



# Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT)

## Product Description

The Combat Application Tourniquet™ (CAT) is a small, lightweight tourniquet that completely occludes arterial blood flow in an extremity. Based upon testing conducted by the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, the Surgeon General has directed that the CAT tourniquet be the primary tourniquet issued to all Army Soldiers. The CAT is a component of the Improved First Aid Kit (IFAK) and the Warrior Aid and Litter Kit (WALK).

## Benefit Against the Threat

In any conflict or civilian disaster, it is an unfortunate fact that there will be casualties with severe hemorrhage, the leading cause of battlefield death. Because every individual Soldier is carrying a CAT, troops have ready access to the capability to provide Self-Aid/Buddy-Aid (SABA) to control and stop severe hemorrhage and save lives.



**NSN:** 6515-01-521-7976

**Unit Cost:** \$25.98

## Funding (\$M)

AMEDD does not have central funding allocated against the CAT as an individual item. The CAT is included as a component of the IFAK and several medical equipment sets (MESs).

The CAT is AAC “L” (local purchase), and units are able to purchase CATs via standard Class VIII methods.