

EQUIPMENT NOTE

Note: When handling any training dummies/manikins two people must be employed, and only approved and tested means of hauling must be employed.

Care & maintenance

1. Do not deliberately drop or abuse the dummy.
2. Do not expose the dummy to fire, excessive heat or hazardous substances. Where it has to be exposed, dress the dummy in protective overalls or clothing to enhance its durability. If it becomes contaminated, it must be decontaminated before being handled again.

Inspection before and after use

Visually inspect the dummies as follows:

1. Check that they have no tears or holes that would interfere with their handling.
2. Check that none of the seams has become un-stitched and that the stitching is not worn down.
3. Check that all the labels are secure.
4. Check that nothing has become embedded in the body of the dummy. No hard material is used in the manufacture of the dummy, so anything hard will be a foreign object and it must be removed.
5. Check that none of the limbs are loose and that no part of the dummy is likely to fall loose during drills.

Cleaning and Storing

The dummies are covered with a sturdy, colourfast canvas that, in general, will be easy to keep clean. However, if they are likely to get dirty, it is recommended that the dummies are first clothed with overalls. The overalls can then be removed and cleaned in the usual way.

1. If the dummy does become soiled, wipe it down with a damp cloth and stand it up to dry.
2. If the dummy becomes soiled with oil or other similar substances, carefully clean these off using a sparing amount of paraffin or similar cleaning fluid. Then wipe the dummy with soapy water to remove traces of the cleaning fluid.
3. If the dummy has got wet during use or through cleaning, hang it up to dry in an airy place. The dummy should dry quite quickly.
4. Although the dummy is made from rot-proof canvas, always ensure that it is completely dry before stowing it away.

Decontamination after Use

1. If the dummy has been exposed to hazardous substances during the exercise, it must be decontaminated with the rest of the equipment. Include a warning about its weight on the bag label. If the dummy has absorbed the substances, seek specific instructions from the Hazmat Officer.

Damage and Repair

1. This equipment cannot be repaired at the station, it must be returned to Brigade Stores for advice.

Supplementary note:

Water rescue dummies are designed to allow the ingress of water during use; it is desirable that this water is allowed to drain out after use. To aid this process, it is recommended that the dummies are hung up using the large webbing loop to the back and that the Wellingtons are removed.