

ARMOUR

Body armour has been worn in many eras, by warriors, police, and others. Although shunned by martial artists and swashbuckling heroes, it can be worn comfortably if properly designed and if the user is trained to use it (that is, he or she has paid Points for the Item Attribute).

Armour with the Partial Restriction -1 only covers a portion of the body, often leaving the head and other extremities unprotected. When making a called shot to reduce or bypass Armour (page 150) with the Partial Restriction, the associated penalties are reduced by one Rank.

The Armour values listed in this section represent average-quality construction and materials. Shoddy workmanship, poor construction techniques, or weak materials can penalise the given Armour values by -1 to -4 (a Restriction). Exceptional workmanship, advanced construction techniques, or resilient finishings can increase the given Armour values by +1 to +2 (a Feature).

ANIMAL ARMOUR

FUR: If an animal's fur is sufficiently thick or matted, it can provide light protection.

HIDE: Thicker animal skin can provide enhanced protection, though less than the hide armour worn by humans after it's been boiled and stiffened.

SCALES: Shelled or scaled animals, such as dragons, often have thick scales that can protect them from predators.

ARCHAIC ARMOUR

BRIGANDINE: A brigandine is a cloth- or leather-covered armour made from overlapping layers of iron plates. The

brigandine itself protects the torso and shoulders, but it comes with a full suit of mail. If desired, the mail can be worn without the brigandine, reducing the armour's protection to that of chainmail.

CHAIN SHIRT: A shirt of light chainmail, often worn over clothing without any other significant armour.

CHAINMAIL: Also called simply "mail," this armour is made of interlocking metal rings. It includes a layer of quilted fabric underneath it to prevent chafing and to cushion the impact of blows. Several layers of mail are hung over vital areas. Most of the armour's weight hangs from the shoulders, making chainmail uncomfortable to wear for long periods of time.

FULL PLATE: This armour consists of shaped and fitted metal plates riveted and interlocked to cover the entire body. It includes gauntlets, pointed steel boots, and a helmet (either visored or open-faced) — though sometimes a breastplate is simply worn with chainmail. Buckles and straps distribute the weight over the body, so full plate hampers movement less than splint mail even though splint is lighter. Each suit of full plate must be individually fitted to its owner by a master armorer, although a captured suit can be resized to fit a new owner at a reasonable cost. Full plate is also known as "field plate."

HIDE: This armour is prepared from multiple layers of leather and animal hides. It is stiff and hard to move in. It is rarely used by any but the most tribal civilisations.

LEATHER: The breastplate and shoulder protectors of this armour are made of leather that has been stiffened by boiling in water. The rest of the armour is made of softer and more flexible leather.

TABLE 12-2: ARMOUR

Animal Armour						Modern Armour							
Attribute	Level	Armour Rating	Restriction	Points	Item Cost	Attribute	Level	Armour Rating	Restriction	Points	Item Cost		
Thick Fur	Features	1	1	-	1	Brigandine	Armour	8	16	-	16	8	
Tough Hide	Features	2	2	-	2	Plate with Chainmail	Armour	9	18	-	18	9	
Thick Hide	Features	3	3	-	3	Full Plate	Armour	10	20	-	20	10	
Thin Scales	Armour	2	4	-	4	Modern Armour							
Light Scales	Armour	4	8	-	8	Thick Leather Jacket	Armour	2	4	Partial -1	3	1	
Medium Scales	Armour	6	12	-	12	Light Body Armour	Armour	6	12	Partial -1	11	5	
Heavy Scales	Armour	8	16	-	16	Medium Body Armour	Armour	8	16	Partial -1	15	7	
Mighty Scales	Armour	12	24	-	24	Heavy Body Armour	Armour	10	20	-	20	10	
Archaic Armour						Futuristic Armour							
Padded	Armour	2	4	Partial -1	3	1	Ceramic Armour	Armour	12	24	-	24	12
Hide	Armour	3	6	Partial -1	5	2	Light Force Armour	Force Field	8	32	-	24	12
Leather	Armour	3	6	-	6	3	Heavy Force Armour	Force Field	10	40	-	31	15
Chain Shirt	Armour	4	8	Partial -1	7	3	(Regenerating)						
Ringmail	Armour	4	8	-	8	4	Tactical Force Armour	Force Field	12	48	-	37	18
Scale Armour	Armour	5	10	-	10	5	(Regenerating)						
Chainmail with Leather	Armour	6	12	-	12	6	Low-Intensity PA	Armour	20	40	-	40	20
Chainmail	Armour	7	14	-	14	7	Medium-Intensity PA	Armour	25	50	-	50	25
Splint Armour	Armour	8	16	-	16	8	High-Intensity PA	Armour	30	60	-	60	30