



Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

SALVAGE & OVERHAUL

TOPIC: How to Remove Salvage Covers

TIME FRAME: 30 Minutes

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:

Condition: A salvage cover over building contents.

Behavior: The student will remove the salvage cover without causing damage to the building contents under simulated fireground conditions.

Standard: With a minimum of 70% accuracy

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- One salvage cover
- Furniture and appliances
- Performance examinations

REFERENCES:

- IFSTA, Salvage and Overhaul, 7th Edition, Chapter 3

PREPARATION: Salvage is a very important part of any structure fire suppression operation. Valuable personal possessions may be saved due to prompt, efficient salvage work. Once the firefighting operations are completed, salvage covers must be removed in a manner to minimize damage to building contents.



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HOW TO REMOVE SALVAGE COVERS

OPERATIONS

KEY POINTS

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| 1. Approach the covered building contents | 1a. From a corner |
| 2. Locate corner of the salvage cover | 2a. At base of contents
b. Should be tucked |
| 3. Grasp corner of the salvage cover | 3a. Either hand
b. Between thumb and index finger |
| 4. Fold corner | 4a. Carefully to prevent snagging sharp projections
b. Carefully to prevent damage to covered materials
c. Towards center of the covered materials |
| 5. Move to next corner | |
| 6. Grasp corner of the salvage cover | 6a. Either hand
b. Between thumb and index finger |
| 7. Fold corner | 7a. Carefully
b. Towards center of the covered materials |
| 8. Repeat steps 5-7 | 8a. With two remaining corners |
| 9. Fold all edges | 9a. Towards the middle (center) of the covered materials
b. Reducing the size of the cover systematically
c. Retaining all the water and debris on the cover |
| 10. Remove the cover | 10a. Gently |
| 11. Sliding hand under cover | 11a. Either hand |



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12. Grasping top of cover folds

12a. Other hand

b. Firmly

c. All 4 corners

13. Pick up the salvage cover

13a. Gently

b. May be heavy

14. Remove the cover

14a. Outside

15. Unfold the cover

15a. Carefully

b. Systematically

16. Remove the contents of the salvage cover

16a. Careful of sharp projections

b. Use water to rinse off

c. Shake out vigorously

17. Prepare cover for cleaning and/or folding

17a.



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APPLICATION:

Student to practice until proficient.

EVALUATION:

A performance examination.

ASSIGNMENT:

To be determined by instructor(s).

Performance Examination

HOW TO REMOVE SALVAGE COVERS

	<u>POINTS</u>
1. Approach the covered building contents from one of the corners	<u>5</u>
2. Locate corner of the salvage cover tucked at the base of the salvage pile	<u>5</u>
3. Grasp corner of the salvage cover with either hand between the thumb and index finger	<u>5</u>
4. Fold corner toward center of the covered materials carefully, to prevent snagging or damaging covered materials	<u>5</u>
5. Move to next corner	<u>5</u>
6. Grasp corner of the salvage cover with either hand between thumb and index finger	<u>5</u>
7. Fold corner carefully toward center of the covered materials	<u>5</u>
8. Repeat steps 5 - 7 at two remaining corners	<u>10</u>
9. Folding all edges toward the center of the covered materials reducing the size of the cover while retaining all the water and debris on the cover until it can be removed	<u>10</u>
10. Remove the cover by gently sliding either hand under the salvage cover and grasping the top folds of the cover with the other hand firmly	<u>10</u>
11. Pick up the salvage cover gently. May be heavy	<u>10</u>
12. Move the cover outside	
13. Unfold the cover removing the contents of the salvage cover carefully using water streams and shaking the cover vigorously	<u>10</u>
14. Prepare cover for cleaning and/or folding	<u>5</u>

Performance Examination

POINTS

ENTER TOTAL TIME: ___:

POINTS POSSIBLE: 100

POINTS DEDUCTED:

FINAL SCORE:

EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

COMMENTS:
