

NSN Issued to Blue Force Gear

Blue Force Gear's proven Vickers Combat Applications Sling issued NSN by DLA for government purchasers. Cutting edge design brings needed update to U.S. Warfighters' equipment.

SAVANNAH, GA—May 1, 2012—Blue Force Gear® announced today that the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) has assigned National Stock Number 1005-01-604-0627* to the Vickers Combat Applications Sling™. (VCAS) During combat trials in Afghanistan in 2011, U.S. Marines validated the VCAS™ as the issue sling for their new M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle as delivered by Heckler & Koch. These slings will join over 100,000 other Blue Force Gear slings already in use across every branch of service. The USMC has also fully authorized this sling for use on M4, M4A1 and M16 series rifles and Blue Force Gear offers attachments to connect the VCAS to these weapons as well as other internationally produced small arms.

“Our Vickers Combat Applications Sling has quietly revolutionized the way combat arms are carried and deployed by elite infantry,” said Ashley Burnsed, Blue Force Gear’s CEO. “For years thousands of U.S. Warfighters have trusted us to provide slings to carry their most critical piece of battlefield equipment, their personal weapon, and now DLA has provided an easy way for the troops to get these amazing slings.”

Developed in conjunction with retired Special Operations soldier Larry Vickers, the Patent Pending VCAS has redefined the modern combat rifle sling category with snag free simplicity and superior durability. The VCAS is a quick-adjust two point sling which attaches to the front and rear of a rifle. This design maintains the rifle in a ready but secure position even while the user’s hands are busy operating electronics, climbing, or securing a subject. The rear portion of the sling can be simply and securely adjusted for wear over body armor, load bearing equipment, and bulky clothing (including Nuclear, Biological and Chemical protective suits). The real magic happens at the front of the sling where a quick tug on the custom adjuster changes the length instantly to adapt to changing shooting positions. Most importantly, when the sling is tightened there is no tail or excess material to cause a snag or trip.

Blue Force Gear crafts the VCAS in Georgia entirely of premium U.S. materials: Solution dyed (LNIR) Cordura® nylon webbing and ITW LNIR Ghillietex™ acetal hardware ensures durability and signature management under all conditions. Military customers can purchase through DOD EMALL and normal supply channels. Commercial customers can visit www.blueforcegear.com to order.

About Blue Force Gear, Inc.

Blue Force Gear® designs the best weapon slings in the world and leads the lightweight equipment revolution with its Ten-Speed™ multi-use pouches. Blue Force Gear has also reinvented MOLLE compatible pouches with the revolutionary Helium Whisper™ system and recently introduced RED™ Swivel which is redefining the future of gun sling connections. Amazing innovation and attention to detail set Blue Force Gear apart from others in the tactical equipment industry.

What is an NSN? (National Stock Number)

A National Stock Number (NSN), as it is known in the US, or a NATO Stock Number, is a 13-digit numeric code identifying all the “standardized material items of supply” as they have been recognized by all NATO countries including the US Department of Defense. An item having an NSN is said to be “stock-listed,” which expedites the purchase process for military or government customers.

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