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Riggs Shield for Mobile Police Protection

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This week, one of my detectives, who has a relative in law enforcement product sales, brought a ballistic shield to work that was specifically designed for vehicle ambush protection by California Sheriff's Deputy Robert Riggs. It is called [the Riggs Shield](#) and was conceived after one of Riggs' partners was attacked in his cruiser.



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The Riggs Shield mounts on the inside of the driver's door of a police car and is quickly and easily removed in the event the officer is attacked while seated. By grabbing the handle and pushing the shield forward and up, it pulls away for immediate use.

Rated at NIJ Ballistics Level IIIa and Stab Level III, the Riggs Shield can provide emergency protection from a variety of threats. It has a section of Picatinny rail for affixing a flashlight on the handle. A hook and loop nylon strap is included, which can give extra stability when holding the Riggs Shield. It also allows for two-handed reloading of a pistol.



After examining the test and evaluation model, we took it outside to check its fit in some of our police cruisers. It fit just fine in a “nearly extinct” Ford Crown Vic, a Ford Police Interceptor SUV, and a Chevrolet Tahoe (with a special Riggs mount). The Riggs Shield was a bit tight in a Chevy Caprice, with the forward part of the shield obscuring the seat adjustment buttons, but it would work, nevertheless. Though we did not have them handy, a Dodge Charger and Chevrolet Expedition will readily accept a Riggs Shield.



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In manipulating the Riggs Shield, we felt it would give good protection to an officer's head and neck area and fill some of the gap in the side of a ballistic vest if held in that way. We are taught to square up to a threat to maximize the coverage to our torsos by our vests, but that is not always feasible either in a confined space or when moving. This small shield would be helpful in that respect.

Aside from ambush protection, everyone had ideas for the Riggs Shield's employment in felony or high-risk traffic stops, building searches, active shooter calls, and other instances when a little extra armor is not a bad thing. On their website, I found a Riggs Shield can be ordered that [fits on the passenger side](#) for two-person units. Most of the guys said they would like one in their car, mounted or not.

The Riggs Shield is Made in the USA and sold only to law enforcement and the Military. It can be bought in a variety of colors and markings, with custom logos available. Ours was a T&E model destined for a South American national police agency, thus the *Policia* lettering. The



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Riggs Shield has a cost of \$299.00. That, to me, is a reasonable price to pay for this versatile piece of safety.

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1.  [Aaron E](#) says:

[February 25, 2016 at 8:44 pm](#)

You know, this is kinda cool. I can see some bigger cops complaining about space infringement, and I'd want to test it out during high speed EVOC maneuvers to make sure the handle didn't get in the way of steering. But I really like the concept!

2.  [Joe Vallor](#) says:

[November 2, 2016 at 12:28 pm](#)

I'd like to take a closer look at this product. I've been diligently working towards winning the hearts and minds of my department to consider this tool and potential life saving device in lieu of the happenings in our world today.

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