

## PEEL-AND-STICK ARMOR IN IRAQ

Usually, adding to an armor to a Humvee means welding on giant steel plates. Now, U.S. forces in Iraq are starting to stick their armor on, like bumper stickers.

The [Aztik 100 Instant Armoring System](#) is, according to its maker, a lightweight, semi-flexible combination of ceramics, textiles, and polymers that forms a protective coating capable of stopping a .50 caliber bullet. The panels have glue on one side, so they can slap on to a car as if they were decals. *StrategyPage* claims American troops are [already using the sticky protection](#) in Iraq. But the Associated Press (whom I'm more inclined to believe) says live-fire tests there are only now [about to begin](#).

**THERE'S MORE:** Soldiers that can't get a hold of the stick-on armor are [going to local metal shops](#) in Iraq to get their Humvees toughened up, *Stars and Stripes* says.