



HEAD PROTECTION SYSTEM INSTRUCTION GUIDE

### CAIMAN HEAD PROTECTION SYSTEM

**TO THE OPERATOR -** No matter the pace, the obstacles, or the environment, your command wants you to have full-spectrum protection for your mission. Caiman Helmet Systems were designed based on intensive direct collaboration with SOF users. The end-result: scalable, lightweight, comfortable system that is purpose-built to integrate with mission-specific headborne equipment. This is cutting-edge head protection for the modern battlefield.

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PLEASE BE SURE TO READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND FOLLOW ALL WARNINGS.
POOR SET-UP AND ADJUSTMENT MAY COMPROMISE THE SYSTEMS ABILITY TO
PROVIDE THE PROTECTION THAT IT IS DESIGNED TO DELIVER DURING A BLUNT
FORCE OR BALLISTIC IMPACT.



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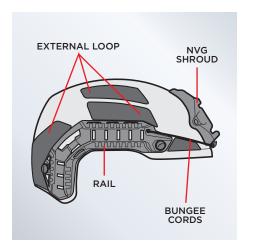
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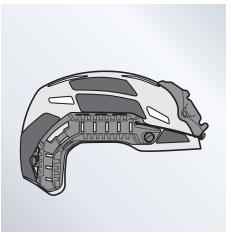
This manual provides information regarding the components of your Batlskin Caiman Head Protection System. This helmet was developed to provide the best blunt force and ballistic protection in a scalable, lightweight package that is fully modular and fully integrated.

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# **CAIMAN HELMET**

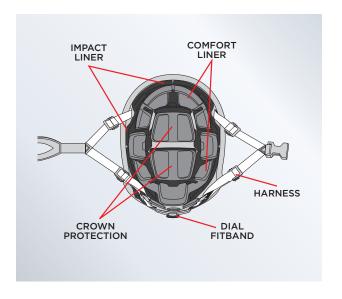




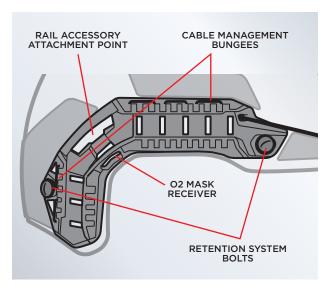
**BALLISTIC** 

**NON-BALLISTIC** 

# **APEX LINER**



# **RAILS**



Use cable management bungees to secure power or data cables.

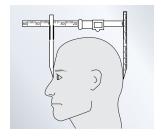
## SIZING - HOW TO MEASURE HEAD SIZE

User will obtain the most accurate head measurements using a tape measure for circumference and a caliper for length and width.

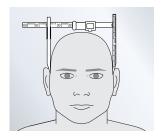
Evaluate size while wearing the typical, everyday headwear, hairstyle, head coverings, etc., worn with helmet.



Using a measuring tape at approximately  $13 \text{mm} (\frac{1}{2})$  above eyebrows and ears, measure head **CIRCUMFERENCE** 



In the absence of a caliper, use 2 pencils. Hold one pencil between eyebrows and one at the back of head. An extra set of hands is important to ensure pencils are straight. Measure distance between pencils – this is the **LENGTH** measurement.



In the absence of a caliper, use 2 pencils. Hold one pencil at either side of head above ears. An extra set of hands is important to ensure pencils are straight. Measure distance between pencils – this is the WIDTH measurement.

## SIZING - HELMET

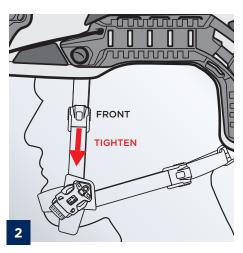
- Head circumference is the best predictor of helmet size start there and refine using length and width measurements as needed.
- Be sure to also evaluate fit with additional equipment (headset, cold weather gear, eye protection, etc.) as these will all affect the amount of space needed in helmet.
- With use, liners get worn in and compressed or stretched, and helmet may feel larger so make sure to have snug fit when trying on with new liner system.

MEASUREMENTS IN mm								
	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XX-LARGE			
CIRCUMFERENCE	525 - 570	545 - 590	570 - 610	590 - 630	610 - 655			
LENGTH	up to 205	up to 210	up to 215	up to 220	up to 230			
WIDTH	up to 165	up to 175	up to 185	up to 190	up to 195			

## **ADJUSTING RETENTION SYSTEM**

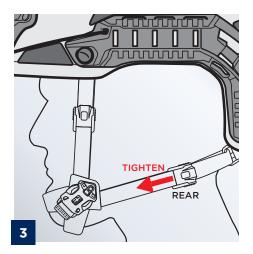


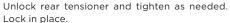
Buckle chinstrap.



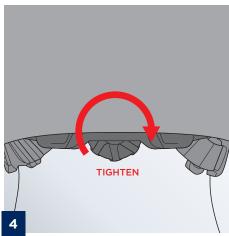
Unlock front tensioner and tighten as needed. Lock in place.

Users may find it easier to adjust tensioners on both left and right side of harness at the same time.





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Tighten fitband by turning the dial clockwise.

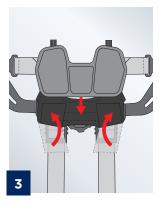
## **INSTALLING INTEGRATED NAPE PAD COVER**



The fitband cover is attached to the fitband.

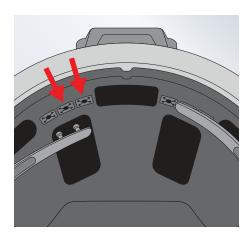


The harness is fed through and bolted into the helmet.



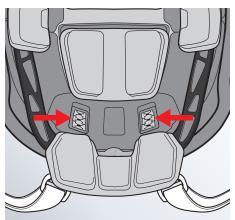
The nape pad is then added to the assembly.

## **ADJUSTING FITBAND SYSTEM**



### FITBAND TOO LOOSE?

Snap fitband arm posts towards front of helmet for parrower fit

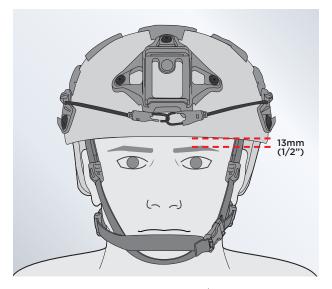


### NAPE PAD TOO LOW?

Nape pad should rest at the base of skull. Adjust higher if needed.

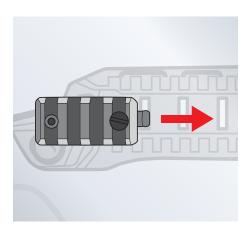
Users may prefer a higher nape pad position for increased neck range of motion while in the prone position.

# **ADJUSTING SUSPENSION SYSTEM**



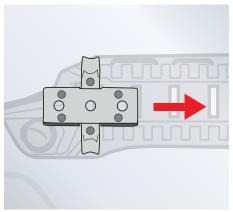
Helmet should sit approximately 13 mm (1/2) above brow.

## **RAIL ADAPTERS**



#### **PICATINNY RAIL ADAPTER**

Squeeze the end tab and slide the adapter onto rail channel tab-first. Once in the preferred position, release the tab and tighten the screw to secure the adapter in place.



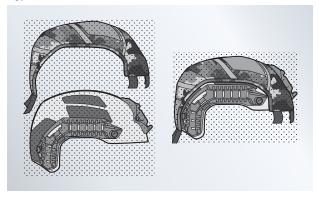
#### **CROSS BASE RAIL ADAPTER**

Attach the desired accessory onto the rail adapter. Tighten screws provided with the accessory to secure it in place. Pinch the tabs on either side of the adapter and slide onto rail. Release the tabs when in the preferred position.

# **HELMET COVER**

### HELMET COVER DESIGNS VARY

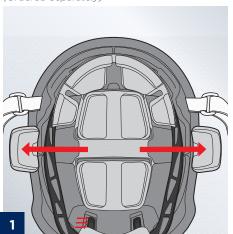
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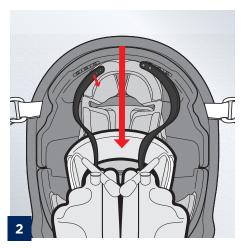
- Align the front hole in the helmet cover with the mount of the helmet
- 2. Pull cover over helmet shell, ensuring seams of cover are symmetrical and there are minimal ripples in the fabric.
- Pull loop tabs tightly over helmet edge and adhere to hook dots already installed in helmet. The loop tabs should not cover any holes in helmet.

# **HEADSET INTEGRATION (BAND)**

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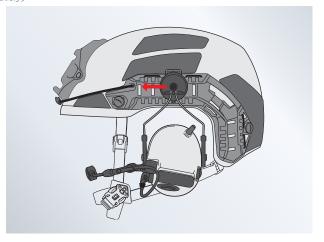
(OPTIONAL) Remove the side comfort pads.



(OPTIONAL) Make helmet and headset a single unit by weaving headset through fitband arms and re-attaching.

# **HEADSET INTEGRATION (RAIL)**

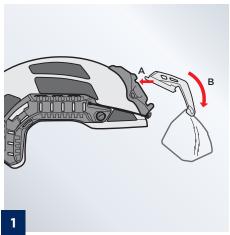
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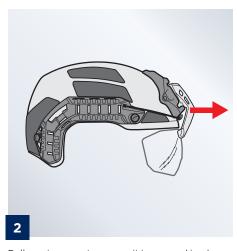
Slide adapter into desired position. Store cup-to-cup wire in helmet cover or inside helmet as desired.

# **FIXED ARM VISOR**

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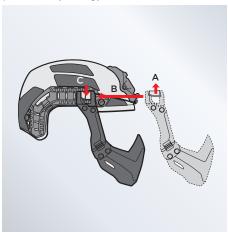
- **A.** Insert top edge of visor arm into shroud.
- **B.** Tilt visor arm down and lock visor into shroud.



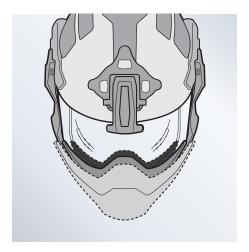
Pull on visor arm to ensure it is secured in place - it should not release.

## **MANDIBLE GUARD**

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- A. Open mandible arm latches.
- **B.** Insert mandible arms into rail until they stop.
- C. Lock mandible arm latches.



Mandible size is based on face length and does not necessarily correspond with user helmet size.

2 SIZES: SM-MD-LG and XL-XXL.

Both sizes are compatible on  $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{ALL}}$  helmets.

# **SPARE PARTS**

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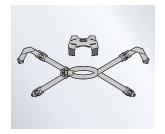
SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY



**SHROUD** 



**RAILS** 



**RETENTION SYSTEM** 



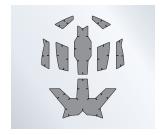
**HARDWARE** 



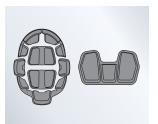
**RAIL BUNGEES** 



**ACCESSORY STRAPS** 



**EXTERNAL LOOP KIT** 



**COMFORT PAD KIT** 



THICK COMFORT PADS



FITBAND KIT

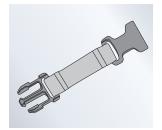
## **ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES**

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COUNTERWEIGHT



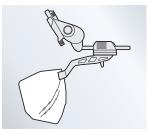
**CBRN EXTENDER** 



**O2 STRAP EXTENDER** 



**BUMP MANDIBLE** 



**NVG ARM VISOR** 



**HELMET BAGS** 

### **CARE & SUPPORT**

#### **ONE-TIME EVENTS**

If a severe impact damages the helmet resulting in dented or flattened areas, the helmet performance might be reduced. The helmet system should be replaced.

HELMET COVER CAN BE WORN TO MINIMIZE WEAR AND TEAR ON THE HELMET SHELL LOOP AND PAINT.

#### **RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE: ALL USERS**

- 1. Clean the helmet with a mild soap and water
- 2. Check that the retention system bolts are tight
- 3. Clean the Loop to remove dust and dirt by using air pressure
- 4. Visually check the shroud and rails for signs of breakage
- 5. Visually check the fit band for signs of breakage
- 6. Check that the rear dial on the fit band works properly
- Check that the retention system does not have any damage, that the buckle and strap tensioners open and close properly

IF ANY DEFECTS ARE DETECTED, THE DAMAGED COMPONENTS MUST BE REPLACED BEFORE USE.

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