



TROOP FEEDBACK REPORT

VERSION 3

March 26, 2007

Purpose: This report was prepared to establish the comfort and satisfaction levels of combat helmet pad suspension systems as determined by feedback from Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. It is intended for use by the military services, Congress, troop support volunteers, and manufacturers. We hope that it will help bring important information to those who need it.

Methods/Materials: The information was gathered from 18 November 2006 thru 25 March 2007. The information was voluntarily provided by service men and women thru an on-line form at <http://www.operation-helmet.org/troop-feedback.html>. The data were analyzed from December 25, 2006 through 27 March, 2007 by Operation Helmet volunteers.

Results/Data: The four figures below display the number of responses and the subjective ratings of the various pad systems. The data indicates that pad systems from two manufacturers (Skydex and Oregon Aero) are preferred for subjective comfort. The data indicates that there is a clear preference in using the Oregon Aero pad systems by those who have worn pad systems from two or more manufacturers. A number of anecdotal comments indicate that respondents believe that they avoided injury through the use of the padded system.

Appendix one contains the feedback data with comments from respondents who agreed to release their comments.

While this survey was not a scientific study on the efficacy of padded suspension systems against blast and other traumatic impacts, it does provide an insight into the average troop's judgment on comfort and wearability.

Conclusions: The data indicates that there is a clear preference in using the Oregon Aero pad systems by those who have worn multiple pad suspension systems, and that both pads Skydex and Oregon Aero systems provide good levels of subjective comfort.

Other Comments: The feedback data collection will continue and we will provide periodic updates on the Operation Helmet website. We gratefully acknowledge the prayers, efforts, time, and resources of our troops and the volunteers around the country and the world. If together we can save just one precious life, the work we all do





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will have been well worth it. In no case will we release name, unit, email address or other distinguishing information without express written permission of the respondent.

We are pleased to hear from the Air Force and Marines that they have mounted a program to provide helmet upgrades to all hands, but we are told they are backlogged for individual units. Accordingly, we continue to send the protective inserts to requesting individuals.

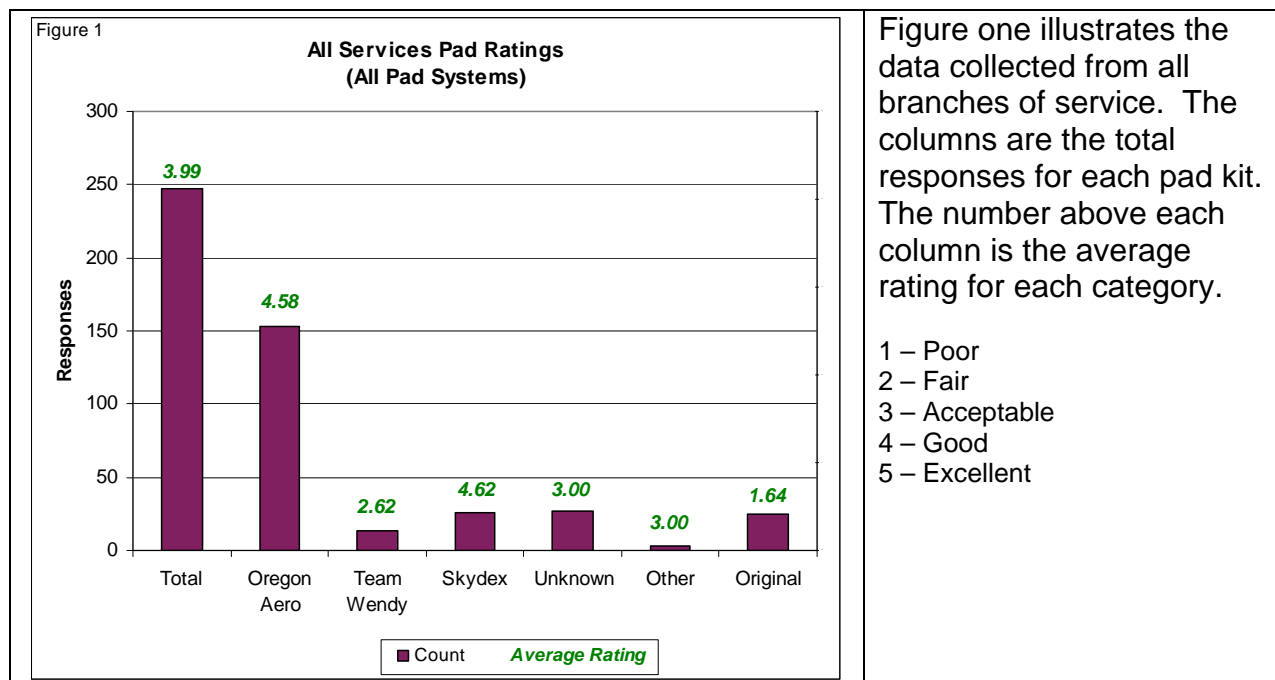
Operation Helmet is **100% volunteer**, non-partisan, 501-c-3 charitable organization headquartered in Houston, Texas with volunteer operations around the country. 99% of all contributions are used to send upgrade kits to our troops! We have one percent overhead which is used to for very limited expenses - it is a labor of love. *We have no salaries or payroll.*

Doc Bob

Bob Meaders, MD, CAPT,
Medical Corps, USN-Ret

Mark

Mark Meaders, Major, USAF Retired



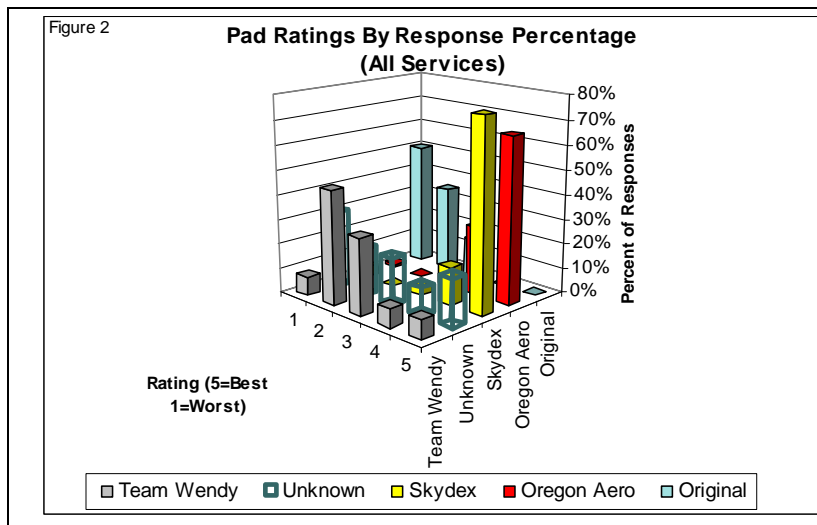


Figure two illustrates the data collected from all service branches with response percentages and pad ratings for each upgrade kit. The columns are the percent of rating responses for each pad kit.

- 1 – Poor
- 2 – Fair
- 3 – Acceptable
- 4 – Good
- 5 – Excellent

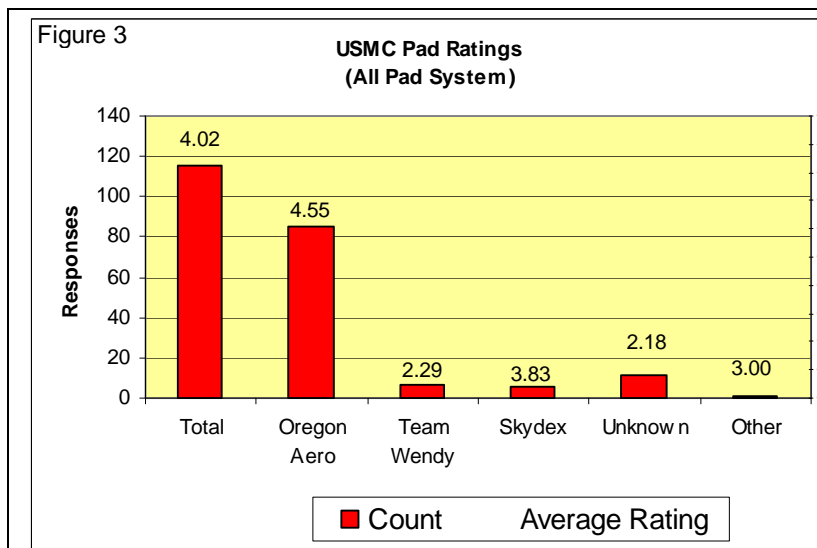


Figure three illustrates the data collected from Marines. The columns are the total responses for each pad kit. The number above each column is the average rating for each category.

- 1 – Poor
- 2 – Fair
- 3 – Acceptable
- 4 – Good
- 5 – Excellent





Figure 4

USAF Pad Ratings (All Pad Systems)

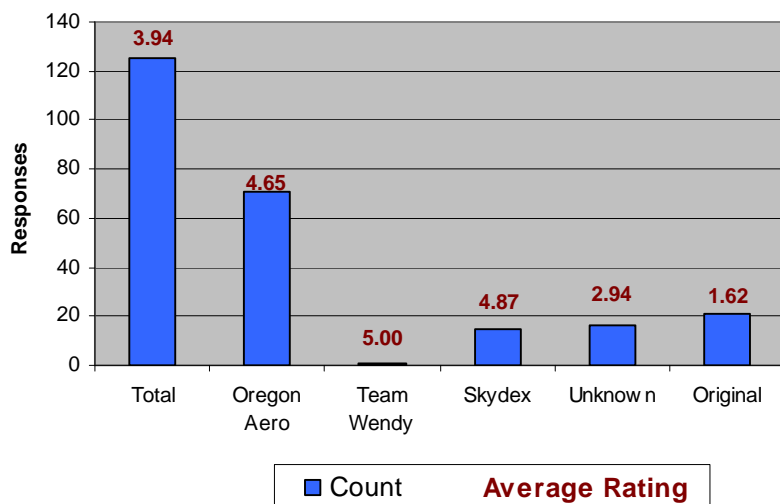


Figure four illustrates the data collected from Airmen who declared they are currently using a pad system. The columns are the total responses for each pad kit. The number above each column is the average rating for each category.

- 1 – Poor
- 2 – Fair
- 3 – Acceptable
- 4 – Good
- 5 – Excellent



| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time | |
|--|------|------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | | |
| AF | SSgt | ACH | No Yes | 2 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 | 9:38:29 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The new padding in my helmet is great! It is comfortable and I'm able to wear it without my hat underneath. My helmet fits snugly now and doesn't pull my hair when I take it off. | | | | | | | |
| Army NG | 1LT | ACH | Yes Yes | 4 4 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 1/23/2007 | 12:45:39 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I am a Commander for convoy escort Company, we have the ACH helmets. These helmets are a huge improvement from the old kevlar helmets, my soldiers speak very highly of them, more importantly they wear the helmet. I want to commend you on your support of the Troops, keep up the good work and remember it does matter. OH Note: Confirmed OA 26 Feb 07. | | | | | | | |
| AF | a1c | DontKnow | No Yes | 3 | Skydex | 11/20/2006 | 10:14:29 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The pads are very comfortable at first, but as soon as you sweat, even a little, they turn very hard. If they wouldn't get so hard they would be wonderful. | | | | | | | |
| AF | Maj | DontKnow | No Yes | 2 4 | Original Oregon Aero | 1/1/2007 | 3:21:18 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| AF | TSgt | DontKnow | No Yes | 5 | Unknown | 11/19/2006 | 11:12:49 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I had the old issue leather band system when I shipped over here to Iraq. I received the upgrade from Operation Helmet and it was the BEST gift I have received. I wore my helmet in total comfort every single day. I did sweat a lot (but that may just be me), but I will take that any day over the headaches and pain I would have felt from the old system. Thanks Operation Helmet for making my deployment much better than it would have been. | | | | | | | |
| AF | tsgt | DontKnow | No Yes | 5 | Unknown | 11/27/2006 | 3:27:33 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| they are great. | | | | | | | |
| AF | E6 | DontKnow | No Yes | 1 5 | Skydex | 12/29/2006 | 10:23:00 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| GOOD FIT, FELT BETTER ON SKULL, NO HEAD ACHES AFTER WEARING FOR LONG PERIODS.....THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR GUYS HERE IN IRAQ, FOR OUR GUYS WHO GO OUTSIDE THE WIRE LIKE MY SON, I'M SURE THEY PREFER YOUR PRODUCT....THANKS AGAIN, xxx MEDIC | | | | | | | |
| AF | sra | DontKnow | No Yes | 1 5 | Original | 1/10/2007 | 8:59:48 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I've seen people with these pad systems and our squadron did not issue them to us. during attacks or during times when we were on high alert the original system I had would flop around my head it would never fit right. once I was issued the Oregon Aero system I used my helmet for bicycle riding even. so yes the new padded system worked out great because during stressful situations I could focus on my job rather than how much my helmet is irritating me. | | | | | | | |
| AF | SSgt | DontKnow | No Yes | 1 5 | Original Oregon Aero | 12/31/2006 | 8:10:29 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The Oregon Aero helmet upgrade is outstanding. Easy to install, and comfort level is dramatically increased. Absolutely zero discomfort when wearing my kevlar helmet now. I wish I would have had one year ago. My sincerest thanks to all parties involved | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Maj | DontKnow | No No | 1 | Unknown | 11/18/2006 | 11:35:24 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| We travel around Iraq quite frequently and I requested 5 PAD systems from your company and never received them. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Cpl | DontKnow | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 | 9:04:23 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| They're a lot more comfortable than what came with it! Thank you!!!! | | | | | | | |



| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time | |
|--|----------|------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | | |
| USMC | Cpl | DontKnow | Yes Yes | 3 4 | Other Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 | 4:10:36 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The pads are extremely comfortable. The only problems that my Marines had were that they were too hot and Marines that had inbetween sizes couldn't wear them. S,M,L is how the Marine Corps sizes their helmets and a lot of Marines fall on half sizes and just adjust the inside liner to fit. The pads don't allow for any adjustment! I am not a complainer... I loved the pads and I am grateful for everyone that gave \$\$\$ to support while we gave out lives. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | corpraol | DontKnow | No Yes | 5 | | 11/19/2006 | 6:00:35 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| My son Jason said thank you. He said that his helmet is much more comfortable. I have only been able to talk to him once it was a quick call. He gave the other one's out. Thank you so much | | | | | | | |
| USMC | cpl | DontKnow | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 | 9:57:44 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| For long periods of wear the pad system that i received from you is perfect. It not only lets your head breath it makes it comfortable. It allows you to concentrate on the job at hand not about the discomfort of the kevlar helmet. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | LCpl | DontKnow | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/3/2006 | 11:07:01 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I ordered the helmet kit from Operation Helmet and gave it to my son just as he was deploying to Iraq. Contrary to what is told to the families and the public, the military isn't providing these kits to the Marines when needed. My son has been in Iraq over 3 mo and his unit just recieved the helmet kits. I don't think that they're the same as my son's because there are allot of complaints. My son says that his helmet kit is the best and appreciates that I got it for him. He states that it is most comfortable. I wish that the deparatment in the military that is ordering these helmet kits would do their job faster, and order the correct ones because this is our (MY) son's life that we're talking about. Thanks for providing me the opportunity to assist my son in being allittle more safe and protected, even tho that responsibility should fall to the Marine Corps. My son said that his helmet kit looks different from the ones that the Marine Corps gave to his unit recently. Does anyone know why the Marines aren't getting the helmet kits until after they have deployed to Iraq? This seems very wrong to me! My name is Tina xxx and if you have any questions you can call me at 321-xxx-xxxx. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | PFC | DontKnow | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/4/2006 | 1:39:49 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The pads fit much better than the standard suspension system. In the rush I dont have to worry about loosing my Kevlar if I dont do the chin strap right away, the pads hold snug. They also take away that nasty "helmet head", which just plain sucks. My only complaint is after a hard days worth of patrols and you sweat up a storm, your pads get kinda nasty. Then if its cold and they are damp from sweat, they get stiff and almost uncomfortable feeling as though they are frozen. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Captain | DontKnow | No Yes | 1 5 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 1/7/2007 | 10:36:57 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| No more throbbing headaches! Great system! | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Lcpl | DontKnow | Yes Yes | 3 5 | Unknown Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 | 5:36:04 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| My son was sent the helmit kits in question and he said they were great. Much better than what he had prior. I spoke with him again yesterday and he wanted to make sure that I extended his thanks and appreciation. Xxx | | | | | | | |
| NAVY (FMF) | HM2 | LWH | Yes Yes | 4 4 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 11/22/2006 | 11:55:52 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The pads are very hot in the summer, but in the winter they are very nice. The chin straps don't stay tight. They tend to stretch when wet and come loose easily. It's a great system though. The comfort is amazing and so is the fit. Thank you so much. I have a few marines that I believe were kept from having worse injuries due to the pads. So thanks again. OH Added: 2nd note from individual "The chinstrap is the one that comes with the system. After talking to a couple of my marines they also have the same issue with the chinstrap". 11/26/06 | | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time | |
|--|-------|------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | | |
| USMC | ssgt | LWH | No Yes | 1 | Team Wendy (ZAP) | 11/19/2006 | 2:11:44 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I hate it. It doesnt fit right. I had to go up another size helmet for it to fit my head. It gives me a headache, and it moves all over my head. The pads are too hard. I want my old suspension system back. Added: I have to apologies. When I was issued the new pads the first thing I did was remove the top pad and replace it with the softer Oregon pad I got from another Marine, that is the one I looked at. The other pads are ZAP? military issue. They are too hard. I must be honest and say it might be the pads I have, but they gives me a bad headache and it doesn't fit. Oregon's are alot softer then the issue ones. 11/28/06 | | | | | | | |
| USMC | sgt | LWH | No Yes | 1 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 | 4:01:42 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| It felt like all the weight was on the top of my head with the pads in it. OH Note: requested additional info - known received. Sounds like helmet was too large or the side pads too small | | | | | | | |
| USMC | GYSGT | LWH | Yes Yes | 5 2 | Oregon Aero Team Wendy (ZAP) | 12/10/2006 | 11:33:28 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The long term use ZAP pads are hard to get use to. They are hard, very hard when its cold out and puts pressure on you head. If given the option between the ZAP pads and the original web/strap suspension I would chose the original system. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | MSgt | LWH | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 | 4:24:38 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The pads were fine. My only issue was that once helmet band was removed the was not a place to attach helmet cover. Overall I was please with the comfort. After wear the old system for hours one would get sore to the point of removal to take pain away. Not good when someone could be sighting in on you. Thanks! | | | | | | | |
| USMC | LCPL | LWH | No Yes | 4 | Team Wendy (ZAP) | 11/19/2006 | 3:56:17 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| To me, the pad system isn't at all hard or uncomfortable. This is everything it say in the top pad of my kevlar: Zap tm, 3/4" action pad TEAM Wendy, Lot No. 0098-2006-1 | | | | | | | |
| USMC | CPL | LWH | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 | 3:34:21 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The helmet pads were a God send. I was a little worried that I wouldn't receive them until halfway through my deployment since I ordered them right before I left, but they arrived in country about the same time as me. Light, comfortable, durable. My only gripe is that it did make my helmet a little tighter on my head than with the old suspension system, something that possibly should have been addressed on the website. Still, infinitely better than before. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | LCPL | LWH | Yes Yes | 2 4 | Skydex | 11/21/2006 | 10:40:33 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The marine corps issued pads are very hard and unforgiving. They are stiff and dont conform to each individual head like the one I got from operation helmet. They also tend to be too big and make wearing the helmet a bit uncomfortable. The pads I got from op. helmet are much better and dont give me this problem. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | 1stLt | LWH | No Yes | 2 4 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 | 5:48:28 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The pads allow for more comfort on the head as well as greater flexibility, especially when you will wear the helmet for prolonged periods of time. | | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time |
|---|----------|------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | |
| USMC | GYSGT | LWH | No Yes | 2 4 | Original Oregon Aero | 12/20/2006 12:06:10 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The Oregon Aro Pad system I received from your organization is far superior to the Skydex system issued to me days prior to deploying to OIF. I have used both systems, my own test, while in country in both the LWH and in my CVC helmet. The Oregon Aro pads are more comfortable, better padding, and stay fixed in the helmet much better than the Skydex. Like anything new, there was a little discomfort initially, but after a few days all was well. Service members need to understand that when the temperature drops, the pads will be harder until they are warmed by your body heat. Any pad system is better than the old suspension system. Though I have no matter of fact evidence to support this, I do believe that the severity and number of concussions has decreased during this years deployment as compared to last years deployment. We have sustaioned many more Grade I concussions as compared to Grade II and III. The IED's are still causing concussions, but the serverity has decreased. This is also a direct result on the type and size of the IED's in the different AO's. The pad system works and the Oregon Aero systems workes best, from what I have experienced. V/R GySgt xxx, Battalion Master Gunner | | | | | | |
| USMC | CPL | LWH | Yes Yes | 3 4 | Unknown Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 6:43:35 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| THE PADS ARE COMFORTABLE WHEN WORN PROPERLY. THEY GET MORE RIGID IN THE COLD AND DO NOT FEEL AS COMFORTABLE. IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE THE PADS WITH AN OUTTER CLOTH THAT CAN BE REMOVED TO BE WASHED (KIND OF LIKE A PILLOW CASE IS USED FOR A PILLOW?) (OH Note: pads can be removed for washing with mild soap and water) | | | | | | |
| USMC | Cpl | LWH | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 4:43:47 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I heard about Operation Helmet from a friend and I tried on his helmet and it was amazing compared to the issued suspension system. My helmet is now comfortable for any amount of time that I have to wear it. It makes any operations that I need to do alot easier. Thanks. | | | | | | |
| USMC | CPL | LWH | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 7:21:32 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I haven't used it actually in the field yet. I don't leave for Iraq til January time frame but from the little I have wore it, it feels extremely comfortable. Hardly feels like I have a Kevlar helmet on my head at all. | | | | | | |
| USMC | SGT | LWH | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/28/2006 9:51:34 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| This pad system is outstanding. While I used it before the USMC approved it, I know of other Marines who swear that if they didnt have this system on thier heads they would have suffered greater injury. You cant beat the comfort or accesibility of this stuff. Easier to clean, take down, and overall just a really good product. Thanks for the support! | | | | | | |
| USMC | Corporal | LWH | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 5:08:59 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Within 5 minutes of putting on my original helmet, my head started to throb. The last thing I need to worry about while I'm over there is malfunctioning gear. I was all set to shell out the \$100 dollars for the oregon aero pad system when I heard about operation helmet. With the extra cash, I was able to purchase other pieces of gear that I'll surely need for this upcoming deployment. Thank you so much for everything you guys are doing. Every little bit helps. | | | | | | |
| USMC | LCpl | LWH | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 1:42:42 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The BLSS kit upgrade is one of the best pieces of gear a Marine can have! It may be a little awkward at first to wear, but once the pads get a little broken in they make wearing a kevlar almost noticable (for me that is). Thank you Operation helmet on behalf of all the 4th CEB xxx Co volunteers! | | | | | | |
| USMC | e4 | LWH | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/5/2006 4:32:18 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| USMC | SSgt | LWH | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 7:34:31 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| My name is Ssgt xxx Scout Sniper Plt Sgt.USMC and the helmet pads I got for my whole platoon. from helmet.org from Mr Meaders were very good> | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous Pad | Current Pad | Rating | Manufacturer | Date / Time |
|---|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| USMC | PFC | LWH | No Yes | | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 3:55:34 PM |
| Comments Our entire platoon gives thanks every day for these helmet upgrade kits. They have made our helmets not only comfortable- but a pleasure to wear. There's no comparison with the pad system issued by the Marine Corps. Those are the pads that are hot, hard, and uncomfortable. Thanks again for providing these for us. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Corporal | LWH | No Yes | | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 5:03:49 PM |
| Comments Thank you so much for the great service that you have provide to myself and my fellow Marines. The pads are so comfortable that I often forget I even have a helmet on at times. There is a 100% difference between the helmet liner's that come issued in our LWH and Oregon Aero's. Thank you again! CPL xxx, Al-Taqaddum, Iraq | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Cpl | LWH | Yes Yes | | 1 5 | Original Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 5:32:32 AM |
| Comments Since I received the inserts while deployed I have had no headaches or discomforts since. This allows ones concentration to be fixed on the job at hand instead of how much their head hurts, During a convoy this is extremely important and sometimes can be the difference in seeing an IED and not. Thanks to all who support this effort and those who are able to fund it. | | | | | | | |
| USMCR | PFC | LWH | Yes Yes | | 4 4 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 8:28:41 PM |
| Comments The Oregon Aero pads are pretty good. They stay soft most of the time. The only time they get hard or uncomfortable is when it is cold outside, once the warmth of your head warms up the pads they get soft again. They are a great pad system. | | | | | | | |
| AF | SSgt | MICH | Yes Yes | | 5 5 | Unknown Unknown | 1/10/2007 8:12:01 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| Army | Staff | MICH | Yes Yes | | 5 2 | Oregon Aero Team Wendy (ZAP) | 12/8/2006 1:13:59 AM |
| Comments Current pad very hard does not contour to head shape, feels like there is no padding, constantly adjusting chin strap for a better fit.. OH Added: the pads are green and black and yes indeed it has the word ZAP imprinted on it. 12/11/06 | | | | | | | |
| Army | spc | MICH | Yes Yes | | 5 5 | Skydex Skydex | 1/24/2007 8:06:47 PM |
| Comments They skydex system is 100% better than the old webbing system. My only issue is the pads absorb sweat fairly quickly | | | | | | | |
| USMC | 1stLt | MICH | No Yes | | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 3:52:15 PM |
| Comments The current padding used in the helmet provides comfort but not adequate protection because the helmet does not fit as snugly on the head as the other suspension system did. The pads would provide significantly more protection if they were slightly thicker and had the ability to conform to accommodate different sized heads. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | LCpl | MICH | No Yes | | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 6:33:36 PM |
| Comments after close calls with indirect fire, i think any marine would take the best possible protective gear available to them. The system was a little hotter then the suspension system provided however, if its the option of comfort over safety i would say the padding system definitely provides that extra safety and was overall pretty comfortable. | | | | | | | |
| AF | MSgt | PASGT | Yes No | | 5 | Team Wendy (ZAP) | 11/20/2006 12:41:21 AM |
| Comments I installed and used the system in my PASGT kevlar helmet while deployed to Iraq from my last duty station. I was assigned a duty with convoy operations throughout the Baghdad area. (I was there from October 04 - May 05) The helmet upgrade was fairly easy to install and very comfortable - much more so than the original webbing the helmet came with. It was tight and provided a much better fit, I am sure it was a little warmer than the original webbing due to the larger contact area on your head, but the pads were more comfortable than the leather "headband" and did not drip when wet with sweat. I am due to deploy again from my current duty location and hope we get the upgrades for the kevlar's before we leave. | | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous Pad | | Manufacturer | Date / Time |
|---|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Rating | Manufacturer | | |
| AF | ssgt | PASGT | No Yes | 3 1 | Original Oregon Aero | 12/30/2006 8:54:45 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| i hate these pads. if my old harness had not been thrown away i would re-install it. they are too hard and too thick. fits too tight. or if i set on my head,so its not tight, feels too high on top of head. love the harness. better than old chin strap. OH Note: 12/31/06 1002 - his helmet is too small. He has removed two ovals for better fit (size 6 crown, size 4 all others) | | | | | | |
| AF | TSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 6:04:45 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The system is easy to install, much more comfortable than the standard configuration but due to the size of the pads in the helmet it can be hot. Right now is the winter/rainy season so the heat is not a problem. | | | | | | |
| AF | SSGT | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 4:36:16 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| When I first put on the BLSS Kit on it was uncomfortable, then a co-worker said to turn the back pads and it fit fine. The other thing is when you but the helmet cover on, it doesn't go underneath the headband so you lose velcro space to attach the pads to. When I would take my helmet off, one of the pads would fall out due to lack of velcro space. | | | | | | |
| AF | SrA | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 9:38:12 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| a little on the tight side but all and all a big improvement over the original system our kevlar helmets have. | | | | | | |
| AF | MSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/27/2006 4:48:27 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Pads seem to wear down (thickness) quickly. (OH note: needs larger helmet) | | | | | | |
| AF | SrA | PASGT | No Yes | 1 4 | Oregon Aero | 12/30/2006 8:42:50 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Thank you for the new pads. With the old one my head would go numb after just a few minutes, these things are great. Thank you. | | | | | | |
| AF | MSgt/E7 | PASGT | Yes Yes | 4 4 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 3/1/2007 11:45:27 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Over the last year, the individuals assigned to the Weapons Intelligence mission have been the targets of literally hundreds of attacks involving IEDs. The upgrades we received for our old PASGTs were lifesavers. Thanks for everything you've done for the troops and keep them in your prayers. | | | | | | |
| AF | Capt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 5:40:50 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Many of us from the 332 CASF in Balad, Iraq are very grateful for the Helmet Upgrade Kits provided during our tour of duty. The issued helmets we deployed with had the basic leather strap system that didn't provide any comfort, nor did it fit on the head properly. The Oregon Aero, system installed fairly easily, and provided a nice snug fit. Plus, the pads are held in by velcro and make it very easy for us to take out and wash. Thank You from the Men and Women of the 332 Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility. Very Respectfully, David xxx, USAF, Balad AB Iraq | | | | | | |
| AF | SSGT | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Skydex | 12/29/2006 9:14:31 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| No more wearing your hat backwards inside your helmet to protect your head from the irritating leather suspension. This defines comfort for those that wear the helmet all day. | | | | | | |
| AF | SMSgt | PASGT | No No | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 1:35:17 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Thank you for such a superior product! No more head aches! Very comfortable fit, it makes our job as medics easier to perform. | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time | |
|--|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | | |
| AF | Lt Col | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 | 5:12:19 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| It fits so well and secured, also very comfortable Thank you very very much. Added: No, I have an Aero pad system. 10 Jan 07 | | | | | | | |
| AF | SSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 | 8:54:47 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The padding on my helmet made wearing of the helmet very comfortable. I can now wear it all day if I had to. The other troops (about 40) who are using the padding are very happy with the comfort it provides for them. Thank you very much for the padding system | | | | | | | |
| AF | TSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 | 7:21:13 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I paid for it . | | | | | | | |
| AF | SrA | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/24/2006 | 11:19:12 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I just wanted to say how your kit has improved wearing my helmet. I am thankful for people like you who think enough of our great countries fighting men and women. | | | | | | | |
| AF | Maj | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 1/3/2007 | 8:26:30 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| God Bless Doc Meaders, the folks at OpHelmet, and the American People! Thank you all!! | | | | | | | |
| AF | SSGT | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 | 5:22:35 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I HAVE WORN A NORMAL KEVLAR HELMET FOR ALMOST 8 YEARS OF SERVICE. I HAVE ALWAYS WORN SOME SORT OF HEAD COVER UNDERNEATH MY KEVLAR EVERY TIME I USED IT. NOW I HAVE A "KEVLAR CONVERSION KIT" AND I DONT WORRY ABOUT MY OLD HEAD BAND DIGGING INTO MY HEAD. I CAN NOW WEAR MY HELMET FOR 14 HOURS WITHOUT REALLY NOTICING IT IS ON. ALSO, THE NEW CHIN STRAPS ARE AMAZING. THEY KEEP MY HELMET IN PLACE EVEN AFTER HITTING THE GROUND HARD. | | | | | | | |
| AF | TSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 | 11:21:33 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I'm a medic in the United States Air Force and this pad system is great.. it kept my head from bobbling around inside my helmet and provided excellent comfort...thank you. | | | | | | | |
| AF | TSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Skydex | 11/20/2006 | 6:16:47 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The Skydex pad was a outstanding improvement over the standard PASGT system. I would highly recommend an upgrade for deploying troop. You can't go wrong with this kit. | | | | | | | |
| AF | 4 | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 | 9:09:07 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I truly want to thank you for your ingenious invention. The Oregon Aero system was awesome inside my helmet and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and consideration to the troops over here. Your actions will never be forgotten | | | | | | | |
| AF | Major | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/29/2006 | 7:49:52 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| With out a doubt, the most comfortable helmet pad system I have had the privlidge to wear. I cannot tell you enough how much I appreciate your support. | | | | | | | |
| AF | E-6 /TSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 1 5 | Original Oregon Aero | 1/24/2007 | 2:24:56 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I received the Oregon Aero pad system, the comfort level and the time in which I can wear my helmet without having to remove it has gone up tremendously. I'd buy it....! | | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous | PadRating | Manufacturer | Date / Time |
|--|--------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | Manufacturer | |
| AF | Maj | PASGT | Yes Yes | 1 5 | Original Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 9:48:52 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Solid pad and suspension system. Make long term wear more comfortable/tolerable. One suggestion would be adding a couple of extra pads to the kit that are either thinner or thicker to allow a more customized fit. | | | | | | |
| AF | SrA | PASGT | No Yes | 1 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 3:38:06 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The padding is black with a bunch of small pads placed throughout the whole helmet. Its very comfortable and breathes well. OH validation: 29-12-06 20:41 | | | | | | |
| AF | Lt Col | PASGT | No Yes | 1 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 9:52:38 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Thank you for the pad. It is extremely comfortable. OH validated: 30-12-06 10:07 | | | | | | |
| AF | SNCO | PASGT | No Yes | 1 5 | Original Oregon Aero | 12/16/2006 4:30:25 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The Oregon Aero pads that I purchased made a BIG difference in comfort when wearing my PASGT helmet for extended periods. I discovered your organization after arriving in country. I requested as many kits as you could send me at that time. I received several upgrade kits from Operation Helmet for my troops during our deployment to Iraq. The kits were a morale booster for the troops. Thank you for all your work and for supporting our troops.....A grateful SNCO | | | | | | |
| AF | Major | PASGT | No Yes | 1 5 | Unknown Oregon Aero | 1/8/2007 8:45:36 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Excellent helmet pad system. Should be standard issue item!! | | | | | | |
| AF | SSgt | PASGT | Yes Yes | 1 5 | Unknown Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 8:28:51 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I contacted "Operation Helmet" only a few weeks before being sent to Iraq. I requested 25 upgrade kits to cover my crew and other squadron members that were deploying. Due to the short notice and current high demand, they were unsure if they could support my small team. With days remaining before deploying, I happily received 25 upgrade kits in the mail. I was so happy to see these upgrade kits come in, considering we would be required to wear our helmets daily while deployed. I am now in IRAQ, and have been here for 2 full months. We do wear the helmets daily. Let me be the first to say, they are not uncomfortable or too hard. It may not be the pads, it may be the actual size of the helmet that will make the difference. If troops are experiencing a tight fit, they should get a bigger helmet. That is what I had to do. It is so comfortable compared to what the helmet felt like without the upgrade kit. Everyone that I see over here has one. I have not heard anyone say anything negative at all. Please do not let those select few discourage you from continuing this awesome service and product for us, the troops. It does make a world of difference. Thank you so much. SSgt Jason xxx IRAQ | | | | | | |
| AF | SrA | PASGT | No Yes | 2 5 | Other Skydex | 1/10/2007 9:39:40 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I am currently on my first deployment to Iraq. I have been through many exercises previous to my deployment. The old style I had kept my helmet on, that was about it. Wasn't very secure and at times seemed to be more of a distraction than anything else. I installed the padded system half way through my tour. I have donned my helmet numerous times while we were under a rocket attack. The previous system simply kept my helmet on my head, like before. And during the elevated threat levels where I had to keep my body armor on extended period of times, I noticed a great deal of difference between the two. The padded system kept my helmet on more securely, giving me a better fit, and made it so that I barely even noticed that it was on at times. It's an excellent system and it's unfortunate that the helmets aren't coming off the assembly lines with them. | | | | | | |
| AF | MSGT | PASGT | No Yes | 2 5 | Original Oregon Aero | 1/10/2007 8:58:57 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| This system has greatly increased my ability to wear the helmet without neck pain. The system distributes the weight of the helmet very well. | | | | | | |
| AF | CMSgt | PASGT | Yes Yes | 2 5 | Original Skydex | 1/11/2007 12:38:06 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| much needed improvement, your helmet stays securely on you head where before it would fall forward, off. Greater concussion protection and comfort. | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time |
|---|-------|------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | |
| AF | SrA | PASGT | No Yes | 3 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 10:29:26 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The Oregon Aero system is extremely comfortable, easy to install, and easy to use. Even if it not issued, it's a deal at twice the price. | | | | | | |
| AF | TSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 3 5 | Other Oregon Aero | 1/11/2007 1:33:44 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The pad system is a definite improvement over what we had which was the original equipment that came with the helmet. The system is easy to install and very comfortable. It is also secure when worn. The only downfall that I found was that the straps will easily loosen even when using the elastic bands provided. Common practice for us is to put a thin strip of green duct tape around the strap to prevent any movement. | | | | | | |
| AF | MSgt | PASGT | Yes Yes | 3 5 | Unknown Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 7:33:47 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| After many long hours in the old PASGT helmet with and with out the pad system I will only wear one equipped with the pad system. The upgraded pad and chin strap take a while to become accustomed to but it grows on you. The DoD should have retrofitted helmets years ago. | | | | | | |
| AF | Maj | PASGT | Yes Yes | 4 5 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 9:36:04 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The safety this system provides far outweighs any minor inconvenience of to hard or too soft. Recommend the real survey look at the operational effectiveness and suitability of the system. Effectiveness: Can the Airman, Marine, Sailor, Soldier still accomplish their job with the pad? Suitability: Does the pad withstand the rigors of desert conditions (sand, sweat, etc). After this, the benefits of the pad outweigh any thing else (it is the first thing I pack). | | | | | | |
| AF | MSG | PASGT | Yes Yes | 5 5 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 7:02:59 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| AF | SMSGt | PASGT | Yes Yes | 5 5 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 12/4/2006 6:11:27 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I went from the regular headband system to the Oregon Aero PASGT system and I love it. The change has been a 180 degree turn. | | | | | | |
| AFR | SSgt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/21/2006 7:30:57 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The fit with the pad is 100% better. OH Verified: 6 Jan 07 | | | | | | |
| AFR | E-5 | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 6:49:45 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I have had to wear my helmet during three alarm red incidents while fighting wildland fires. The new Oregon pads make it as if I wasn't wearing a helmet at all, with the exception of the weight. I am very thankful for the generosity of Operation Helmet for supporting the troops while serving in contingencies around the world. | | | | | | |
| ANG SSGT (E-5) | PASGT | No | 11/20/2006 Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 10:18:12 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| This upgrade is a god send compared to the stanard k-pot system. Thanks for everything you folks are doing !!!!! | | | | | | |
| Army | SPC | PASGT | No No | | | 11/22/2006 2:24:24 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I previously have requested pads for soldiers including myself and have not received any. I would be glad to rate the pads when they arrive over here in theatre. I have been deployed for 2 1/2 months now and this is this first contact I have had in regards to the pad system. Please continue to support my fellow soldiers and thank you for your consideration in this matter. Respectfully, xxx SPC US ARMY (OH edit: upgrade kit sent a day after receipt of this note) | | | | | | |

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| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time | |
|--|------|------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | | |
| Army | SGT | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 | 12:21:18 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| Army | SPC | PASGT | Yes Yes | 2 5 | Team Wendy (ZAP) Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 | 5:01:44 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I spoke to my son-in-law in iraq. he says he is very satisfied with the oregon-areo insert. he says it fits well, is soft and comfortable and is not too hot. the "wendy" one always gave him a headache because it pressed against his temples. hope this helps. | | | | | | | |
| Army NG | SPC | PASGT | Yes Yes | 3 4 | Team Wendy (ZAP) Skydex | 11/18/2006 | 6:35:00 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| They fit good and work well but the front pad is somewhat uncomfortable. (OH comment: suggested repositioning pad - with good results) | | | | | | | |
| NAVY (FMF) | HM2 | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/21/2006 | 3:41:36 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The system is great! I have already had several test to the helmet. (IED's) However the pads don't breath all that well and have a tendency to get hot with any kind activity. Even though that is the case think sometime you have to take the good with the bad. v/r, xxx | | | | | | | |
| NAVY (FMF) | HM2 | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/12/2006 | 10:01:02 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| This system makes wearing the kevlar helmet painless. My entire unit loves the pads. I don't get any more requests for medications to get rid of their headaches. | | | | | | | |
| NAVY (FMF) | hm3 | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/24/2006 | 11:42:42 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| i actually used 2 pad packages because i found that when i used my nvg's the pads did not provide enough support so using the bigger pads all around the helmet helped me. i love them they are comfortable and form fitting and although they may get alittle warm it is bearable. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | PFC | PASGT | No No | 1 1 | Original | 12/29/2006 | 6:12:31 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| With the original web suspension systems we currently use, the comfort level is...extremely low. Comfort isn't exactly an accommodation we're used to in the Marines, but that's not the point. The web suspension system provides little to no protection against head trauma. With the majority of deaths in Iraq right now due to IEDs, head injuries are a common occurrence. We need a system that provides the best protection/comfort at the same time. Personally, I think we should have a thicker pad on the top to protect that part of the head. It's the softest part of the skull so it only makes sense to have more protection there. The pads need to be breathable also. However, don't compromise protection for comfort. That's all I can think of right now. Thank you for your work. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Pfc | PASGT | Yes Yes | 5 2 | Oregon Aero Team Wendy (ZAP) | 12/17/2006 | 7:31:52 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| Standard USMC issue is hard as a rock! | | | | | | | |
| USMC | CPL | PASGT | No Yes | 3 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 | 8:13:50 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I used the pad system for about 4 of the 7 months I was in Iraq. The system was pretty hot but the temperatures reached 140 degrees at times. Also the padding seemed to press pretty tight on my head particularly in the front. It's possible that a larger helmet would have fixed that. All in all I and most of the guys in my unit found that the padding system greatly increased the comfort level of the helmet especially since we wore it every single day all day. Thanks | | | | | | | |
| USMC | E-3 | PASGT | Yes Yes | 3 3 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 | 4:09:19 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| the padded helmet system usually requires a helmet to be a size larger than the webbing originally used because the pads take more room | | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous PadRating | | Manufacturer | Date / Time | |
|--|-------|------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | | |
| USMC | CPL | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 | 7:45:42 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The Pads are great compared to the old system they are an improvement. It's over 100 degrees over there of course the pads get hot but i would rather be hot, then immobile from a head injury or even dead. Thanks OpHelmet for your hard work. Semper Fi. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | sgt | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 12/4/2006 | 1:18:55 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I have order sets for my sons, daughter, her husband and two of his buddies, I have not been told whether they have had any complaints as of yet, Still pending the receipt of more kits for my son's unit, whom is in the US Coast Guard. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Capt | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/21/2006 | 1:29:46 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I have no complaints with the pad system that I received. The feel of the helmet was much better with the pads. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | GySgt | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 | 4:19:49 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I have came into the same issues with the helmet liner as far as it being to uncomfortable. However, the fix is to go on size larger in the helmet that you wear. This will allow you to space out the pads accordingly. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | sgt | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Original Oregon Aero | 12/10/2006 | 5:15:37 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The pad system was awesome. its vary comfortable. and ensures that the helmet fits better all around. my only complaint would be they didn't give us the chin strap and all the gadgets that go along with it. OH Comment: original request was for LWH upgrade which doesn't include the "gadgets". Sent the gadgets. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | PFC | PASGT | No Yes | 1 4 | Original Oregon Aero | 2/1/2007 | 4:44:53 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| My Marines in my unit are very thankful. They No longer get headaches from the straps and the pads are much more comfortable. We all apperciate what you do. Thank You! God Bless! | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Lcpl | PASGT | Yes Yes | 4 4 | Skydex Skydex | 11/18/2006 | 9:33:38 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| This pad system is extremely comfortable, alot more than the suspension system that we are issued. The only negative about the pad system is sweat is absorbed into the pads and makes the kevlar slide all over the head. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Cpl | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/4/2006 | 11:09:01 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| Thank you to all who have supported us out here in Iraq. OpHelmet, we thank you for making our Flak Helmet comfortable to wear, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you once again for all your support and dedication.... Semper Fi! | | | | | | | |
| USMC | Capt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 | 6:48:47 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The oregon aero system works well. When the pads are cold, they are hard, but once the body heat from your head warms up the pads, it becomes comfortable again. This usually takes about 5 minutes. The pads are hot in the summer, but then again, everything is hot inside the helmet, it's not a fault of the pad. Overall, I am very pleased with the pads you sent me. Thanks again. | | | | | | | |
| USMC | E-4 | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/24/2006 | 11:44:42 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I received my helmet pads just prior to deploying here in Iraq. The pads are a great improvement over the prior suspension system. I have not found them to be uncomfortable at all, and I wear my brain-bucket for many long hours. | | | | | | | |

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| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous Pad | | Manufacturer | Date / Time |
|--|-------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Rating | Manufacturer | | |
| USMC | LtCol | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 8:31:15 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I am extremely satisfied with the Oregon Aero pad system. The new pad system is easy to install and comfortable to wear. We Marines deeply appreciate your company's efforts in providing us with the outstanding piece of equipment. Respectfully, Darren xxxxxx | | | | | | |
| USMC | Major | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/4/2006 11:14:03 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| I received my pads through Operation Helmet and I love the way they fit and the comfort of my Oregon Aero pads. The other Marines in my section have what looks like the Skydex pads and they are a bit stiff and less comfortable. They are also thicker so they have to switch out helmets at CIF with a larger helmet. | | | | | | |
| USMC | gysgt | PASGT | Yes Yes | 1 5 | Skydex Oregon Aero | 11/18/2006 5:12:56 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Excellent. Thank you. | | | | | | |
| USMC | LCpl | PASGT | Yes Yes | 2 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/23/2006 12:21:31 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| My name is Pam xxx and I asked you to send 25 helmets to Iraq for the 3/8 WPNS CO from Jacksonville NC. My son received his helmet first and when he received the others he distributed those out to the ones who didn't have the new padding. He was so grateful for something that helped so much. Not only the protection of the padding, but it helped with heat and also aided in the relief of headaches. It was lighter and so much more comfortable. He truly appreciates the padding and so do the guys who received them. Thank you so much. Proud mom of a Marine | | | | | | |
| USMC | lcp | PASGT | Yes Yes | 2 5 | Team Wendy (ZAP) Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 9:49:32 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| i had the pads that come with the marine corps issues and they were a lot better than the first ones but once i put in the Oregon Aero i love it and i've never had anything more comfortable for the field, and plus i'm with arty and it really helps with sound also thanks lcp xxx | | | | | | |
| USMC | ssgt | PASGT | Yes Yes | 5 5 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 12/8/2006 7:28:06 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Oregon Aero pads are a life saver. I was hit by a vbiid in Husayba Iraq from 50 meters and I suffered injuries everywhere but my head. No concussion or anything. The Oregon Aero saved me. It is also so much more comfortable. I think all Marines and service members in general should have the Oregon Aero system. | | | | | | |
| USMC | Cpl | PASGT | Yes Yes | 5 5 | Oregon Aero Oregon Aero | 11/24/2006 11:25:20 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| In prior fire fights my old netting system would fall down and block my view but now with this new padding in my helmet it stays in place and helps reduce the feeling of an impact from an RPG or an IED. I am very grateful for the padding and think they are some of the best things that we have for my fellow Marines to have to be taken care of. Thank you for all the support and for the pads. Cpl/USMC | | | | | | |
| USMC | sgt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 5 | Oregon Aero | 12/29/2006 9:18:47 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| USMCR | Capt | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/19/2006 5:47:32 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| The one that you sent me worked great...took a few days to get used to...but after that...would never go back. Thanks again for the help. | | | | | | |
| USMCR | lcp | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/21/2006 8:04:22 AM |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| Being in Route Clearance operations, I need a system that will protect my grape. When I got hit the first time I was glad that I had the system in because it padded my head when the IED went off. Thank you for the pads and keep up the good work. | | | | | | |

| Service | Rank | HelmetType | Previous Pad | | Manufacturer | Date / Time | |
|--|-------|------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Current Pad | Rating | | | |
| USMCR | GySGt | PASGT | No Yes | 5 | Oregon Aero | 11/21/2006 | 10:32:01 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| The helmet pad system makes the helmet a lot more comfortable. I wear my helmet for long periods of time and I am very happy with the system. The one improvement i would like to see is a added pad to take up some of the slack to make the helmet tighter. GySgt xxx | | | | | | | |
| USMCR | GySgt | PASGT | Yes Yes | 1 5 | Unknown Oregon Aero | 11/20/2006 | 8:27:31 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| In the past, I could hardly keep my helmet on for even a few minutes before it became so uncomfortable that I was distracted by the helmet. The Oregon Aero pads allow me to wear my helmet all day every day without any pain or discomfort. The snug fit and elimination of pressure points give me confidence in the helmets ability to protect me from TBI caused by outside | | | | | | | |
| USMCR | LCpl | PASGT | No Yes | 1 5 | Original Oregon Aero | 3/2/2007 | 12:57:24 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| This is the best Pad system ever. I used to have a problem with my helmet falling down over my eyes but not any longer with this system it stays firmly in place and since it more comfortable it will stay on my head longer. Semper Fi Doc. Thanks A million. | | | | | | | |
| USNR | e-6 | PASGT | No Yes | 4 | Oregon Aero | 11/22/2006 | 2:25:48 PM |
| Comments | | | | | | | |
| I love the way the system works. I have many people inquire on where I ordered mine from, and now I'm working with my supply dept. to order enough for my entire unit. Though I have used this in battle, but I'm sure it will do just great. | | | | | | | |