INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

TWO-HANDED APPLICATION

1. Route the band around the limb, pass the red tip through the slit of the buckle, and position the CAT 2-3" above the bleeding site directly to the skin.*

2. Insert the injured limb through the loop in the band and position the CAT 2-3" above the bleeding site directly to the skin.*

3. Pull band tightly and fasten it back on itself all the way around the limb, but not over the rod clips. Band should be tight enough that tips of three (3) fingers cannot be slid between the band and the limb. If the tips of three (3) fingers slide under band, retighten and re-secure.

4. Secure the rod inside a clip to lock it in place. Check for bleeding and distal pulse. If bleeding is not controlled, or distal pulse is present, consider additional tightening or applying a second CAT above and side-by-side to the first. Reassess.

5. Twist the rod until bleeding has stopped.

ONE-HANDED APPLICATION

1. Route the band between the clips and over the rod. Secure rod and band with TIME strap. Record time of application.

*If you cannot be sure or cannot take the additional time to examine where the bleeding is coming from based on the situation, the CAT can be effectively applied over clothing as high on the arm or leg as possible. The CAT must NOT be applied over solid objects within the clothing. As soon as the situation permits, the injured limb should be evaluated and the CAT re-positioned 2"-3" above the injury directly to the skin.
STORING THE CAT® IN THE QUICK LAUNCH CONFIGURATION

Pass the red tip through the slit in the buckle. Pull 8” of band through, fold it back and adhere the band to itself.

Flatten the loop formed by the band. Place the buckle in the middle of the flattened band.

Fold the CAT® in half placing the buckle at one end. Make sure the TIME strap is open and in ready position; as shown in the illustration.

The CAT® is now ready to be placed in your medical kit.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:
C-A-T Resources, LLC, its parent company Composite Resources, Inc., its employees, agents, contractors, suppliers, and distributors shall assume no liability for injury or damages arising from the application or use of the Combat Application Tourniquet® (CAT®). The user assumes all risk of liability. The CAT® should only be used as directed by user’s military service component guidelines, EMS authority, or under the supervision of a physician, and in strict compliance with these Instructions for Use.

STANDARD USE GUIDELINES
When applied in accordance with directions, the Combat Application Tourniquet® (CAT®) is a safe and effective device for controlling life-threatening extremity bleeding. The CAT® has a Maximum Operating Circumference of 35in (88.9cm). The use of any tourniquet for longer than 2 hours may lead to permanent neurological or muscular damage. If you cannot be sure or cannot take the additional time to examine where the bleeding is coming from based on the situation, the CAT® can be effectively applied over clothing as high on the arm or leg as possible. The CAT® must NOT be applied over solid objects within the clothing. As soon as the situation permits, the injured limb should be evaluated and the CAT® re-positioned 2”-3” above the injury directly to the skin. The CAT® should be stored in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Re-use of this single use device may introduce risk of infection. Dispose of used CAT® in accordance with local regulations for biomedical waste. Please report all serious incidents in relation to the CAT® to the manufacturer and appropriate regulatory authority.