Mini-TAK Trauma Aid Kit, Basic

Field Manual & Standard Operating Procedure

North American Rescue Mini Trauma Aid Kit, Black, Item 80-1800



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SECTION 1

Mission Brief & Intended Use

1.1 Mission Objective

Give the patrol officer chest seals, a pressure dressing and packing gauze in a pouch small enough for daily wear, paired with the tourniquet already on the belt or vest.

1.2 Scope of Application

Self-aid and buddy-aid for penetrating, blast or other traumatic injuries in the line of duty, used together with a separately carried C-A-T.

The North American Rescue Mini Trauma Aid Kit (Mini-TAK) Basic is a compact trauma kit designed around the everyday needs of a law enforcement patrol officer. It does not include a tourniquet and is designed to be paired with a tourniquet holder and a genuine C-A-T, sold separately.

1.3 OPERATIONAL CONTEXTS

Patrol

MOLLE/PALS on a vest or belt beside a tourniquet holder.

Agencies

Issued with a C-A-T and holder for each officer.

Prepared citizens

Added to a belt or bag that already carries a tourniquet.

SECTION 2

Component Familiarization

Know every component by name and by feel before you need it.

2.1 CONTENTS

HyFin Vent Compact twin pack

Two vented chest seals.

Flat ETD, 4 inch

Pressure dressing with a sterile non-adherent pad.

NAR Wound Packing Gauze

Z-fold gauze for packing.

2.2 TOOLS AND PPE

Trauma shears

6.25 inch.

Black Responder gloves

One pair, size Large.

2.3 POUCH

Nylon pouch

6 by 3 by 2.5 inches, MOLLE/PALS, removable shock cord panel with hook and loop flap, sewn medical identifier. Tourniquet and holder not included.

SECTION 3

Standard Operating Procedure: Deployment

Scenario: A patrol officer responds to a bar fight with a stabbing. The victim has a deep arm wound and a chest wound. The officer applies the C-A-T from the belt holder, then pulls the Mini-TAK panel for the chest seal and dressing.

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3.1 Assess

1. **Check the scene and glove up.** Confirm the scene is safe enough to work. Put on the gloves if time allows, but never delay a tourniquet for gloves.
2. **Find the life threats.** Expose the injuries. Look first for life-threatening bleeding from an arm or leg, then for wounds to the torso between the neck and the navel, front and back.
3. **Apply your C-A-T.** Draw the C-A-T from your tourniquet holder. Place it 2 to 3 inches above the bleeding site on skin, pull the band tight, twist the rod until bleeding stops, lock it in the clip and check for bleeding and a distal pulse. If either is present, tighten further or apply a second C-A-T side by side with the first. Record the time on the windlass strap.

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3.2 Open and dress

4. **Open the Mini-TAK.** Lift the flap and use it as a grip to pull the shock cord panel out of the pouch.
5. **Pack wounds a tourniquet cannot reach.** For deep bleeding where a tourniquet cannot be placed, pack the wound firmly with the NAR Wound Packing Gauze down to the source of bleeding and hold firm direct pressure.
6. **Apply the 4" Flat ETD.** Open the dressing at the red tear notches. Place the sterile non-adherent pad directly over the wound or packed gauze, wrap the elastic bandage firmly around the limb or body using the Quick-Grip Roll Control tabs to keep the roll under control, and fasten it with the securing device.

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3.3 Chest and hand off

7. **Seal chest wounds.** For a penetrating wound between the neck and the navel, open one HyFin Vent Compact seal from the twin pack, wipe the skin around the wound clean and dry, pull the large red tab and press the seal over the wound from the center outward. Use the second seal on an exit wound.
8. **Reassess and hand off.** Recheck every intervention, keep the casualty warm, and report injuries, interventions and the tourniquet time to EMS or receiving medical personnel. Restock the kit before it returns to service.

SCENE	EXPOSE	TOURNIQUET	OPEN	DRESS	SEAL

SECTION 4 · READ CAREFULLY

Critical Warnings, Limits & Safety

Medical warning: This kit holds temporary, life-sustaining interventions. Every casualty treated with it needs evacuation to advanced medical care.

4.1 APPLICATION HAZARDS

Tourniquet first

Treat life-threatening extremity bleeding before anything else. Do not delay the tourniquet to open other packaging or put on gloves.

Chest seal watch

A sealed chest wound can still worsen. Monitor breathing and burp the seal at the red tab if breathing gets harder.

Dressing tension

Wrap the ETD firmly enough to hold pressure on the wound without cutting off circulation below it.

4.2 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Training first

Practice tourniquet, wound packing and chest seal skills hands-on before you need them. Reading this manual is not training.

Leave the tourniquet on

Do not loosen or remove an applied tourniquet in the field. Removal is a decision for medical personnel.

4.3 EQUIPMENT INTEGRITY

Intact packaging

Do not use a dressing, gauze or chest seal whose package is torn or opened. Replace it.

Restock after use

Replace every used or opened item with the same component before the kit returns to service.

SECTION 5

Readiness, Inspection & Sustainment

5.1 Staging for Deployment

- Wear the Mini-TAK in the same position every shift, beside your tourniquet holder.
- Keep your C-A-T staged out of its wrapper in its holder for one-handed use.
- Keep the shock cord panel organized so each item sits where you expect it.
- Check that the flap closes fully and lifts cleanly as a grip.

5.2 Periodic Inspection

- [ ] **Scheduled inspection**

  Open the kit on a set schedule. Check packaging on dressings, gauze and chest seals for tears or broken seals, and check any dates printed on them.

- [ ] **Tourniquet check**

  Inspect the C-A-T you pair with the kit for wear or damage.

- [ ] **Carrier check**

  Check the pouch, flap closure, shock cord panel and MOLLE/PALS straps for wear.

5.3 SERVICE LIFE & REPLACEMENT

> Replace components by any dates printed on their packaging and after any use or damage. Follow North American Rescue's instructions for each component.

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