

# TASER CITIZEN DEFENSE SYSTEM FACT SHEET

TASER International was founded to create safer personal protection alternatives, while utilizing technologies to maximize public safety and minimize the potential for misuse. TASER® technology has proven itself an effective and safe self-protection tool since 1994 for more than 189,000 private citizens, many of whom do not want firearms in their homes for safety reasons. To purchase a TASER X26 or a TASER C2 it comes down three factors: Registration, verification and tracking.

First, several safeguards make TASER technology a responsible personal safety tool through our successful institution of the cutting edge Anti-Felon Identification (AFID) program. The AFID system disperses 20-30 serialized confetti and identifies the owner of the TASER device. Our unique AFID program has successfully deterred criminal use for the past decade.

Secondly, we have introduced a comprehensive Social Security Number identity identification and criminal background search for felonies. The system verifies the age and identity of citizen purchaser.

These safeguards ensure maximum protection to all parties while enhancing overall community safety.

**AFID DETAILS:** The AFID program enforces accountability for each use of a TASER deployment and has worked successfully since 1994 with citizen sales and involves three factors: registration, verification and tracking. AFID includes the bar-coded serialization of each TASER cartridge and the dispersion of confetti-like matching ID tags upon activation.



**AFID TAGS**

This system provides the tracking of the identity of the owner of the TASER whenever a TASER cartridge deployment occurs. The large number of AFIDs and their small size makes it impractical to clean up. Law enforcement can track this evidence and contact TASER International for a complete trace on the serial number. At the time of purchase, we verify the identity and background of the prospective buyer with the understanding that we will not release the information and it will be kept confidential unless a TASER device is used in the commission of a crime.

The AFID program was developed and implemented by TASER International at our own cost. No other personal safety device in the world (guns, knives, chemical and pepper sprays, electronic control devices, or batons) can be traced from evidence at the scene of the crime to the registration of the user. It all comes back to responsibility.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

**CheckLok™:** The TASER C2 Personal Protector is the first device to incorporate a revolutionary new public safety background check technology called CheckLok™. Next generation background check technology ensures full compliance with user identification and screening. The TASER C2 ships in a locked state and can only be unlocked by with an activation code received upon successful registration with an identification verification and background check approval from the privacy of using a secure web site or a toll-free number.



After completing the background check, the user is issued an activation code unique to their serial number. The TASER C2 will work only after entering the activation code. CheckLok ensures compliance, registration, and provides corporate responsibility.

## TASER C2 COLORS

The TASER™ C2™ Personal Protector is available in many colors.



**TASER® X26C™ ACCOUNTABILITY:** Online purchases of TASER X26C units require a valid Social Security Number in which a third party verifies this information including identification verification as well as a criminal background check for felonies, terrorist watch lists and proof of age. The device can then be purchased via credit card which is also verified.



## HISTORY

- The first TASER brand devices were sold to the public since 1994 called the AIR TASER Model 34000 with Anti-Felon Identification tracking capability
- The second generation personal protection units were called the ADVANCED TASER M18 series and were available in 1999
- The third generation technology available to citizens was the TASER X26C in September 2004
- First shipments of the TASER C2 began July 28, 2007 with four basic colors (black pearl, titanium silver, electric blue and metallic pink)
- TASER International announced three new TASER C2 color schemes at the International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in January 2008 with Red-Hot-Red, Fashion Pink and Leopard Print along with the TASER Music Playing Holster
- TASER International announced two new TASER C2 print colors in Forest and Desert camouflage at the SHOT SHOW 2008 in February 2008
- TASER C2 units available in five colors only (black pearl, titanium silver, electric blue and metallic pink and red hot red) beginning in 2009

## KEY POINTS

**TASER Cartridges:** 15-foot TASER cartridges for consumer use only. (Note that the 21, 25 and 35-foot TASER cartridges are for law enforcement only).

**TASER X26C:** The main difference in the TASER X26C vs. the TASER X26 law enforcement model is that the TASER X26C model uses a 10-second cycle vs. a 5-second cycle and the range. Citizens have a range of 15 feet maximum versus 35 feet maximum for law enforcement. Moreover, the TASER X26C trigger can be triggered several times to create a 30-second cycle. The user can then deploy the TASER X26C, squeeze the trigger 3 times quickly to create a 30-second cycle (3 x 10 second cycle = 30 seconds), place the TASER X26C on the ground and depart a dangerous scene while the TASER X26C safely disables the intruder. The law enforcement version cannot be squeezed multiple times to create back to back cycles. The law enforcement TASER X26 uses a 5-second cycle. It can be overridden by the user but the instant the finger is off the trigger, the cycle stops. Multiple trigger pulls will not change the 5-second cycle either.

**TASER C2:** The difference in the TASER C2 vs. the TASER X26 law enforcement model is that the TASER C2 model uses a 30-second cycle vs. a 5-second cycle and the range. The 30-second timing cycle includes a variable pulse rate versus a steady pulse rate for the TASER X26.

## **POWER**

- ADVANCED TASER® M18L/M18: 18 watts; 0.50 joules per pulse into load; and 3.6mA avg. current
- TASER X26C: 5 watts; 0.07 joules per pulse; and 2.1 mA average current
- TASER C2: 5 watts; 0.07 joules per pulse; and 2.1 mA average current

Note, the TASER X26C and TASER C2 systems disperse lower current. The advancements made in technology since the ADVANCED TASER M18 debuted in 1999 have improved substantially as each new generation of technology improves the efficiency of using smaller sources of battery power. (For example, the ADVANCED TASER M18 requires eight double AA batteries while the TASER X26C and TASER C2 require only two small lithium 123 batteries.)

**DETAILS:** <http://www.taser.com/products/consumers/Pages/default.aspx>

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