



**Army**



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Camouflage Uniform  
(AMCU)**

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## Features factsheet

### Combat shirt features

- High collar in woven fabric with zip closure.
- Knit fabric body with no pockets to allow for comfort under body armour.
- Integrated elbow pad.
- Woven fabric raglan sleeves.
- Angled sleeve pockets with Velcro closure.
- Velcro adjustment tabs at cuffs.
- Pen pocket on left sleeve.

### Combat pant features

- Stretch woven fabric in back yoke (below waistband), crotch and around knee.
- Adjustable waist with advanced design.
- Padded waistband.
- Button and zip front fly closure.
- Reinforced saddle seat.
- Integrated knee pad.
- Knee pad is snugly held in correct location using elasticised cord adjustment (connects to front thigh pockets) and Velcro closure tabs at the side of the knee.
- 2 side thigh pockets with zip closure.
- 2 lower front thigh pockets (external – contains toggle and elasticised draw cord for knee pad adjustment) with Velcro closure.
- 2 front pockets below waistband (internal).
- 2 lower leg pockets with Velcro closure.
- Cord and cord lock adjustment at cuffs.

## **Field shirt features**

- Based on the current DPCU shirt.
- Near infrared (NIR) fabric.
- 5 button closure at the centre front.
- Chest pockets with zip closure.
- Sleeve pockets with button closure.
- Shorter coat length than current shirt.
- Velcro adjustment tabs at cuffs.
- Rank slide at chest.
- Increased width at coat hem compared to current shirt.
- Graded sleeve length.

## **Field pant features**

- Stretch woven fabric in back yoke (below waistband) and crotch.
- Button and zip front fly closure.
- Adjustable waist with advanced design.
- Padded waistband.
- Integrated knee pad with Velcro closure tab.
- 2 side thigh pockets with zip closure.
- 2 front pockets below waistband (internal).
- Cord and cord lock adjustment at cuffs.

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## Q&A factsheet

### Why does Army need a new uniform?

Army identified the need for enhanced combat uniforms which use a multi-terrain capable camouflage for land close combat operations, all other land operations, field training, as well as a dress of the day uniform.

The uniform is a key element of the Australian Army's identity. It represents our organisation, our culture and our people. By investing in continuous development and modernisation of the uniform, we invest in our soldiers.

### How and why was the AMCU pattern chosen?

Observations from the use of combat uniforms on operations, combined with the design lessons learnt from the use of DPCU, have informed the next generation of combat uniforms for use domestically and overseas.

The AMCU is made from a new hybrid pattern and colour palette that combines the pattern features of the Australian Multicam Pattern with the colour palette used for the Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform.

The AMCU was developed as a result of a performance of a Defence Science Technology Organisation designed prototype pattern during a comparative Diggerworks trial against current uniforms in February 2013.

The trial was conducted in regional terrain types including tropical jungle, grassland and general scrub environments. The AMCU was found to perform as good as, if not better than, current camouflage patterns during the day and equivalently at night.

### What are the key features of the AMCU?

**Combat Uniform.** Designed for use under body armour, it has integrated elbow/knee pads, stretch fabric in key stress areas (groin, knees and lower back) and multiple pockets.

**Field Uniform.** Knee pads can be incorporated if necessary, but the number of pockets has been reduced to make the uniform lighter and cooler to wear. The pants incorporate stretch fabric in key stress areas (groin and lower back).

For more information, see the features factsheet.

## **When and how will soldiers receive the AMCU?**

Townsville's 3rd Brigade is the first to receive the new uniform from October 2014. It will be rolled out to full time personnel first. Other units and locations will be issued the new uniform over the coming years, dependent on production rates. A final change over date will be confirmed in due course.

## **How many sets will be issued to each soldier?**

There will be an interim issue schedule for the initial rollout. This will include close combat troops receiving two sets of combat AMCU and three sets of field AMCU. Other soldiers will be issued with three sets of field AMCU.

All personnel will be issued with one AMCU bush hat, one belt, one set of rank slides and sufficient name tags as part of the initial AMCU issue.

## **Will the AMCU be authorised as 'dress of the day'?**

The AMCU will gradually replace DPCU as 'dress of the day' for operational duties and general base duties, except for office based units where non-combat dress uniforms are 'dress of the day'.

Specialist working dress provided for specific employment categories such as aircrew, tank crews, catering staff, medical and dental will continue to be worn.

Non-combat dress uniforms remain the most appropriate form of dress in a number of circumstances, including all representational and ceremonial activities.

## **Where is the AMCU made?**

Army is pleased to partner with Australian manufacturers for the AMCU. Supporting Australian manufacturing builds on the established relationship between the Army and the Australian community.

## **What is the cost of the AMCU?**

The full cost of introducing and implementing the AMCU across Army is not yet confirmed, however, we do anticipate it will come at a higher cost than the current DPCU.

The additional manufacturing time associated with the new design features of both versions of AMCU will generate a higher per unit cost than the DPCU. Importantly, we are providing our soldiers with a uniform that is both flexible and capable across multi-terrain environments, manufactured by Australian companies.