



## FACE PAINT, CAMOUFLAGE – COMPACT & STICK FORMS | WarSTAR

### OVERVIEW:

Currently fielded camouflage face paint is designed to provide visible and near infrared camouflage protection, and also to meet soldier acceptability and safety criteria. Requirements include ease of application and removal, comfort in wearing, removable with soap and water, perspiration resistance and compatible to clothing and other equipment. Camouflage face paint, nearly odorless, will not reduce the natural sensing capabilities of the soldier and will not cause any health hazards such as skin irritation or toxicity if ingested. Logistic concerns include use and storage in all climatic conditions without degradation, item expendability and stowage in pockets of a Battle Dress Uniform. Performance enhancements are being addressed to include thermal infrared camouflage protection and insect repellency to meet stated user needs (see Advanced Camouflage Face Paint - Compact Form). Camouflage paint is designated as a medical item due to the application onto the skin. Responsibility for the item belongs to the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Maryland. A Joint Working Group (JWG) between the Natick Soldier RD&E Center, US Army Infantry School, Defense Supply Center Richmond, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and the U.S. Army Medical Community was formed in March 1998. Natick Soldier RD&E Center's expertise in soldier camouflage, color/spectral analysis, materials, and human interface provides the medical community with needed resources for the development of camouflage face paint items.

### DESCRIPTION:

Current camouflage face paint in compact form provides passive camouflage protection in the visible and near infrared regions of the electromagnetic spectrum, while camouflage face paint in stick form provides protection in the visible region of the spectrum. The compact, NSN 6850-01-262-0635, is an olive green cosmetic-like container with an acrylic mirror to assist in self-application. The four compartments contain different colors of pigmented formulations of green, loam, sand and white for multi-terrain environments from arctic to desert. The sticks are furnished in green and loam (Woodland: NSN 6850-161-6204), green and sand (Desert: NSN 6850-161-6202), and white and loam (Arctic: NSN 6850-161-6203). It consists of a two-cylinder dispenser of grease paint material, each of different colors, joined end-to-end forming one continuous stick. One applies the face paint by pushing the stick through the dispenser from the opposite end. The camouflage paint is used on all exposed skin (i.e., face, neck and hands) to tone down highlights and skin shine minimizing contrast to various backgrounds.



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