

LAFD PPE Drill Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. How many pockets and attachment points are in our turnouts?**
 - A. Six pockets and three attachment points**
 - B. Four pockets and two attachment points**
 - C. Eight pockets and four attachment points**
 - D. TBD**

- 2. What is Glide Ice PBI G2 described as in the turnout's construction?**
 - A. An insulating foam**
 - B. A moisture barrier lamina**
 - C. A reflective coating**
 - D. A surface material for the thermal layer**

- 3. What protection rating does the vest have?**
 - A. IIIA**
 - B. II**
 - C. IV**
 - D. IIA**

- 4. Why is PBI used in turnout gear?**
 - A. It is inexpensive**
 - B. It is a synthetic fiber with a very high decomposition temperature.**
 - C. It is more comfortable**
 - D. It is water resistant**

- 5. What is the normally used citro squeeze to water ratio for washing turnouts?**
 - A. 1:1**
 - B. 1 part citro squeeze to 4 parts water**
 - C. 4:1**
 - D. 2:1**

- 6. What should you look for during boot inspection?**
- A. No visible damage is needed**
 - B. Only color**
 - C. Soiling, rips, tears or melting**
 - D. Only laces**
- 7. How can the brush jacket be replaced?**
- A. Submit to supervisor**
 - B. Purchase order from procurement**
 - C. Request a loaner**
 - D. SRS requisition**
- 8. What is the cost of the Brush helmet?**
- A. 75**
 - B. 85**
 - C. 65**
 - D. 90**
- 9. Boots are how tall and what feature?**
- A. 8 inch and no toe protection**
 - B. 14 inch and have a shin guard**
 - C. 12 inch with ankle strap**
 - D. 16 inch and carbon fiber toe**
- 10. What is the recommended washing procedure for the hood?**
- A. Presoak for 10 minutes, then in extractor with citro squeeze; air dry or machine dry on no heat settings.**
 - B. Soak for 30 minutes and air dry only.**
 - C. Machine wash warm with detergent then line dry.**
 - D. Only wipe with a damp cloth.**

Answers

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1. D
2. D
3. D
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. D
8. A
9. B
10. A

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Explanations

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1. How many pockets and attachment points are in our turnouts?

- A. Six pockets and three attachment points**
- B. Four pockets and two attachment points**
- C. Eight pockets and four attachment points**
- D. TBD**

Turnout gear configurations aren't standardized to a single pocket count. The number of pockets and attachment points varies by model, year, and department customization, so there isn't one fixed total you can memorize. The reason this question uses a TBD is to emphasize that you must verify your own gear or consult the manufacturer's specs to know the exact count on the set you're using. In practice, you'd inspect your turnout coat and pants, tally all pockets, and identify every attachment point (for radios, tools, lanyards, etc.) on your specific gear. Since the precise configuration depends on the exact gear in use, it's something you confirm rather than assume.

2. What is Glide Ice PBI G2 described as in the turnout's construction?

- A. An insulating foam**
- B. A moisture barrier lamina**
- C. A reflective coating**
- D. A surface material for the thermal layer**

The main concept here is understanding where Glide Ice PBI G2 fits in the turnout's layered structure. This material is described as the surface material for the thermal layer, meaning it sits on top of the insulated core and under the outer shell. Its job is to provide a durable, smooth, and protective skin for the thermal layer, helping the insulation perform well and resist wear, rather than adding bulk insulation, blocking moisture, or reflecting heat. It's not insulating foam, not a moisture barrier lamina, and not a reflective coating. So, identifying it as the surface material for the thermal layer matches its role in the assembly.

3. What protection rating does the vest have?

- A. IIIA**
- B. II**
- C. IV**
- D. IIA**

Understanding protection ratings helps you know what threats the vest is built to stop. An IIA designation means this vest is soft armor meant to stop common handgun rounds, like 9mm and .40 S&W, at typical test velocities, while remaining light and comfortable for movement. It does not provide protection against rifle rounds or the higher-threat threats that a higher level would cover. So, the IIA rating fits a setup focused on handgun threats and mobility, which is why it's the correct rating for this vest.

4. Why is PBI used in turnout gear?

- A. It is inexpensive
- B. It is a synthetic fiber with a very high decomposition temperature.**
- C. It is more comfortable
- D. It is water resistant

PBI is used in turnout gear because it has a very high decomposition temperature and exceptional thermal stability. In firefighting, gear must withstand extreme heat and direct flame without breaking down or melting. PBI fibers resist pyrolysis and keep their structural integrity much longer under heat, which helps limit heat transfer to the skin and prevents the material from degrading during exposure. That thermo-oxidative stability is the main reason it's chosen for protective layers, even though cost, comfort, or water resistance are considerations in fabric design. Often it's used in blends with other fibers to balance protection with strength and flexibility.

5. What is the normally used citro squeeze to water ratio for washing turnouts?

- A. 1:1
- B. 1 part citro squeeze to 4 parts water**
- C. 4:1
- D. 2:1

Turnout gear cleaning uses a dilution that balances cleaning power with fabric care. Citro Squeeze is a citrus-based cleaner that emulsifies grime, so it's paired with water to create an effective washing solution. The normally used ratio is one part Citro Squeeze to four parts water. This 1:4 mix delivers enough cleaning action to lift soot and oil while staying gentle on the fabric, liners, and reflective trim, and it allows for a thorough rinse with minimal residue. A more concentrated mixture can risk damaging fibers, coatings, or hardware, while a weaker mix may not remove soils effectively. When using it, mix in a bucket, scrub or wipe the gear, then rinse thoroughly to protect turnout integrity and prolong gear life.

6. What should you look for during boot inspection?

- A. No visible damage is needed
- B. Only color
- C. Soiling, rips, tears or melting**
- D. Only laces

Boot inspection is about spotting damage or wear that could reduce protection or footing. You should look for signs of material failure such as soiling that can hide cracks, as well as rips or tears in the boot and any melting, which indicates heat or material degradation. These conditions directly affect boot integrity and safety, so they require action like repair or replacement. Focusing only on color or only on laces misses real hazards and doesn't guarantee the boot is safe or intact.

7. How can the brush jacket be replaced?

- A. Submit to supervisor
- B. Purchase order from procurement
- C. Request a loaner
- D. SRS requisition**

Replacing a brush jacket is handled through an SRS requisition. This formal process ensures PPE assets are tracked, approved, and issued correctly, tying the replacement to the right station, user, and budget. When a jacket is damaged or worn out, submitting an SRS requisition triggers the proper workflow with inventory and supply, so a new jacket is issued and recorded. Submitting to a supervisor alone won't update asset records or move money through the system, and a direct purchase order from procurement bypasses the standard asset-tracking process. A loaner might cover a short period, but it doesn't permanently replace the worn gear or update the asset inventory. The SRS requisition is the official route for a proper, traceable replacement.

8. What is the cost of the Brush helmet?

- A. 75**
- B. 85
- C. 65
- D. 90

Prices in the PPE drill come from the department's equipment pricing sheet, so you're expected to give the exact amount listed for each item. The Brush helmet is listed at 75 dollars, which is why that amount is the correct choice. Other numbers don't match the official price in the catalog, so they wouldn't be the approved cost. In practice, you'd verify by checking the current price list or vendor catalog for the exact model to ensure accuracy.

9. Boots are how tall and what feature?

- A. 8 inch and no toe protection
- B. 14 inch and have a shin guard**
- C. 12 inch with ankle strap
- D. 16 inch and carbon fiber toe

Boot height and shin protection are designed to shield the lower leg when you're moving through hazardous environments in turnout gear. The boots need to be tall enough to cover the shin area so debris, heat, and rough terrain can't easily contact the shin, while still allowing full movement under the pant legs and beneath the gear. The option describing fourteen inches of height with a shin guard fits this idea best. That height provides substantial coverage up the shin, and the shin guard adds targeted protection for the shin bone during crawling, kneeling, or stepping over obstacles—situations common in firefighting tasks. This combination matches how turnout boots are designed to protect the leg and aligns with standard PPE expectations. The other possibilities don't align with typical protective design: boots at eight inches don't cover the shin or offer the same level of toe protection, a twelve-inch boot with an ankle strap isn't a standard feature set for turnout boots, and a sixteen-inch boot with a carbon-fiber toe is taller than needed and introduces an uncommon material combo for this context.

10. What is the recommended washing procedure for the hood?

- A. Presoak for 10 minutes, then in extractor with citro squeeze; air dry or machine dry on no heat settings.**
- B. Soak for 30 minutes and air dry only.**
- C. Machine wash warm with detergent then line dry.**
- D. Only wipe with a damp cloth.**

Cleaning the hood correctly combines loosening soils, thorough cleaning, and gentle drying to protect the fabric while removing contaminants. Start with a short presoak to loosen dirt. Then wash in an extractor using a mild citrus-based cleaner. This step helps lift embedded soils from the fabric and get them out with the extraction process. After washing, dry by air or in a dryer on no heat to avoid heat damage that could weaken the material or affect any protective coatings. Wiping with a damp cloth won't remove deeper soils or contaminants, and soaking or hot-water machine washing can harm the hood's fabric integrity.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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