening is closed after the suit has been fitted and can be re-opened as required to free the hands. Warm gloves can be worn under the glove portion of each sleeve if desired, but they are not provided with the suit.

5. Two large pockets are provided on the front of the suit; the pocket on the right is closed by a sliding fastener and that on the left by a flap.

6. A square transparent visor is attached to the top of the hood at the front. After the suit has been donned and fitted, the visor is drawn down over the face and tucked under the chin and is held there by the sliding fastener which runs down the front of the suit.

Inner suit (Stores Ref. 226/444)

7. The inner garment or suit, is made of white cotton fabric with an interlining of quilted down. Like the outer garment, it is made as a bag with sleeves and helmet attached, but does not cover the hands. A sliding fastener closes the front opening which extends down the right front of the garment.



Fig. 1. Waterproof sleeping suit

Pack (Stores Ref. 22C/860)

8. A cylindrical pack (fig. 2) made of sheet rubber is provided and the two garments are rolled and stowed in this pack which is then sealed. This pack is similar to that used for the airborne lifeboat suit (non-working pattern), but is distinguished from it by the colour of the identification label and the stores reference marked on the label. This label is grey and has "Stores Ref. 22C/860 and contains suits 22C/443 and 22C/444" stencilled on it. Individual items of equipment are not normally issued and demands should, therefore, quote Stores Ref. 22C/860.

Servicing

9. Servicing will normally be confined to an external examination of the pack. If the pack is serviceable the contents can also be expected to be serviceable.



Fig. 2. Pack, containing the waterproof sleeping suit

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