



Project Manager
Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment

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Product Manager **Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment** **(PdM SCIE)**

Army Combat Boot
Uniform Quality Control Program
(UQCP)

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Background



- The proliferation of commercial boots has caused uncertainty over what optional boots are or are not authorized in accordance with AR 670-1 and DA PAM 670-1.
- DA PAM 670-1 identifies the standards for “optional boots” and per paragraph 20-3(3), delegates authority to Commanders to “authorize” the use of optional boots. However, the standards are subject to wide interpretation by Industry, as well as Leaders and Soldiers, which may cause ambiguity and inconsistency from unit to unit.
- This ambiguity can lead to Soldiers purchasing commercial boots which may not be in compliance with AR 670-1, thus wasting money.
- The Army Uniform Board directed PEO Soldier to use the existing UQCP procedures in AR 670-1 to evaluate and certify commercial optional boots which meet existing Army standards, specifications and DA PAM 670-1.



UQCP Objectives

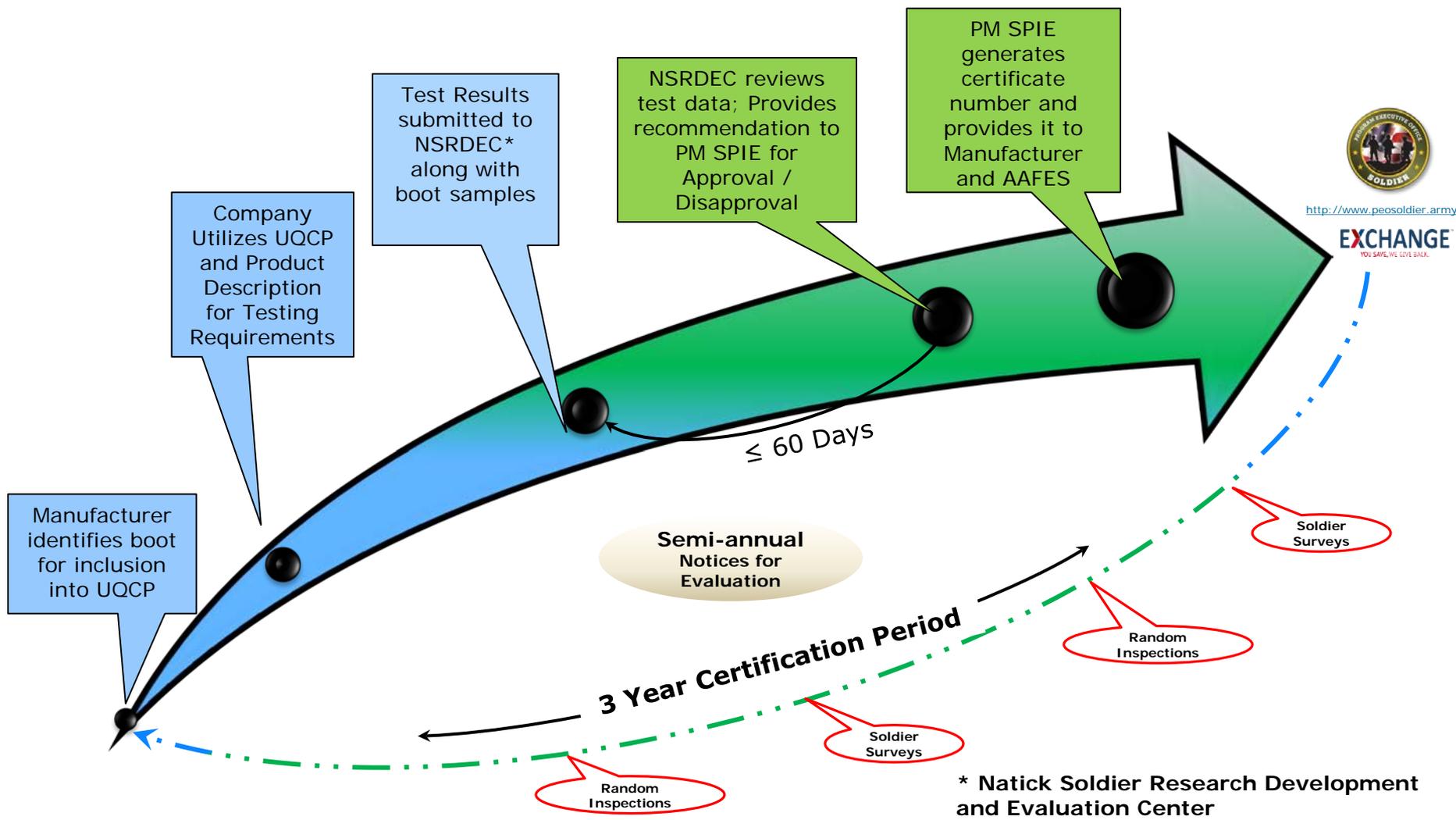


- **Soldier Safety is the #1 Priority of the Army UQCP Optional Boots List**
- Provide Leaders, Soldiers and Industry clarity and certainty that commercial optional-purchase boots meet existing standards, specifications and policies.
 - Timing of initial evaluation is aligned with Army's transition to Coyote 498 boots associated with camouflage transition effort, so the UQCP Optional Boots List will not include tan boot models.
 - The UQCP will provide a list (posted to <http://www.peosoldier.army.mil>) of commercial boots that are certified as meeting Army standards, specifications and policies for Soldiers and Leaders to use at their discretion.
 - The UQCP Optional Boots List does not “authorize” Soldiers to use optional boots – *Commanders* authorize Soldiers to use optional boots per DA PAM 670-1 para 20-3(3).
- The UQCP Optional Boots List will assist leaders in making informed decisions when enforcing unit optional boot policies- empowers leaders at all levels.
- After release of the initial list of certified optional boots (tentatively scheduled for fourth quarter FY15), the Army intends to perform optional boot evaluations at regular intervals (approximately semi-annually). This will allow for future certification of other optional boots.



UQCP Cycle

Distribute, Implement, Enforce, and Evolve



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UQCP Provides Verification that Industry Combat Boots meet Army Standards