



Product Test Results

TRU-SPEC[®] Tactical Response Uniform (T.R.U.)
TRU-SPEC[®] by ATLANCO

Overall Score: 4.90

TESTER 1:

Tested by a police officer from Washington

Design: 4

Performance: 5

Ease of Use: 5

Size: 5

Quality: 5

Durability: 5

Storage: 5

Versatility: 5

Convenience:

Application: 5

Comfort: 5

Accuracy:

Cleaning & Maintenance:

Individual Score: 4.9

Before you read any further, go and gather all your old BDU's. Take your favorite pair and set them aside, then throw the rest away. The pair you saved can now be used for painting the house, cleaning your gutters, etc. With the introduction of the TRU, every other set of BDU style uniforms have now become obsolete.

The TRU is modeled on the US Army's new, Advance Combat Uniform (ACU) and does a good job at that with one shortcoming. If you want to know more about the TRU/ACU styling, check TruSpec's web site or search for ACU on the internet. The shirt has a short, stand-up collar that velcro's shut, which is great for wearing with armor and a rifle sling. It has a bi-swing back which makes arm movements very easy. There are pockets on the sleeves, which have velcro sewn on so you can attach your team patches, flags, blood type, etc. The shirt zips up and has slanted chest pockets and velcro closing cuffs. Did I mention it has a lot of velcro? The type of velcro seems very secure, so I would have no worries about something coming open when you don't want it to. I personally prefer to have my team patches sewn on, as I do not want to risk a shoulder patch coming off and losing it on the floor of a crack house. Can you imagine arresting someone a week later and finding your team's patch in dirtball's pocket?

The pants have two, slash front pockets and two back pockets which velcro shut. The flaps on the cargo pockets are slanted to allow easier access and work well when you are seated. They have a second pocket on the inside, which is a good place to store flex-cuffs. The top of the cargo pockets have a bungee-type cord with a cord lock on the end to help secure the load. I removed the cord locks as they interfered with my wearing a drop holster. There is another set of pockets near the bottom of the pants which are good for rubber gloves or also for flex-cuffs. All pockets close with velcro.

The material is a nice, soft 65% poly/35% cotton. I have worn the TRU's as often as I could for training and nearly every day, doing things around the house to try and get them to fade, show some type of wear and just try to wear them out. I



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washed them any time laundry was done (a lot with two kids) and so far, no signs of wear at all. They are sized exactly like the military issue BDU that I have.

The shortcoming I mentioned above is a big one. As the shirt is modeled on the ACU (which is designed for combat) and not meant to be tucked in, the shirt is not designed for tactical cops. Why? Because the shirt tails are too short and need to be lengthened. While the shirt tails can be tucked in, they easily come out with nearly any movement. I do not know if buying a long size would solve this without knowing how much longer it would be or if the sleeves would then be too long.

For the good people at TruSpec, you have a huge winner on your hands with the TRU. Now please lengthen the shirt tails for a correct, tuck-in, police, tactical fit.



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TESTER 2:

Tested by a police officer from Ohio

Design: 5

Performance: 5

Ease of Use: 5

Size: 5

Quality: 5

Durability: 5

Storage: 4

Versatility: 5

Convenience: 4

Application

Comfort 5

Accuracy

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 4.8

Review of the TRU-Spec Tactical Response Uniform: I am an ex-military now SRT Tactical Team Member, I have to say that it's hard to find a tactical uniform that holds up to the training we do. I found that the TRU-SPEC does. It has reinforced elbow and knee pockets for elbow and knee pads. Extra deep front pockets with reinforced openings to prevent worn tattered look. Following the Use and Care Label and the TRU-SPEC will keep lasting a long time.

These uniforms are so much more durable, practical, and comfortable than other type of BDU's I have owned. I've been on numerous SWAT missions and training details and the TRU-SPEC served me well! I especially like the pants! Battle-tested and proven up to the task, these BDU's are exactly what the SWAT team members needed for a long time coming! So in short they work damn well and would highly recommend them to any military or law enforcement officers.



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TESTER 3:

Tested by a police officer from Oklahoma

Design: 5

Performance: 5

Ease of Use: 5

Size: 5

Quality: 5

Durability: 5

Storage:

Versatility: 5

Convenience: 5

Application: 5

Comfort: 4.5

Accuracy:

Cleaning & Maintenance: 5

Individual Score: 4.95

My opportunity to wear and evaluate the Tactical Response Uniform (TRU) from Atlanco was only during training exercises. The uniform is very well constructed and fits like the ordinary BDU outfit. That is the only similarity between the two uniforms. The TRU has several design features that make it far superior to the traditional BDU.

The TRU shirt has a unique collar that can be worn up or down to help protect your neck and keep out debris. It has hook & loop faced shoulder pockets for patches and there are reinforced internal elbow pockets for elbow pad inserts. There is also a convenient place to keep your pens and pencils on your sleeve.

The TRU trouser has two slanted cargo pockets with drain holes and elastic drawstrings. Both have an internal 5"x5" hidden pocket. It has reinforced internal knee pockets for knee pad inserts and a lower leg pocket on both legs. I particularly liked the 1" wide belt loops that have a 2 1/4" opening.

I found the most significant thing about this uniform to be the button fly with a drawstring waste. I did not have to keep adjusting the waist size like on ordinary BDU uniforms. The heavy drawstrings in the legs also stayed tied throughout training which made a nice surprise.

I would definitely recommend the Tactical Response Uniform from Atlanco without any hesitation.



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TESTER 4:

Tested by a police officer from Pennsylvania

Design: 4.5

Performance: 5

Ease of Use: 5

Size: 5

Quality: 5

Durability: 5

Storage:

Versatility:

Convenience:

Application: 5

Comfort: 5

Accuracy:

Cleaning & Maintenance: 5

Individual Score: 4.94

The new Tactical Response Uniform made by Tru Spec is another outstanding uniform that could be worn by any tactical team. The uniform size runs a little large compared to other companies, but after I was given the correct size it was easy to see this was going to be a comfortable uniform. The uniform comes with many pockets that are all easily accessible to the user and is also made from rip stop material to prevent tearing. A couple nice features I observed on the uniform at the multiple leg pockets on the pants. Both legs have a upper and lower pocket that makes storage that much greater. Because I wear a thigh rig on both legs, the upper pocket was not useful on my other bdu's. With having the lower pockets on the pants it gives the user an additional option for storage. Also the bdu pockets come with an adjustment strap to tighten or loosen the top of the pocket. Both the shirt and pants have pockets to add padding to your elbows and knees, which is a great option to have. On the front of the shirt is equipped with two pockets on the chest. Both pockets are angled in towards the center of your chest making it easier to gain access to the pockets. The only thing I was not completely happy with was the Velcro neck closure due to the fact I don't like anything tight around my neck. Overall I rate this as one of the most comfortable bdu uniforms I have worn.