## 1) BID INVITATION AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. Sealed bid responses for furnishing the items and quantities listed in the attached specifications for Neshoba Central High School of Philadelphia Mississippi, are hereby being requested from your company. You are asked to return the bid form page(s) with your response.
- B. All bids or proposals are to be sealed and delivered to:

on or before: and will be opened and read in an open session at said place, hour and date. The envelope containing the bid should be marked on the outside "SEALED BID — BAND UNIFORMS". All bids received after the hour and/or date established above will be returned to the sender unopened. There will be no discussions during or after the bid opening, only a public reading. There will be no public online reading of the bid opening, nor any phone / speaker phone, transmission, etc. After bids are opened, all bid documents and samples will be taken under advisement and will not be open to the public until after the Neshoba Central Band Department has reviewed each bid, sample(s), and finalized a recommendation to the Administration for approval.

## 2) <u>DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS</u>

- A. Any deviation from these specifications must be documented on the enclosed deviation form. It is the intent of the school for the uniform to be manufactured strictly adhering to these construction and design specifications and deviations are not expected. If deviations are not documented fully, the bidder may be disqualified.
- B. It is the intention of the buyer to offer equal opportunity to all bidders. The use of company names when referring to styles are for descriptive purposes only and are not intended to be restrictive.

## 3) BUYER'S RIGHTS

In accordance with the Purchasing Laws Of the State of Mississippi, The buyer reserves the right to award the contract to the Bidder offering the best value, and not necessarily to the firm bidding the lowest price. The reputation of the manufacturer and representative, over-all appearance, style and fit of the uniform, quality of trims and accessories, plus special features a particular manufacturer may have that make the uniform more practical or serviceable will be major factors in awarding the contract. Right is reserved by the Buyer to accept or reject any or all proposals, and waive informalities.

## 4) SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS (EXACT)

A. All bidders, to be considered, must submit an exact sample uniform together with their proposals on or before the bid opening date. Samples will not be accepted thereafter. This exact sample uniform must be in the same color as the uniform proposed; it should reflect the exact style, and must reflect the tailoring details as found in the uniform specifications, and of the uniform which would be furnished if awarded the Contract by the Buyer. Where special construction features are specified, these must be furnished with the bid showing the manufacturer's version of the feature. It is to be completely understood that it is the intent of the Buyer to have all of these items examined carefully and compared by persons conversant with quality for evaluation of internal components. Each bidders interest in meeting these specifications is reflected in their willingness to manufacture an exact pilot sample which must be delivered on or before the official bid opening. Please do not contact the District to request additional time to manufacture samples. If your sample happens to have any deviations from the specifications, please list them in detail on the deviations form. Please do not request an addendum to submit a "stock" sample. Exact samples are also required to insure that the district can expedite this purchase soon after the award is made.

B. All bidders must submit liberal sized swatches of the materials to be used in the final product in the color and mill-weight as listed in the Uniform Specifications.

## 5) AREA REPRESENTATIVE

Bidder must agree to provide an on-site factory-trained representative to handle all details of the order. Said representative will be responsible for designing, measuring and servicing the order throughout the initial purchase and on a continuing basis. Bidders must list name, address and telephone number of the representative in their response. Customer references may be submitted, and will be considered.

## 6) CUSTOMER INSTRUCTION MANUAL

The successful bidder will supply a printed booklet, an electronic version, and a uniform management web based software system. This data will indicate wearer identification number, original wearer and key measurements of uniform, i.e. height, weight, hat, chest, waist and out-seam. The successful bidder will also supply recommended cleaning instructions for the uniforms and all accessory items; specifying precise details on care and cleaning that are to be utilized in future upkeep and maintenance of the items in this bid.

## 7) SHIPPING

Each uniform is to be thoroughly inspected before shipment. Imperfections shall be corrected before the uniforms are shipped. Uniforms are to be shipped complete with hangers (plastic) in containers. Each wardrobe container shall be marked on exterior to indicate the wearer number of each uniform enclosed. The uniforms will be ready to wear without cleaning or pressing. In the case of damaged shipment, it shall be the responsibility of the receiver to make an appropriate written notice when signing the carrier documents. The receiver shall inventory the damage and advise the uniform manufacturer in detail. Accessories such as sashes, drops, etc., as well as trousers, will be bulk packed unless otherwise specified.

## 8) FABRIC SPECIFICATIONS

- A. The outer fabrics are Xtreme Dri polyester/synthetic, performance wear, providing enhanced air permeability that differentiates it from generic polyester fabrics.
  - B. Xtreme Dri lifts moisture away from the wearer, which keeps the body cooler in warm weather and warmer in cold weather. It is stain resistant, tear resistant, odor resistant, quick drying, colorfast, and wrinkle resistant. Xtreme Dri is different than the standard polyesters that have been available to the band uniform industry, including, but not limited to 1933 (a.k.a. 4892), 420, 960, 6248, 4030 and 460.
  - C. Since Xtreme Dri is a proprietary exclusive fabric, any vendor may bid on what they consider their best available polyester for the project. However, any and all deviations must be thoroughly documented.

Examine all specifications carefully. It is the intent of the buyer to audit each sample for strict compliance to the specifications. These specifications encompass methods and materials yielding only the highest quality garment, through specifying only the highest quality materials, components, accounterments and designate only time-proven tailoring of the highest standard. Make note that some methods and materials have been judged inferior and unacceptable and are so noted herein. These standards are so stated to insure a garment having a functional lifetime retention period of at least 8 to 10 years, with normal care and maintenance being exercised.

IMPORTANT: ALL BIDDERS are to submit, along with their bids, a certificate stating that the fabrics used in the manufacture of the uniforms will be exact materials called for in the specifications and will be FIRST QUALITY. This certificate must be signed by an official of the Company. BIDDERS NOT FURNISHING THIS CERTIFICATE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

# **DEVIATION FORM**

**NOTE:** The Buyer will not accept the general statement:

"ALL UNIFORMS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED USING OUR STANDARD MANUFACTURING PROCEDURES WHICH ARE EQUAL TO, IF NOT BETTER THAN THOSE CALLED FOR IN THE SPECIFICATIONS."

Any, and all, deviations in construction MUST be documented below. Any bid submitted without the detailed deviation documentation will be rejected.

Does your uniform deviate from attached specifications?

YES	NO
If yes, indicate below any and all deviations from the	specifications:

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** 

# **NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION**

By submission of this bid or proposal, the bidder certifies that:

- A. This bid or proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- B. This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of the bids, or proposals for this project, to any other bidder, competitor or potential competitor;
- C. No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal;
- D. The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that he has fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification, and under the penalties being applicable to the bidder as well as to the person signing in its behalf.

COMPANY SUBMITTING BID	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	
TITLE	

## **BID FORM**

TO:	Neshoba	Central	HS
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Philadelphia, MS

ATTN:

We have reviewed the attached specifications and unless deviations are listed, will supply uniforms and accessories, as specified.

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200	Shakos		
200	Shako Wraps		
200	Plumes		
200	Coats		
200	Jumpsuits		
200	Pair of Gauntlet Cuffs		
200	Side Capes		
200	Shako Boxes		
200	Garment Bags		
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TOTAL

F.O.B Destination Freight Included	% Prepayment Discount
with order.	Net After Discount
TERMS: If awarded the contract, we agree to shi entire order within approximately of necessary details and measurements	p a sample uniform within days and to ship the calendar days after approval of sample and receipt s.
Company: Address:	DATE:
Telephone:	

Signed By/Title

## **COAT SPECIFICATIONS**

## 1. **GENERAL**

Due to the unique requirements of a band coat (relative to the number of different wearers, minimum care received, wearing conditions and life expectancy), special patterns, materials, design and construction methods must be applied. These specifications speak directly to the requirements of construction, which allow for professional washing OR dry cleaning of the garment.

#### 2. PATTERNS

- A. Coat patterns are special band uniform patterns with additional "ease" to allow for freedom of movement, wearing of clothing underneath and the convenient re-issue from year-to-year. Fashion or standard patterns do not allow enough room. Merely up-grading to oversized patterns will result in an unsightly and cumbersome fit.
- B. Computer generated patterns will provide proper fit for all male and female band members, with no restrictions or limitations as to chest size. Likewise, sizes will be assigned in needed "lengths" from XXS through XXXL. Coats will be patterned for EACH even numbered chest size (ex. 38, 40, 42, etc.), rather than just generic S, M, L, etc.
- C. Patterns are to be marked and graded using a computerized system to insure accuracy and updated patterns.

#### 3. SIZING

- A. Measurements will be taken at the school under the direction of a factory-trained local representative.
- B. Sizes are analyzed by a sizing computer system assigning the closest standard proportion size to each wearer in order to permit re-issuing in subsequent years and to provide a reasonable fit for the initial wearer.
- C. Any extra "stock" sizes will be approved in writing by the Band Director.

#### 4. FABRIC

- A. The shell fabric is a high performance Xtreme Dri polyester/synthetic, providing enhanced air permeability that differentiates it from generic polyester fabrics.
- B. Xtreme Dri lifts moisture away from the wearer, which keeps the body cooler in warm weather and warmer in cold weather. It is *stain resistant*, *tear resistant*, *odor resistant*, *quick drying*, *colorfast*, and *will not pill*. Xtreme Dri is different than the standard polyesters that have been available to the band uniform industry, including, but not limited to 1933 (a.k.a. 4892), 420, 960, 6248, 4030 and 460. Standard polyester fabrics are not acceptable substitutes for Xtreme Dri.

C. Since Xtreme Dri is a proprietary exclusive fabric, any vendor may bid on what they consider their best available polyester for the project. However, any and all deviations must be thoroughly documented.

#### 5. <u>LINING</u>

- A. Coat linings are cut from a separate set of patterns designed to fit each specific coat size and style. Linings are not cut from coat shell patterns then cut down to try and fit.
- B. Linings are "FIRST" quality Aerocool polyester/taffeta 97GR/Yd, woven to absorb and evaporate moisture rapidly by capillary effect. The absorption, diffusion and evaporation system of this lining is designed to maintain cool body temperature and excellent comfort for the wearer.
- C. In coat styles that do not utilize a back zipper, the coat lining has a vertical pleat running up the center back. This allows fullness, fit and comfort to the overall performance of the coat.
- D. In the armhole area, the coat lining is machine stitched to an ensemble including the outer coat fabric, shoulder pad and sleevehead. Hand sewing or felling does not provide the durability required for armhole construction.
- E. Linings are sewn to the coat bottom edge, and reinforced with pre-shrunk tailoring tape. Straight cut long coats will have an additional ½" lining pleat all around the coat bottom.

## 6. **BRAID** (see #25-B)

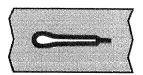
Only first quality washable braid shall be used for trim. Braid trim ¼" or wider, is sewn down with two rows of stitching on looped trims as well as straight line. In addition, looped trim is reinforced with a layer of non-woven fabric, permanently bonded to the inside coat fabric surface to inhibit puckering tendencies.

#### 7. BUTTONS

High-quality, rust resistant metal buttons shall be used where specified and they shall be attached by sewing, ring and washer or toggle and washer or tack-back. The buttons shall not alter the washable capabilities of the garment.

## 8. BUTTONHOLES

All coat buttonholes are made with a CUT-FIRST automatic buttonhole machine. The hole is cut first, the edges covered with gimp, then completely sewn to "close" the buttonhole. The buttonhole back is secured and closed with bartack reinforcement.



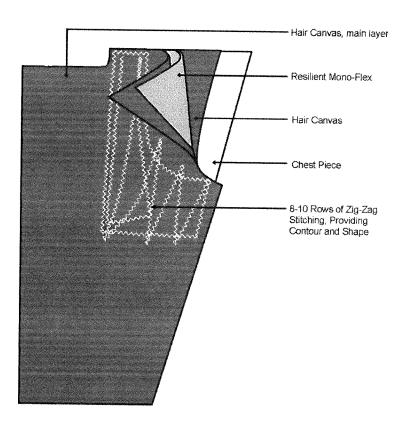
#### 9. ZIPPERS

- A. The style is YKK, heavy duty of color matching VISLON. The zipper is auto-locking and has a "separating" feature for maintenance and durability.
- B. Zipper tapes are standard 9/16" width, sewn down with locked safety stitching and bar tacked at each end.

#### 10. INTERLINING

A. The interlining has optimum four-layer construction. More than four layers create stiffness in the coat fronts, resulting in difficult and uncomfortable arm lift maneuvers in marching bands. Less than four layers results in flimsy construction and therefore a rumpled appearance and reduced durability. In keeping with individual patterns for coat shell fabrics and the linings, higher quality control and an elevated level of haircloth quality is obtained by these multi-layered interlinings being patterned, cut and assembled "IN HOUSE" at the uniform manufacturer's facility. This basic construction practice enhances the fit and comfort of the individual uniform (as opposed to "making do" by purchasing these multilayered ensembles and cutting them down to fit the "hundreds" of patterns required for each coat style and chest size).

# **Coat Front Interlining**



Coat Diagram 1

- B. The main layer of the interlining is a Hymo haircloth. This "hair canvas" is a blend of polyester, viscose rayon and genuine natural hair, which gives it soft resilience. This canvas is 100% washable with no shrinkage or loss of rigidity. The layer extends the complete length of the coat front, from shoulder seam down to the coat bottom.
- C. The second layer is a resilient 27.6% rayon/72.4% polyester canvas "MONO-FLEX" chest piece 4.2 oz in weight. Its dimensions are 6" wide x 6 3/4" long and extends downward from the upper chest area.
- D. The third layer is another piece of hair canvas (as per "B" above) 8" wide and 12" long, extending downward from the upper chest area, and completely covering the MONO-FLEX.
- E. The fourth layer is a ¼" thick padding of 3.6 ounce 100% polyester non-woven material that is soakable and non-shrinkable. This white chestpiece pad extends approximately 6" below the armhole.
- **NOTE:** In white coats and other light color fabric shades, a piece of thin Poly-sil white curtain is added to prevent "shadowing" of the haircloth interlining through the outer coat fabric.
  - F. This entire multilayered interliner shall be sewn together with a series of eight to ten rows (depending on chest size) of zig zag stitching spaced approximately 1" apart. This is the optimum number of rows as recommended by the garment industry standards. Too many rows will reduce the flexibility, comfort and fit. Too few rows will limit durability and lifetime.
  - G. The interliner is then secured to the coat shell fabric and coat lining, in the neckhole, armhole, bottom front and along the coat closure edge. A tailoring tape of 100% PIMA cotton, triple cold water shrunk, is included in these seams for added durability. The interlining is NOT sewn into the shoulder seam, nor the side of the coat. This allows flexibility and "give" to the entire coat front construction.

**NOTE:** The above construction is a time proven procedure. Under no circumstances are the haircloth and sewing operations to be substituted with a fusing or gluing operation.

## 11. ARMHOLES

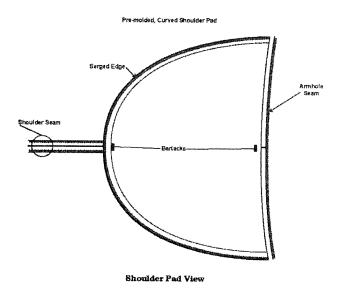
- A. Armholes shall be oval shaped and allow sleeve to be pitched forward 3-4 degrees to maximize comfort and ease of movement with minimum distortion to the coat.
- B. The armhole shall be reinforced with ¼" pre-shrunk cotton tape all around to prevent stretching in the armhole.
- C. The entire armhole shall employ machine lock stitching. Hand or machine "felling" will <u>not</u> be accepted.

D.	The underarm portion of the armhole will have a bi-swing gusset allowance that allows freedom of movement.

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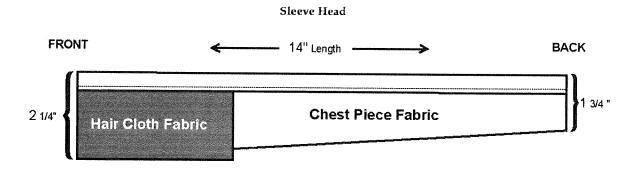
#### 12. SHOULDER PADS

- A. Shoulder pads shall be high quality foam, covered all around with a lightweight polyester lining, serge stitched around the curvature of the pad and are washable or dry cleanable.
- B. Shoulder pad size shall be minimum of 5" x 9" on regular width coat styles.



#### 13. <u>SLEEVE HEADS</u>

The sleevehead provides fullness and shape to the top of the sleeve as it is sewn to the coat body. It consists of a separate strip of material used for the white chest piece pad in the interlining (10E). The sleeve head has a length of 14" and is equally positioned over the shoulder, to the front and back of the upper sleeve seam. The finished width is 2 ¼" at lower front, and tapers to a 1 ¾" width at lower back. The construction consists of a ¾" turnback on the armhole edge, and has a seam spaced ½" from the edge. Sewn into the lower front portion of the white pad strip, is a 2 ½" x 4 ½" piece of "haircloth" as described in the Interlining section (10B). The result of this "IN HOUSE" manufactured sleeve head is a substantially improved "body" in the entire sleeve/shoulder area, particularly when lettering or other embroidery trim is specified.



#### 14. SLEEVE STITCHING

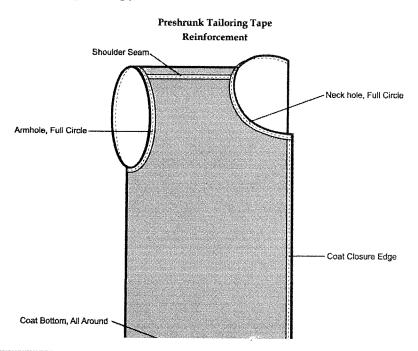
- A. Sleeves shall be set with machine lock stitch to insure proper distribution of fullness and durability.
- B. Fullness shall be sheered in by top-feed sewing machines.

#### 15. ARMHOLE LINING FINISH

- A. The bottom of the sleeve armhole shall be lock-stitched through two layers of lining, two layers of fabric and armshield.
- B. The top shall be sewn through the coat lining, sleeve fabric, sleeve head, shoulder pad and shoulder strap with lock stitching.
- C. The entire armhole has tailoring tape all around.
- D. "Felling" by hand or machine is not acceptable when closing the armhole.

#### 16. TAPING

- A. All seams in high stress areas are reinforced with tailoring tape to prevent stretching, and add durability to the seam. These tapes are pre-shrunk.
- B. Areas of this taping procedure include the following:
  - 1. All around the neck opening where collar joins the
- coat.2. Coat closure edges and completely around the bottom.
  - 3. Complete circumference of the armhole.
    - 4. Shoulder seams from collar (neck opening) to sleeve seam except canopy coats.



#### 17. POCKETS

- A. All inside pockets shall be constructed with a pocket welter and shall be reinforced with a non-woven fabric.
- B. Pocketing material shall be 80/20 poly cotton, 100% poly fill, pre-cured finish, 3.05 YPP, 78/54 twill weave.
- C. Upper and lower welts of the inside breast pocket are to be 100% polyester material and pellon backed.
- D. Pocket bag shall be constructed on one piece of pocketing with no open seams at the bottom.
- E. There shall be a tack at each end of pocket opening through all layers of pocketing. Tacks shall be concealed.
- F. Pockets made of lining or lightweight material shall not be acceptable.

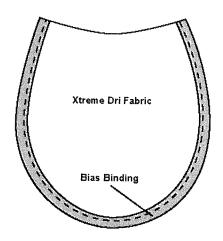
#### 18. SLEEVES

- A. Sleeves cuffs will have an approximate 4" turn up, which incorporates both the coat sleeve fabric and lining. This turn back includes a 3/8" binding at lower cuff edge.
- B. The forward and trailing sleeve seams in the 50/50 sleeve pattern are equipped with a series of gripper snap rings and post hardware. Two posts, spaced 1" apart, are applied to the lower sleeve cuff edge, at both seams in each sleeve. Six ring style fasteners are positioned starting 2 ½" up from the cuff edge and are spaced 1" apart. Coats are shipped fully steam pressed, but without a crease at sleeve cuff bottoms.
- C. Sleeve cuffs with extensive cuff trim (appliques, inserts, looped braid designs, embroidery) are reinforced with non-woven material, bonded permanently to the inside of the coat fabric extending up toward the elbow area. This addition prevents puckering tendencies created by use of fabrics, braids, etc. which each have a different coefficient of stretching.
- D. Shoulder lettering and embroidered logo trim have a reinforced backing layer on the inside of the sleeve.

#### 19. ARMSHIELDS

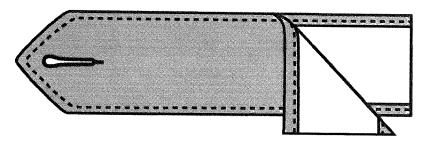
A. The armshield is engineered to minimize the long-term effects of perspiration over the lifetime of the garment. Perspiration consists of moisture, salts, weak organic acids and body oils. Xtreme Dri fabric having WICKING properties is specified for use as the armshield. ("Felt-like" fabrics that retain perspiration are not in the best interest of the garment). In addition to the wicking property, this Xtreme Dri shield has soil release, high permeability for airflow, and exhibits rapid evaporation.

- B. The armshield is approximately 4" x 4" in dimension, bound with double folded bias rayon on both sides and the bottom, then machine sewn into the armhole.
- C. Tensile strength and resistance to abrasion are additional advantages of Xtreme Dri armshields as compared to a "felt-like" material. The minimum abrasion quality is 10,000 on the STROLL FLAT test.



## 20. SHOULDER STRAPS

- A. Both the upper and lower layers of the shoulder strap are interlined with permanently bonded, non-woven material. This four layer ensemble is secured with an inside hidden stitch then top-stitched all around the edge, set in approximately 1/4". These layers are die-cut to insure exact conformity in shape and size, throughout the lifetime of the garment.
  - B. Buttonholes are the CUT-FIRST style, having all raw edges reinforced with gimp, then solid stitching as described earlier in the Buttonhole section (item 8).



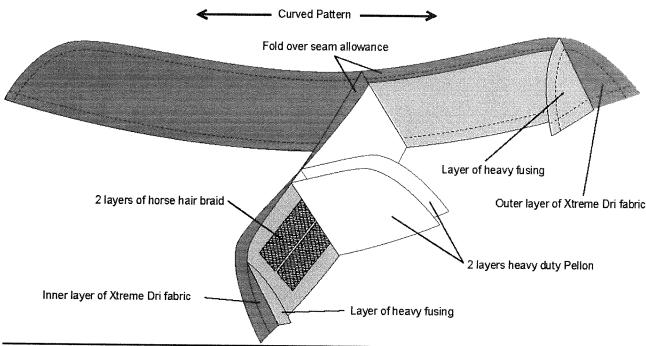
## 21. STANDING COMFORT COLLAR

- A. The collar is one of the highest stress areas in the coat. The collar is cut from a curved pattern. This allows a front "drop" to fit the downward front slope of the natural human body configuration. This item is NOT to be cut in a straight pattern.
- B. There are a total of eight layers in this comfort collar construction.
  - 1. The collar lining of Xtreme Dri fabric, as described in the fabric section (item
  - 4), has a non-woven material, permanently sewn and bonded to the inside.

- 2. Sewn directly to the inboard surface of this tandem collar lining construction, centered on the lining and running the circumference of the collar are two layers of 3/8" horse hair braid reinforcement.
- 3. The outer collar shell, also made of Xtreme Dri, has a non-woven material permanently sewn and bonded to the inside.
- 4. Both the collar lining construction and the outer collar shell construction are sewn to two base layers of heavy duty Pellon forming the finished comfort collar.

**NOTE:** The entire sewing operation in the construction of the collar is "machine-sewn". Hand sewing simply cannot insure the required durability.

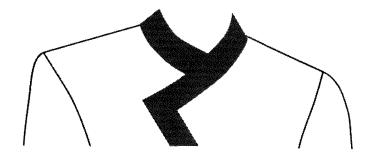
# Comfort Collar



## 22. "WRAP" COAT COLLAR

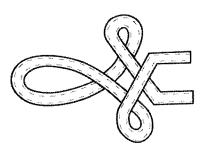
The standing collar on the wrap style coat is "soft", in that there is no inner layer of stiff mylar. This collar generally measures 1 ¾" finished width. The inside lining is Xtreme Dri fabric having a permanently bonded layer of non-woven fabric to reinforce the collar. The outer layer of the collar is also Xtreme Dri fabric having a reinforcing layer of monoflex (resilient canvas of 27.6% rayon/72.4% polyester – 4.2 oz. weight) stitched in. This results in a reinforced

"soft" collar having four layers. All exposed edges are turned inward with an invisible row of stitching. A visible row of topstitching is added all around the edge. There are no exposed, rough edges.



## 23. COAT TRIM

- A. All trim must be sewn to the outer coat fabric before the lining and interlining are joined to the coat. Trim sewn through the interlining and lining is not acceptable.
- B. Washable braid trim of ¼" or wider is sewn down with two rows of stitching. This includes looped trims as well as straight line. In addition, looped trim is reinforced with a layer of non-woven fabric, permanently bonded to the inside coat fabric surface, to inhibit puckering tendencies.



## 24. SPECIAL COAT STYLES

- A. Seamless canopy coat styles will require a "Memory Recovery" system across the upper back and shoulders due to the under construction across each shoulder.
- B. The Memory Recovery system is a 2 ½" wide panel of heavy duty light weight elastic, made of 90% (70 denier) nylon and 10% (140 denier) Spandex. It is sewn into each sleeve seam in the coat back area, and extends fully across the coat back. When the wearer of this coat style is in an arms down position, the system is relaxed. During an arm lift maneuver the entire coat back experiences stress and pulling across the shoulders. The Memory Recovery system brings the various fabrics, folds and coat parts, back to the original "EASE" position when arms return downward. This entire process prevents unsightly bulging. The durable elastic panel is included in the manufacturer's warranty.

#### 25. <u>SEAMS</u>

The center back seam and side body seams shall be 5/8". Seams are to be plain with a minimum of 1 ½" - 1 ½" total outlet in the side body seams and ¾" in the back seams. Coat is to be completely machine stitched except in areas where tailoring or appearance necessitates other methods. The ends of all seams and stitching shall be back-stitched not less than ¼". Thread breaks of all stitch types must be secured by stitching back from break ½" to 1". Coat is to be tailored with a four-piece back, comprised of a center back seam and two additional back body seams curving from sleeve seam downward and running out the coat bottom.

#### 26. THREAD

Threads used throughout the garment will be TEX 40 size, 29/2 gauge and 4.56 lb. tensile strength. All threads used are to be heat resistant, vat dyed, sunfast, dry cleanable pre-shrunk and moisture proof. In areas of multiple color trim panels, a monofilament thread may be indicated. This thread is a 330 denier and has a .008 diameter rating. The manufacturer's warranty includes all threads used throughout the uniform construction.

#### JUMPSUIT SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1. **GENERAL**

Jumpsuits are special marching band construction and design. They shall not employ fashion tailoring techniques, materials and patterns that will not withstand the rigorous end use of band uniforms. Fashion pocketing, waistband material and construction, lightweight snaps and hooks are not acceptable.

#### 2. PATTERNS

- A. The patterns and style must be in keeping with the end use of marching, with maximum capability to be adjusted for fitting a variety of wearers from year to year.
- B. They must have ample room for movement and be nonrestrictive for marching, in the seat, thigh and ankle area. The dimensions of a jumpsuit for a 38 regular male, shall not be less than 16" circumference at cuff and 23" at thigh.

## 3. FRONT CLOSURE

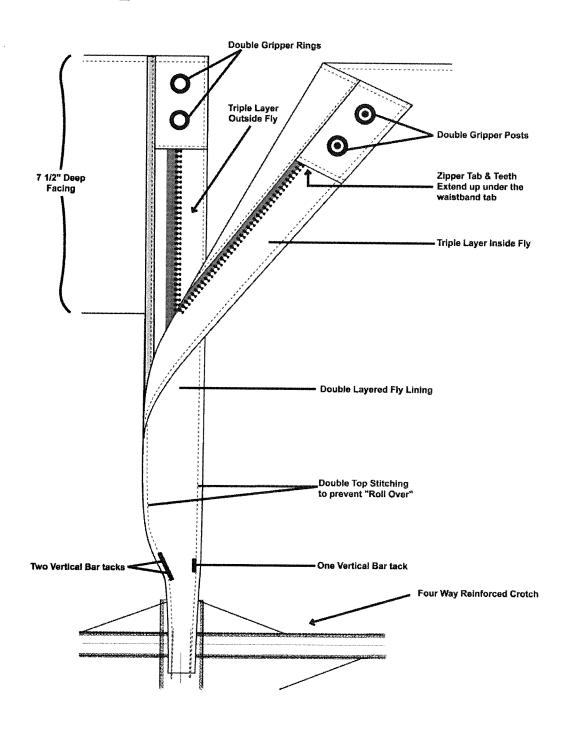
- A. There are two stainless snaps at the top of the fly. Jumpsuits/bibbers with merely one (1) snap at closure are unacceptable.
- B. The fly zipper is brass "Y.K.K." with a double locking slide. There is a metal stop at the base of the fly zipper. The fly teeth will extend completely up under the waistband to prevent the slide from coming off the top of the zipper. Short zippers with teeth not extending under waistband are not acceptable.
- C. The outside fly consists of the outer shell fabric, an inner layer of shell fabric, and a middle reinforcing layer of non-woven fabric. The lateral edge of shell fabric on the inside of this fly assembly is completely bound with a polyester bias tape.
- D. The inside fly is constructed with a layer of outer shell fabric having two layers of "four way" fabric sewn to the inside. The "four way" material is 80/20 polycotton, 100% poly fill, 3.5 yards per pound, with a pre-cured finish. This inside fly extends down into the four-way crotch and finishes approximately 1 ½" beyond the four-way. This fly lining is stitched down on both edges, to prevent "rolling".

**NOTE:** Both the outside fly and the inside fly have three layer construction.

E. There are two vertical bar tacks on the inside fly lining and one vertical bar tack on the outside of the base of the fly <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" up from the bottom of the fly. The purpose of the outside bar tack is to eliminate stress on the zipper track and to prevent tearing when the trousers are being put on. This bar tack is vertical to insure maximum number of stitches on the seam, and positioned to be not noticeable.

F. The outside, three layered front fly measures 1 ¾" in width. The inside, three layered front fly measures 2" in width.

# Jumpsuit/Bibber Inside View



## 4. CROTCH REINFORCEMENT

- A. There is a "four-way" crotch reinforcement consisting of 80/20 poly cotton, 10% poly fill, 3.5 yard per pound, pre-cured finish fabric.
- B. There are four, two ply sections, one on each side of the intersection of the fly, seat seam and inseams.
- C. Crotch area is clean finished with no pieces extending from top of inseams.

#### 5. INSEAM

- A. The trouser is unhemmed, with the bottom edge finished all around in a serge stitch.
- **B.** The inseam will allow ample length for a cuff hem, and is constructed with a flat seam having a 1" outlet.

#### 6. SEAMS

- A. The center back (seat) seam is finished using two rows of locked chain stitching for seam strength and durability. It is a flat seam with a 2" outlet.
- B. The outseam is secured with a safety double seam stitch.

## 7. PERMANENT SUSPENDERS

- A. Suspenders are made of whipcord fabric. Color shall match jumpsuits. Nylon webbing shall not be used because the adjusting slide will not remain in set position under tension from movement.
- B. Suspenders are two-ply, topstitched, and have interlining for body. This will insure the adjustable slide remaining in set position; suspenders will launder or dry clean as well as the jumpsuit.
- C. All hardware is unbreakable nylon as used in parachutes and life vests; unbreakable, unbendable and not subject to tarnishing or rusting. It will not cause undue abrasion on jumpsuit during dry clean tumbling.
- D. Suspenders are self faced and interlined with pellon. Lining of belting or pocketing is not acceptable.

## 8. PERIMETER SERGING

A. All exposed "raw" edges are finished with a serging stitch of no less than 10 per inch, tight to edge, to prevent fraying.

## SHAKO CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1. GENERAL

It is important that the shakos be made by the manufacturer of the uniforms. This will insure that all the manufacturer's quality control practices will be followed. The practices include (but are not limited to), workmanship consistent with uniform, fabric matching, and timely delivery.

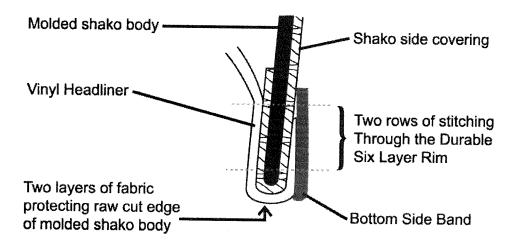
#### 2. BODY

- A. Shako body is vacuum-formed high impact styrene .135" gauge white plastic and has high rubber content to prevent cracking. Body is pliable and flexible to conform to wearer's head, in an "oval" shape, rather than circular or round.
- B. There is a separate shell size for each head size.
- C. Each hat has a clear ident-a-peek pocket in the inside top with the size imprinted in 1/4" letters for ease of issue. Each ident-a-peek contains a card to identify the wearer. A size sticker is also applied to the inside top.

#### 3. **COVERING**

- A. The fabric side covering is pulled down to the bottom edge of the shako body, then turned back 1 ½" up inside the shell. Two rows of stitching secures the side covering to the molded shell. One row is polycore poly wrap thread, lock stitched. The second row is Telex 135 poly tex thread, also lock stitched. This sewing operation extends all around the entire bottom edge of the molded shako body.
- B. The two rows of stitching described in section A above, secure a total of six layers for maximum durability. These layers, from the outside to inside, are: BOTTOM SIDE BAND, VINYL HEADLINER, SIDE COVERING, MOLDED SHAKO BODY, SIDE COVERING TURNBACK and VINYL HEADLINER TURNBACK.

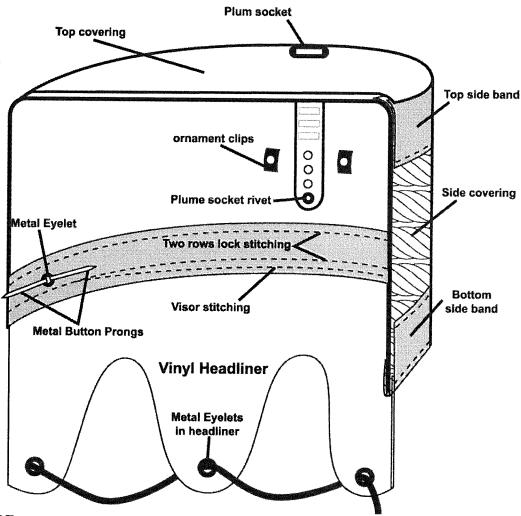
## **Shako Cross Section**



## 4. HEADLINER AND SPECIAL FEATURES

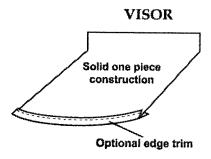
- A. Headliner shall be cotton backed, expanded vinyl with embossed finish. There are six scallops with metal eyelets to receive drawstring for adjustability. Draw string to have plastic cord lock.
- B. Headliner is turned and sewn with a lockstitch in such a manner to allow for adjustability.
- C. Headliner extends around the bottom edge of the plastic body, and stitched through. This results in two layers of material (outer fabric and vinyl headliner) to secure and protect the bottom edge of the shako shell body.
- D. There is a metal eyelet on each side of the hat body where the button prong passes through plastic.
- E. High density polyethylene plume sockets are included and riveted to the body.
- F. A metal spacer is used to affix the front chain to each side button.

## **Shako Construction**



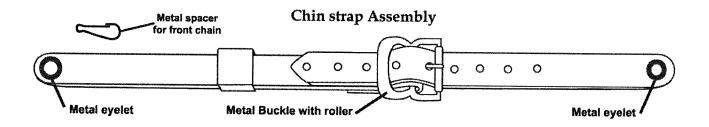
## 5. VISOR

- A. Visor is non-breakable one-piece plastic, not laminated. It is secured to the shako body with lock-stitch safety sewing.
- B. Visor color is molded through entire body of visor. The material is an engineering grade copolymer with low-temperature toughness, stain proof, fade and discoloration proof, impervious to ultraviolet light (sunlight).



## 6. <u>CHINSTRAP</u>

- A. Chinstrap is ¾" pliable plastic with metal buckle and roller, and has a ½" keeper.
- B. There are metal eyelets at chinstrap ends where button attaches (to prevent strap from being torn by button shank).
- D. There is a ¾" nickel-plated brass chinstrap hook at the rear of the shako, attached with a metal clip.



## 7. BUTTONS

- A. Side buttons are three-piece metal.
- B. Buttons consist of prongs, base plate, and face plate. Side buttons are metal with spread prongs. Plastic buttons are not acceptable.

## SHAKO, HELMET AND BAND ACCESSORY CARRY CASE SPECIFICATIONS

Headwear carry case is "Shako-Mate" or equivalent.

MATERIAL: High Impact Polystyrene. This material is heat resistant, which prevents melting, and cold resistant, which resists breakage due to the material becoming brittle.

<u>SIZE</u>: 12" by 12" to accommodate headgear and plume as well as various accessory items. Smaller boxes that prevent plume and accessories from being stored are not acceptable.

**HANDLE**: The handle is rounded with the latch placed behind the handle. Boxes with the handle on top, preventing ease in removal from stacked position, are unacceptable.

- A) Carry case has a pebble grain finish to compliment appearance and prevent scratching.
- B) Inside of box has reinforcement flanges to allow for stability, and aid in stacking when containers are stacked in open position.
- C) Carry case is stackable to allow for storage. Stacking nodes are to be on underside of container with receiving units on top.

**BANDSMAN COAT:** 

FOR: Neshoba Central High School Philadelphia, MS

FABRIC:

XD Divine White (sublimated)

100% Synthetic

Xtreme Dri Fabric

XD Blue Coat Blue

100% Synthetic

Xtreme Dri Fabric

**STYLE:** Fully constructed - Waist length coat with a center front point. Back cut straight.

**CLOSURE:** Back butted with Black nylon zipper that zips down, starting in collar.

**SPECIAL DETAILS:** Construction that allows the coat to be fully machine-washable.

The coat has performance-wear "Aerocool" full lining throughout in the front, back and sleeves for maximum breathability and comfort for the wearer. "Aerocool" lining is woven to absorb and evaporate moisture rapidly by capillary effect. The absorption, diffusion and evaporation system of this lining is designed to maintain cool body temperature and excellent comfort for the wearer. The coat also utilizes performance-wear inner full front canvas that is fully machine-washable. Also, perspiration shields, sleeve-heads, inner bias taping system and other necessary features are included in the Coat construction portion of these specifications.

The coat has snap tape at the cuffs to allow for adjustable hems without the necessity of sewing. Sleeves have a special pattern that allows freedom of movement for the wearer. The coat also has extended shoulders to allow more comfort for the wearer. There are special pre-molded (3/4" thick) firm foam shoulder pads with nylon tricot covering measuring 5" wide x 9" long at each shoulder. Each coat has an identification number, as well as a barcode. Special overlap fold over collar. Black snap tape beneath left coat bottom for side cape attachment.

**FRONT TRIM:** Entire front to be sublimated to be Black at the bottom gradually fading to match XD Blue Coat Blue at upper left shoulder and lower right shoulder. Upper right shoulder (next to the collar) to fade back to Black. There will be white streaks/highlights throughout the upper left shoulder area and black streaks on the right shoulder area. Extending from the right shoulder to the lower left is a printed slash design to be White at the upper right fading to match XD Blue Coat Blue at the lower left – slash to taper in width as it continues to coat bottom. There will be another slash design to match XD Scarlet Red with white highlights that will start at the right side of the white slash at the right shoulder then cross over the white slash towards the middle and then set flush to the left side of the slash at the lower left.

**BACK TRIM:** Sublimated to be Black at the bottom gradually fading to match XD Blue Coat Blue at top.

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COMFORT COLLAR: Special fold over collar. Right front will have a stand up collar with a fold over portion that will lap over the left side of collar and be bartacked shut. Right front and fold over to be XD Divine White. Left front and back to be XD Raven Black. Entire collar to be lined with XD Raven Black. The collar lining of Xtreme Dri fabric has a non-woven material, permanently sewn and bonded to the inside. Sewn directly to the inboard surface of this tandem collar lining construction, centered on the lining and running the circumference of the collar are two layers of 3/8" horse hair braid reinforcement. The outer collar shell, also made of Xtreme Dri fabric, has a non-woven material permanently sewn and bonded to the inside. Both the collar lining construction and the outer collar shell construction are sewn to two base layers of heavy duty Pellon forming the finished comfort collar. The collar has eight layers of construction. Set vertically on fold over are three 30L Chrome Lined Livery buttons attached with disc and ring.

**SHOULDER STRAPS:** XD Divine White, square, non-functional, stitched down all around. No buttons. No trim.

<u>UPPER SLEEVE TRIM:</u> Both to be XD Blue Coat Blue. Each: Extending down from each shoulder seam is a simulated shoulder strap of XD Divine White with three 30L Chrome Lined Livery buttons attached with disc and ring, set vertically.

**CUFF:** No trim.

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## **BANDSMEN UTILITY JUMPSUIT:**

FOR: Neshoba Central High School Phildelphia, MS

FABRIC:	XD Raven Black	x 100% Syntheti	c Xtreme Dri Fabri	ic
OPTIONS:	Fully Lined Adjustable Zipper Side Pockets Flair Legs Suspender Buttons Front Zipper	I	One-Half (1/2) Lined Hemmed Fob Wallet Perma-Crease French Fly Back Zipper	XXXX

**STRIPE:** None

**POCKETS:** Welted – Right Front

**SPECIAL FEATURES AND DETAILS:** Each jumpsuit has an identification number, as well as a barcode. 1 1/4" shoulder straps of jumpsuit fabric with nylon slides. Four-way reinforced crotch. 16" legs. Three inch (3") letout center back. Snap tape on seams for special hem adjustment. There is also a piece of heavy duty black elastic in back of suspenders to allow more comfort for the wearer. Left Chest: 2" tall interlocked f.b. "NC" of Blue direct swiss with Red outline. Set straight below, Dianna "Big Blue Band" of Blue direct swiss.

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**HEADGEAR:** 

FOR: Neshoba Central High School

Philadelphia, MS

**STYLE:** C-51"

**PLUMEHOLDER:** Center Front

**VISOR:** Silver mylar

**TOP MATERIAL:** XD Blue Coat Blue

**SIDE MATERIAL:** Split sides. Vertical split at both side buttons. Front to be sublimated Black at upper left corner fading to match XD Blue Coat Blue at right with White streaks/highlights. Back to be XD Blue Coat Blue.

**BANDS:** Bottom Only: XD Blue Coat Blue

**ORNAMENT:** None

**CHINSTRAP:** Clear with nickel buckle

**FRONT STRAP:** Bayly silver

**SIDE BUTTONS:** 45L Nickel Grained Lined

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**SPECIAL TRIM DETAILS:** Metal hook in back of shako for chinstrap. Identification numbers. Adjustable inside cord to have plastic cord lock.

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FOR: Neshoba Central High School Philadelphis, MS

## **ACCESSORIES:**

SIDE CAPE: Sublimated to match XD Blue Coat Blue at the bottom gradually fading to Black at the top. Starting at the upper left, lining up with the design on the left coat bottom, are two slashes that will end at the lower right side. Top slash to match XD Scarlet Red with white highlights and bottom slash to fade from XD Blue Coat Blue at top to White at lower right side. Side cape as an angled point downward close to center front, stopping at the left side seam. Lined with XD Raven Black. Attaches to left coat bottom with black snap tape.

**SHAKO WRAP:** Front to be sublimated to be Black at upper left fading to match XD Blue Coat Blue at right and bottom with white streaks/highlights. Wrap has an angled front from approx. 4" high at let, to approx. 8" high at right, then back down again to 4" all around. Lined with XD Blue Coat Blue. Back to be #803 Black double stretch.

**GAUNTLET CUFFS:** Two samples are to be submitted, and one of the following two options will be chosen:

**Pr of G. Cuffs #1:** Platinum White Grained Vinyl, lined with XD Divine White. Set vertically next to opening edge are three 30L Chrome Lined Livery buttons attached with disc and rings. Fin on opening edge of XD Scarlet Red, approx. 2" wide at top tapering to a point at bottom. XD Divine White gussets to prevent Velcro from coming in contact with sleeve.

**Pr of G. Cuffs #2:** Platinum White Grained Vinyl, lined with XD Divine White. Set vertically next to opening edge are three 30L Chrome Lined Livery buttons attached with disc and rings. Fin on opening edge of #264P Comet Red Stan Twill, approx. 2" wide at top tapering to a point at bottom. XD Divine White gussets to prevent Velcro from coming in contact with sleeve.

**SHAKO BOX:** Black plastic, Shako-Mate.

**GARMENT BAG:** 210 Black denier nylon bag with royal blue screenprinted logo. Heavy duty zipper in front. Clear I.D. Window. Back of garment bag to have accessory pouch, with heavy duty zipper. Full double needle construction. Top opening for hangar. Handle loop at bottom.

**PLUME:** 16 inch French Fountain white plume with full length scarlet red cut ostrich spear wired in the front.

Deviation	No Deviation

The uniform herein specified is considered

# "FULLY CONSTRUCTED".

<u>Unconstructed</u> or <u>lightly constructed</u> uniforms that do not include a FULL coat lining (including the back,

sleeves and front) AND complete inner construction (including two layers of hair canvas, one layer of mono-flex and a chest piece, and all other features listed in the construction and styling

specifications) are NOT ACCEPTABLE and will result in disqualification as the specifications clearly require

FULL CONSTRUCTION. The uniform specified herein must also be dry cleanable AND machine washable for customer flexibility.

By signing below, bidder acknowledges compliance with above specification requirements:

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