

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 108

It is observed that not much notice is taken by the Districts/Establishments for proper upkeep and maintenance of the Steel Helmets supplied to them, as a result of which, the helmets when required for use are found either in a damaged condition or not in proper working order. As these are valuable Government property and most useful to the Police at the time of disturbances, it is essential to keep them in first class condition always. As they are rarely used they are liable to be damaged due to accumulation of dust and by insects. Regular inspections by the reserve Sergeant Major and occasional checks by Gazetted Officers are necessary to see that the steel portion is free from dust and rust and the straps are in proper order. The central screw which holds the main head piece shock absorbers etc., may be removed to clean the inside. The chain strap buckle requires special attention. It should be ensured that the helmets do not receive scratches due to rough handling, as these scratches collect dust and moist substances which in turn from rust and corrode the metal. The outside may be thinly oiled with old Sump or G. S. Oil after cleaning while the inside should only be cleaned with a dry rag.

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steel helmets

The times of emergency when violent crowds require to be dispersed the force may be let down very badly, if the above precautions are not taken.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 3 of 1956)