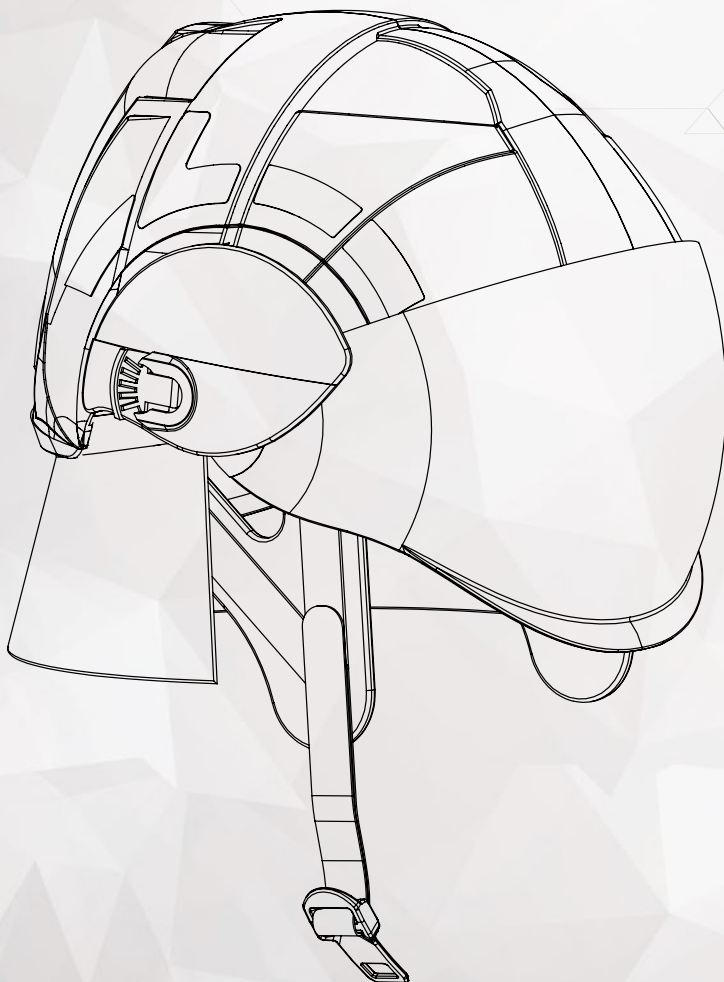




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# Fire Compact / Fire Compact ProBuddy

· user manual ·



Helmet for structural firefighting

CERTIFICATES: EN 443 | EN 14458 | EN 166 | MED

When conditions are at their worst,  
we are at our best.

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# THINKING AHEAD

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firefighting & safety helmet series

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# PAB FIRE COMPACT/FIRE COMPACT PROBUDDY

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Thank you for choosing a **PAB Akrapović** product.

PAB helmet **Fire Compact/Fire Compact Probuddy** is a safety helmet for the head intended for firefighting in buildings and other structures, as for other typical tasks and interventions of fire brigades.

PAB helmet **Fire Compact/ Fire Compact Probuddy** is in conformity with **Regulation (EU) 2016/425**, with reference to standard **EN 443:2008**, and is in compliance with **Directive 2014/90/EU** on Marine Equipment (MED).

It has been designed to protect the head under the most extreme conditions. It has an optimal relationship between protection and comfort with a broad spectrum of optional upgrades.

**Warning:**

Read these instructions carefully before using the helmet.

For adequate protection, this helmet must fit or be adjusted to the size of the user's head.

Inappropriate use, maintenance or servicing can affect the function of the helmet and can seriously endanger the user's life. The helmet's operability must be checked and verified before each use. The helmet is not to be used if the operability test is unsuccessful, if the helmet is damaged, if proper servicing or maintenance has not been made, or if PAB Akrapović original spare parts have not been used.

The length of the useable life of this helmet will be affected by the types of materials used in its construction and the environments in which the helmet is used and stored. Recommendations on this topic should be sought from the manufacturer.

The intended protection provided by the helmet can only be ensured when it is properly assembled and correctly fitted. Any removable part must not be worn separately.

When fitted with another item of personal protective equipment or with an accessory (other than as supplied by the helmet manufacturer for use with this helmet) a helmet marked as complying with EN 443 might no longer satisfy all clauses of the standard. Refer to information provided by the helmet manufacturer.

The helmet provides protection of the head and face against shock, sharp objects, splatters of corrosive chemicals (Sulphuric acid, Sodium hydroxide, p-Xylene, Butan-1-ol, n-Heptane), molten metals, radiating heat, flames, electric current.

The user's protection is not guaranteed in situations where the conditions exceed those described in the specifications above.

This helmet complies with the retention requirements of standard EN 443:2008, only when the chinstrap supplied by PAB Akrapović is worn and adjusted in accordance with these instructions.

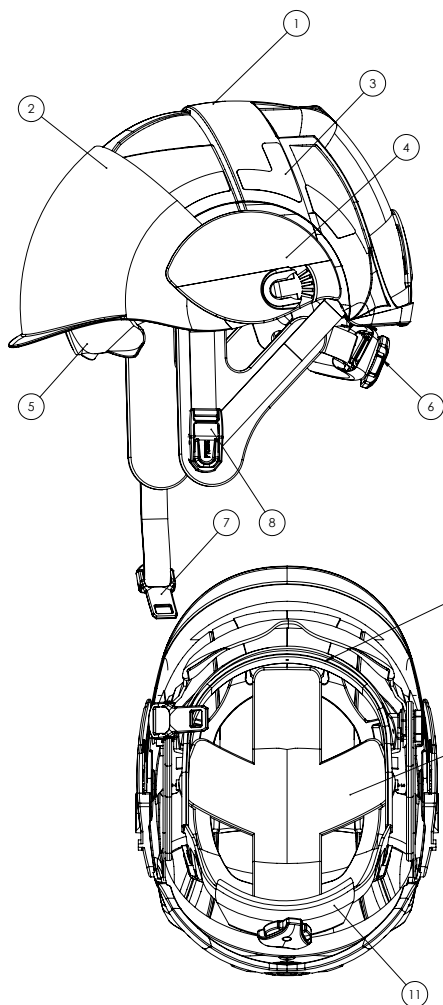
The helmet absorbs the energy of a blow by partial destruction of, or damage to, the helmet. Even though such damage may not be readily apparent, any helmet subjected to severe impact should be replaced.

Replace any damaged parts only with original PAB Akrapović parts, as only these original parts are authorised and ensure the performance of the helmet.

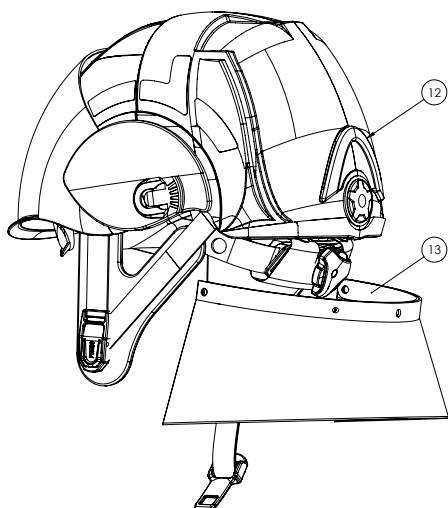
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The user's attention is also drawn to the danger of modifying or removing any of the original component parts of the helmet, other than as recommended by PAB Akrapović. Helmets should not be adapted for fitting attachments in a way not recommended by PAB Akrapović.

## NOMENCLATURE OF PARTS



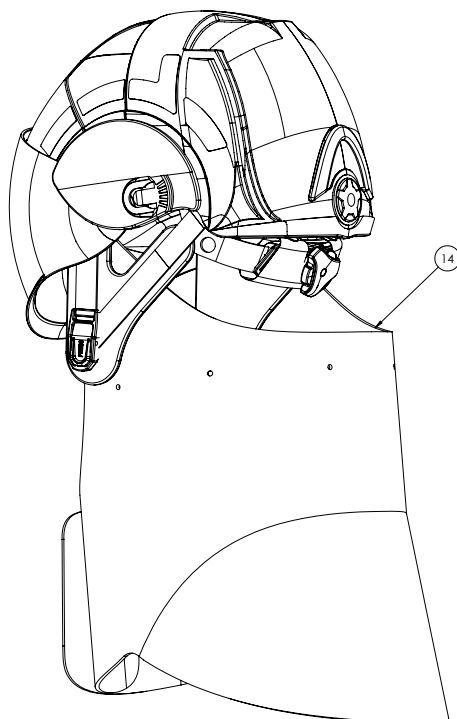
- 1 SHELL
- 2 VISOR (FACE GUARD)
- 3 REFLECTIVE STICKERS
- 4 LAMP HOLDER
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- 7 8 CHINSTRAP WITH QUICK RELEASE BUCKLE
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14 HOLLAND TYPE NECK  
PROTECTOR








# PAB FIRE COMPACT/FIRE COMPACT PROBUDDY

## TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Helmet sizes</b>	For head sizes from 52 to 64 cm (20.5 to 25.2 inches)
<b>Weight</b> (helmet with face shield and without optional accessories)	1165 g ± 30 g The weight may vary depending on the shell colour and helmet configuration.




## HELMET MARKING

	CE conformity marking
0497	Notified body number
EN 443:2008	European standard for “Helmets for firefighting in buildings and other structures “
A3b	The protection zone assured by the helmet (protects the dome of the skull and the frontal chin region)
***	Indicates the protection at low temperatures down to -30°C
E2	Indicates the electrical insulation properties – surface insulation
C	Indicates resistance to liquid chemicals (Sulphuric acid, Sodium hydroxide, p- Xylene, Butan-1-ol, n-Heptane)
	Recyclable
52–64	Size range (head circumference in cm)
	See manufacturer’s information
PPE/PA	Shell material – Polyphenylene Ether + Polyamide
FIRE COMPACT/FIRE COMPACT PROBUDDY	Model identification
2021	Year of manufacture
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Month of manufacture
	Marking of conformity with DIRECTIVE 2014/90/EU
0575	Notified body number
	Manufacturer`s trademark








## ACCESSORIES MARKINGS

### Visor PAB FIRE COMPACT CLEAR

CE	CE conformity marking
0497	Notified body number
EN 14458:2004	European standard for "Personal eye-equipment - Face shields and visors for use with firefighters and high-performance industrial safety helmets used by firefighters, ambulance and emergency services"
-30°C + 120°C	Extremes of temperature to which the visor has been tested
T	Resistance to medium energy impact at extremes of temperature
Ω	Electrical properties
+	Increased thermal performance use
☺	Visor type - face guard
	See manufacturer's information
	Recyclable
PC	Material - Polycarbonate
PAB FIRE COMPACT	Model identification
2021	Year of manufacture
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Month of manufacture
PAB Akrapović d.o.o.	Name of the manufacturer
Most 26, 52420 Buzet, Croatia	Address of the manufacturer
	Manufacturer's trademark

# PAB FIRE COMPACT/FIRE COMPACT PROBUDDY

## Eye guard GOGGLE 04

	CE conformity marking
0497	Notified body number
PAB GOGGLE 04	Model identification
2021	Year of manufacture
EN 14458:2004	European standard for "Personal eye-equipment - Face shields and visors for use with firefighters and high-performance industrial safety helmets used by firefighters, ambulance and emergency services"
21	Year of manufacture
=	General use
	Eye guard
3-1,2	Scale number
-20° C	Extremes of temperature to which the visor has been tested
K	Resistance to abrasion
N	Resistance to fogging
Ω	Electrical properties
EN 166:2001	European standard for "Personal eye protection"
3-1,2	Scale number
1	Optical class
B	Resistance to medium energy impact
8	Resistance to short circuit electric arc
9	Resistance to molten metals and penetration of hot solids
K	Resistance to abrasion
N	Resistance to fogging
	See manufacturer's information
	Recyclable
PC	Material - Polycarbonate
	Manufacturer's trademark
PAB Akrapović d.o.o.	Name of the manufacturer

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE AND CARE

### ADJUSTING THE HELMET

Loosen the helmet headband by rotating the ratchet knob (6) counter-clockwise. Place the helmet on the head and rotate the ratchet knob (6) clockwise to adjust the size. The headband should be tight around the crown of the head, but still comfortable. To secure the helmet on the head, connect the two ends of the chinstrap (7) and insert one piece of the buckle into the other. The buckle is locked when you hear a click. Adjust the straps under the chin and on the cheeks; pull or loosen the straps to get a firm but comfortable fit. Fix the loose end of the strap with the appropriate plastic rings. To facilitate this step, unfasten the chinstrap and remove the helmet from the head.

To remove the helmet from the head, loosen the headband by rotating the ratchet knob (6) anti-clockwise, unfasten the buckle by pressing the red tab (8), and remove the helmet from the head.

### USING THE ACCESSORIES

#### ADJUSTING THE VISOR PAB FIRE COMPACT

The helmet is equipped with a face guard PAB FIRE COMPACT that meets the requirements of European standard EN 14458:2004 and is intended to protect the wearer's eyes and face from flying particles, dust, and splashes of liquids.

When not needed, the visor is stored in stand-by position over the helmet's shell. To move the visor into in-use position, pull it down over the face until you hear a click sound. When the visor is not needed anymore push it back over the shell into stand-by position.

#### ADJUSTING THE EYE GUARD GOGGLE 04

When not needed, the eye guard is stored in stand-by position under the helmet's shell. To move the eye guard into in-use position pull the tabs on the bottom part of the goggles and adjust their position. To move the goggles back into stand-by position, push them up under the helmet shell.

Eye guards will offer little or no protection to substantial areas of the face. They should only be used where an adequate risk assessment that facial protection is not required.

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The eye protector is intended to protect the wearer's eyes from flying particles, dust and splashes of liquids.



## **Warning:**

Users should ensure to have fitted a visor marked with “+” when using an EN:443 helmet for structural firefighting.

Please note that any scratched or damaged lenses should be replaced.

Visors or goggles worn over non-designated corrective frames may transmit impacts which may damage the corrective eyewear thus creating a hazard to the wearer.

The visor and the goggles meet the requirements for electrical properties (brief accidental unintended contact with live low voltage conductors) and provide limited protection. In order to achieve this all-component parts of the visor and helmet assembly shall have the marking for electrical properties.

The stated levels of protection are only provided when the visor and/or goggles are fully in the in-use protective position.

Materials that may come into contact with the wearer's skin could cause allergic reactions in susceptible individuals.

The visor PAB FIRE COMPACT has been tested for resistance to the following liquid chemicals: Sulphuric acid, Sodium hydroxide, p-Xylene, Butan-1-ol, n-Heptane.

The eye guard PAB Goggle 04 is intended for use with firefighting helmet model FIRE COMPACT/FIRE COMPACT PROBUDDY.

The eye guard can be used against various hazards as encountered in industry or during rescue activities which are likely to damage the eye. The eye guard provides protection against impacts, high-speed particles, short circuit, electric arc, molten metals and hot solids.

**Using the neck protection (ALU, Nomex, Leather, Holland)**

If your helmet configuration includes the neck protector (ALU, Nomex, leather), you can attach it using the 3 snap fasteners on the interior of the helmet's shell: first fasten the neck protector on the snap fasteners on both sides of the helmet, then fasten the neck protector on the snap fastener on the rear of the shell.

To remove the neck protector, gently pull it away from the helmet shell starting at the middle and then on both sides of the helmet.

If your helmet configuration includes the Holland type neck protector, attach it using the 3 snap fasteners on the interior of the helmet's shell and the Velcro fastener on the inner front part of the shell: first fasten the neck protector to the snap fasteners on both sides of the helmet, then fasten the neck protector to the snap fastener on the rear of the shell. Wrap the neck protector using the Velcro fasteners and fasten it to the helmet using the Velcro fastener on the inner front part of the shell. Make sure that the round slots on both sides of the neck protector are positioned around the chinstrap fixing point. At the end place the helmet on the head, tighten the headband, close the chinstrap and close the neck protector.

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## CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

For cleaning, maintenance, or disinfection, use only substances that have no adverse effect on the helmet and are not known to be likely to have any adverse effect upon the wearer when applied in accordance with these instructions and information.

Do not apply hydrocarbon-based cleaning products, solvents, paint, or stickers to the helmet or visors to prevent damage to the materials of the helmet, except in accordance with instructions given from PAB Akrapović.

**SHELL AND PLASTIC COMPONENTS:** use soapy water and a soft cloth. Do not use detergents, solvent-based products, or abrasive materials.

**FACE GUARD:** use soapy water and a soft cloth. Do not use detergents, solvent-based products, or abrasive materials.

**EYE GUARD:** use soapy water and a soft cloth. Do not use detergents, solvent-based products, or abrasive materials.

**CHINSTRAP:** use soapy water and a soft cloth.

**HEAD PADDING AND HEADBAND PADDING:** you can remove these parts for easier cleaning. Wash the head padding in cold water with a mild detergent. Rinse with water and let dry.

Open the Velcro fasteners and clean the headband padding with soapy water and a soft cloth.

## SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE

After using the helmet, you should perform a detailed inspection of the helmet and check that all its components are in place and properly fixed.

During inspection, pay special attention to the components listed below that are critical for the safety of the product, and replace the product or the component if any of the conditions described below are evident:

- Suspension: check for cut or broken stitches, abrasions on straps, or discoloration;
- Chinstrap: check for any missing or broken parts, discoloration, cut or broken stitches, worn out straps, or broken or missing quick-release buckle;
- Shell: check for any cracks or deep scratches, deformations from mechanical impact, or exposure to heat;
- Headband: check if cracked or broken; check that the adjustment system works properly;
- Goggles: check for any cracks, scratches, bubbles, or deformations, or if they do not stay in position.
- Visor: check for any cracks, scratches, bubbles, or deformations, or if it does not stay in position.
- Check all fixing points: all the components must be in place and fixed firmly;
- No evident wear should be visible;
- Check for any visible cracks or fractures; none should be evident;
- Check that the helmet fit is always correct.

Replace any damaged parts only with original PAB parts. Only original PAB parts are permitted for replacement, and only these ensure the performance of the helmet.

If the eye protector needs to be replaced, use a screwdriver to unscrew the two screws that secure the protector (the screws are positioned behind the headband). Remove the damaged eye protector and put the new eye protector in position. Secure it by tightening the two screws behind the headband.

If significant damage (broken parts, deep scratches, torn straps or paddings, missing components, etc.) is identified during a regular check, the helmet should be replaced. The helmet should not be used if it is clearly damaged, if proper servicing or maintenance has not been performed, or if PAB original spare parts have not been used. Inappropriate use, maintenance, or servicing can affect the function of the helmet and can seriously endanger the user's life. The helmet's operability must be checked and verified before each use.

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## **Warning:**

Do not drop the helmet. Prevent impacts to the helmet that could damage (scratch or crack) the visor or the goggles.

Check the helmet regularly for cracks on the parts in contact with the skin. Such damage could cause discomfort.

## **STORAGE AND TRANSPORT**

Store the helmet in a closed cabinet to prevent extended exposure to cold, heat, humidity, light, fumes... To extend the lifetime of the helmet to the maximum clean it after each use and before storing.

Before transport put the visor and the goggles in stand-by position and place the helmet in its PAB protective textile bag.

## **SERVICE LIFE AND DISCARD**

PAB helmets and their components (including visors and goggles) are very resistant to ageing, with an expected service life of 10 years, but only if provided that they are used, stored, maintained and serviced properly. Exposure to extreme temperatures, strong impacts, corrosive chemicals, flames or aggressive environments have a significant impact on the shelf life of the product.

Inspect and clean carefully the helmet after each use and replace any damaged parts or products. To ensure a lifetime as long as possible please follow the instructions, information and recommendations stated in this user manual.

When the helmet or its parts become obsolete or irreparably damaged, the helmet and its parts shall be treated as ordinary non-hazardous industrial waste according to local regulations.



## WARRANTY

The product warranty period for PAB helmets and optional helmet accessories produced by PAB Akrapović is two (2) years.

PAB Akrapović guarantees that the PAB products delivered will conform to their technical specifications and will be free from defects in materials and workmanship. This warranty does not apply to helmets and optional accessories that are misused, abused, or damaged from installation of accessories not produced by PAB Akrapović, or not used in accordance with the user manual.

The PAB Akrapović product warranty does not cover and does not make any warranty for any defect, failure, deficiency, or error that is:

- Not reported to the producer in a timely manner; or
- Due to misapplication or modification; or
- Due to dirt or exposure to extreme conditions; or
- Due to use, either intentional or otherwise, in an improper manner.

For more information, please contact PAB Akrapović.

# PAB FIRE COMPACT/FIRE COMPACT PROBUDDY



## EU DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

1. Personal Protective Equipment PPE (product, type):

**Helmet PAB Fire Compact/PAB Fire Compact Probuddy**

2. Name and address of the manufacturer:

PAB Akrapović d.o.o.  
Most 26  
52420 Buzet  
Croatia

3. This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer:

**PAB Akrapović d.o.o., Most 26, 52420 Buzet, Croatia**

4. Object of the declaration:

**Helmet for firefighting in buildings and other structures model PAB FIRE COMPACT with face guard model FIRE COMPACT and integrated eye guard model GOGGLE 04**

5. The objects of the declaration described in point 4 are in conformity with the relevant Union harmonisation legislation:

**Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment**

6. References to the relevant standards used, including the date of the standard or references to the other technical specifications:

**EN 443:2008  
EN 14458:2004  
EN 166:2001**

7. The notified body **CSI S.p.A.**, Viale Lombardia 20/B, 20021, Bollate (MI), Italy, notified body number **0497** performed the Category III EU type-examination (Module B) and issued the following EU type-examination certificates:

- certificate DPI/0497/1019 for the helmet PAB FIRE COMPACT

8. The PPEs are subject to the conformity assessment procedure based on internal production control plus supervised product checks at random intervals (Module C2) under surveillance of the notified body **CSI S.p.A.**, notified body number **0497**.

9. The notified body **DNV AS**, P.O.Box 300 Veritasveien 1, 1322 HOVIK, Norway, notified body number 0575, performed the conformity assessment procedure (Module B + D) and issued the following EU type-examination certificates:

- MEDB0000655, valid until 10/12/2024  
- MEDD000012X, valid until 10/12/2024

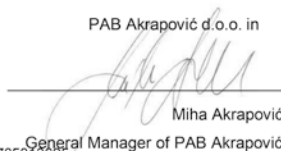
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