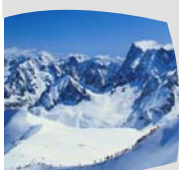




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About AirBoss-Defense... The Ultimate Protection for over 30 years

AirBoss-Defense is world renowned for the manufacture and supply of **CBRN** (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). AirBoss-Defense also manufactures Fire Fighting and Extreme Cold Weather (ECW) footwear, multi-purpose safety boots and a wide range of industrial extruded and moulded rubber engineered products for the defense market.

AirBoss-Defense is a proud supplier of CBRN footwear and hand wear to the joint forces of the US Department of Defense, and has been making firefighter footwear for over 30 years for clients throughout North America. AirBoss-Defense had mainly been a supplier of rubber firefighter boots to many of the major brands in the US market, until a few years ago when these brands decided to move their production to Asia.

AirBoss-Defense then decided to offer its superior products directly to the US market, under our own brand name; which has become synonymous with success in the military market.

This decision to sell direct has helped maintain several hundred union jobs in North America, while allowing AirBoss-Defense to be extremely competitive against the Asian importers.

With its office in Acton Vale, Canada; AirBoss-Defense has access to a broad range of manufacturing facilities located across North America. The Acton Vale facility is specialised in hand assembly of rubber footwear. The Ontario plant is the single largest rubber mixing facility in North America and has high tech injection moulding equipment. The most recently opened manufacturing location is in North Carolina and is one of the most advanced rubber mixing facilities in the world.

AirBoss-Defense uses cutting edge technologies to provide the best possible, operationally effective, solutions for footwear, hand wear and respiratory protection. Dedicated to innovation, AirBoss-Defense has demonstrated its ability to grow annually, making it a world leader providing armed forces and first responders "The Ultimate Protection".



NASCAR PROMOTION

AirBoss-Defense, in an effort to thank our growing list of customers, has just launched its newest drawing. We are giving you the chance to win 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

From now until September 30th, 2008, every time you purchase a pair of BOSS fire boots at your local fire equipment dealer, you get a chance to participate in a drawing for 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

So hurry down to your nearest fire equipment dealer and ask about how you can get in on your chance to win 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

Contact your local fire equipment dealer or AirBoss-Defense directly, for details on how to register.



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET WOES

We keep hearing about budget cuts left and right. But why are budget cuts necessary? Here are a few facts that might explain the need for cuts:

- **The budget deficit will grow to \$250 billion this year**, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The nonpartisan government office says the baseline deficit is \$219 billion, which becomes \$250 billion when you factor in the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Associated Press reports.
- **The federal government recorded a \$1.3 trillion loss in 2007** — far more than the official \$248 billion deficit — when corporate-style accounting standards are used, a USA TODAY analysis shows. The loss reflects a continued deterioration in the finances of Social Security and government retirement programs for civil servants and military personnel.
- **80% of the total debt has been created since 1990.**
- Bottom line: Taxpayers are now on the hook for a record **\$59.1 trillion** in liabilities, a 2.3% increase from 2006.

How big is our current deficit? The loss — equal to **\$11,434 per household** — is more than Americans paid in income taxes in 2006. That means the government is currently spending more than twice what they are receiving from our income taxes.

How big is our current debt? The debt load — equal to **\$516,348 per household** — is almost 5 times what the average household owes for mortgages, car loans, credit cards and all other debt combined. This hidden debt is the amount taxpayers would have to pay immediately to cover government's financial obligations. Like a mortgage, it will cost more to repay the debt over time.

To cover the amount of current debt the federal government is carrying, each U.S. household will have to pay about \$31,000 a year for 75 years to payback the amount.

The longer we wait, the more it will cost.

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BUTYL RUBBER

What is Butyl Rubber?

In essence, Butyl is a synthetic rubber. There are 2 types of rubber:

- Natural rubber, made from the latex of various tropical plants, but mainly the rubber (Hevea) tree, and;
- Synthetic rubber, which is a synthetically made polymer material that resembles natural rubber and acts as an elastomer.

Butyl rubber is produced by copolymerization of a butylene with isoprene. Butyl rubber is a carbon-based material nearly impermeable to air and used in tires, inner tubes, and insulation on a large scale throughout the world. If not for butyl rubber, our tires would not be able to hold the air we pump into them.

The impermeability of butyl rubber to air also makes it impermeable to other gases, even toxic ones.

This makes butyl an excellent material when manufacturing PPE that protects against toxic chemicals, especially gases. That is why the US DoD has chosen butyl for their CBRN hand wear and footwear solutions. No other material in the world offers the same advantages as butyl for CBRN protection; especially when compounded specifically for their needs by AirBoss.

Butyl PPE solutions offer excellent protection against highly corrosive acids, ketones and esters. They also provide very good protection against bases, alcohol, amines and amides, glycol ethers, nitro-compounds and aldehydes. This makes butyl an excellent choice for haz-mat protection. Although the initial purchase price may be somewhat higher for a butyl solution, the overall lifecycle costs will be much lower for butyl.

AirBoss-Defense offers 24 hour CBRN butyl solutions for hand wear and footwear.



AIRBOSS-DEFENSE CBRN LIGHTWEIGHT OVERBOOT (ALO)



AIRBOSS-DEFENSE CBRN C4 GAS MASK



AIRBOSS-DEFENSE CBRN MOULDED GLOVE (AMG)

Some AirBoss-Defense Butyl Rubber Products