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# Mask Dictionary



# JT Proshield

**M.R.S.P \$46.99**

**Debuted: 1996**



**The JT Spectra was the first mask built from the ground up to be a high end paintball mask, as the Elite frames dated back to JT's motocross line. It features 260 degrees of vision and came with hard plastic bottoms for full face protection, although in the mid 90's, many players trimmed the sides off for better ventilation, a practice that's now illegal for use on the field. The mask was an instant success for its improved facial ergonomics compared to what was commonly available at the time, and continues to be popular to this day. Colors available include black and olive, but Limited edition colors included neon green, blue, pink and yellow, and an Ultra Limited Clear faceplate produced for a televised tournament on ESPN in 1996.**

# JT Proshield (GI version)

M.S.R.P. \$49.99  
Debuted: 2017



**In 2015, GI Sportz bought KEE, and acquired JT in that deal. They sold remaining KEE era JT masks until the supply ran out in 2016. In 2017, the Mexico factory where JT masks had been made since the 1990's closed, forcing GI Sportz to find a new supplier elsewhere. The new Proshield features the same vent and ear shape as its sibling Proflex mask, except the bottoms and ears are made of solid plastic instead of rubber. This makes identifying the difference between them difficult from pictures alone. Though only the Proshield is available in all Olive color.**

# JT Flex 7

**M.R.S.P \$49.99**

**Debuted: 1997**

**Discontinued: 2009**



**Made as an alternative to the hard bottom Spectra mask, the Flex 7 was the first mask to use the name "Flex" and first to have rubber bottoms, and came standard with a thermal lens. It was a highly ventilated mask, made to simulate a mask with no lower face coverage (such masks are illegal now, but that style was popular into the mid 90's) while still offering protection from paintballs. It was an enormous success and was quickly adapted by nearly every top team. The mask received a updated frame design in 2005 and continued to be manufactured alongside the Proflex until it was quietly discontinued in 2009. Its Proshield sibling mask continues to be produced to this day. Colors available were standard black, and olive. Colors like Burgundy, Clear, and Blue/ grey were available for a short time in the late 90's and early 2000's.**

# JT Flex 7 IZE

**M.R.S.P \$59.99**  
**Debuted: 2000**  
**Discontinued: 2003**



**The IZE line of the Flex is easily identified by its uniform colored parts. All pieces are translucent and the bottoms are more flexible than standard Flex bottoms. They were so flexible, that the masks have been known to warp if confined for periods of time. Green, Purple, Blue and Green IZE masks used Prizm lenses, while the Red and Graphite used Mirror lenses. The masks were popular, but due to criticism about the masks flimsy bottoms and safety concerns, the line ended production in early 2003, replaced by the Proflex. Original IZE's from '00-02' came with Original style Visors without vents on the brim.**

# JT Proteus 1

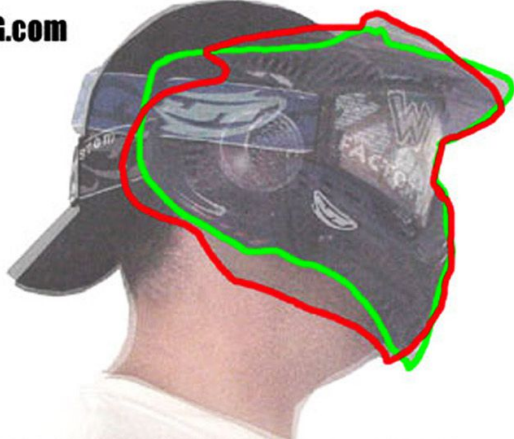
(Pro- tee-us)

M.R.S.P. \$79.99

Debuted: 2001

Discontinued: 2003

WARPIG.com



Composite photograph compares increased coverage of Proteus to IZE



**The Original JT Proteus features spectra frames and has its own short strap design, as well as a Visor that allowed the JT Vortex Fan to be installed underneath it. The mask was supposed to replace the Flex 7 as JT's flagship mask, and while it was worn by some top players, including members of Dynasty, the Proteus did not replace its sibling Flex mask as the flagship. The Proteus 1's clear rotating ear pieces were fragile, and could break when shot with a paintball, prompting a redesign and recall. It is not recommended to use a Proteus with the Clear ear pieces, but black ears are fine.**

# JT Proteus II

**M.R.S.P. \$79.99**

**Debuted: 2003**

**Discontinued: late 2005**



**This mask replaced the Proteus 1, and featured the same visor as all post 2002 JT Spectra masks, as well as a chinstrap. The mask still featured rotating ear pieces like its predecessor. It was available for the first time with an all clear faceplate as well as the “Chameleon Series” gold and blue, which came with fade lenses. In 2005 the Sportz Com model was released with a pack in radio to communicate with teammates. The mask was replaced by the Flex 8.**

# JT Proflex

M.R.S.P. \$59.99

Debuted: 2003



2003



2005



2013

**While soft ears had been an available upgrade for the Flex 7 since 1999, the Proflex became its own separate model starting in 2003. The mask featured the same ventilated bottom as the Flex 7, but featured standard soft ears, and more color options for the frames and straps, initially all Proflex's had black bottoms. In 2005; in addition to the Spectra frames being remodeled, colored bottoms were now standard; available colors included Black, Red, Blue, and Yellow. In 2009, the mask received thicker and smaller soft ears that were less likely to rip, and a new strap design shared with the Proflex Revolution. With the release of the LE line in 2012, the JT logo on the mask was updated, and rubber soft ears were added in 2013.**



# JT Proflex (GI version)

M.S.R.P. \$64.99 black  
\$79.99 L.E. style  
Debuted: 2017



**In 2015, GI Sportz bought KEE, and acquired JT in that deal. They sold remaining KEE era JT masks until the supply ran out in 2016. In 2017, the Mexico factory where JT masks had been made since the 1990's closed, forcing GI Sportz to find a new supplier elsewhere. The new mask features some slight alterations to the iconic Flex shape. The vents near the chin strap rivets are now vertical, the ears and bottoms are made of rubber, but are slightly stiffer than classic Flex rubber, and the visor has a new shape. Limited edition colors include Red/Grey, Blue/black, Orange/black, and Xfactor Teal.**

# JT nForcer

**M.R.S.P. \$49.99**  
**Debuted: 2004**  
**Discontinued: 2009**



**Black**



**Steel w/ clear frame**

**The nForcer was released as a modified version of the Elite nVader. It was intended to provide the comfort of the Spectra frame combined with the larger protection area of the nVader. It was released a couple years after the nVader and to differentiate itself from it, it features clear vent guards, and came in a steel/clear variant not seen in the nVader. It's compatible with all of the Spectra accessories and was discontinued in 2009.**

# JT Flex 8

M.R.S.P \$59.99

Debuted: 2005



**The Flex 8 was released as an alternative to the Proflex that offered more head protection. It Features a one piece bottom “Dual-Fusion” design featuring colored sections under a black exoskeleton. It has a forehead shield placed over the 05 Spectra frames for additional protection, and the mask is not particularly flexible despite being part of the Flex line. The mask has remained popular with speedball and scenario players over the years. A full head coverage model is also available. Original colors at launch were Grey, Red, Blue, Olive, Camo, and Sand Camo. Since launch, some LE colors like White, Urban Camo, Reverse Olive, and Sand have been released.**

# JT Proflex Revolution

M.R.S.P \$79.99

Debuted: 2008

Discontinued: 2009



**The Proflex Revolution was released in late 2008. It featured only black and white colors, except a Limited run of Green models for Ohio University, but prototypes of red, blue, reverse white and baby blue were made. Released as a continuation of the Flex line, it received a lukewarm reception and was only on the market for a year. The mask introduced new rubber ears that had a similar shape to the original JT Hard ears, and made use of the rivet holes in the Flex bottoms for a more rigid mask. All Flex Revolutions came with standard visors and clear lenses. The masks ears were trimmed down slightly (dubbed the 2.0) and saw use in LE Proflex models.**

# JT Premise

**M.S.R.P. \$39.99 standard**  
**\$59.99 camo**  
**\$69.99 headshield**  
**Debuted: 2015**



**Headshield model**

**The Premise is a mask mostly targeted towards fields (though it's sold to the general public as well) who want a mask with a wider field of view than Elite based masks. The Premise uses the Spectra lens, with a quick release system, which built a frame around the spectra lens, and opens by sliding the two lock switches located on the inside of the mask. The mask also features quick change foam, another useful feature for easy cleaning and drying for field masks. The Premise features limited frontal ventilation to reduce the chances of paint splatter on the wearer.**

# JT Status

**M.R.S.P. \$99.99**

**Debuted: 2008**

**Discontinued: 2009**



**The Status was the top of the line QLS (Quicklock Lens System) and was supposedly designed with input from Team Dynasty. Available in Black, Blue, and a light shade of Olive. The mask features the Dual fusion plates similar to the Flex 8, but the rubber is much more flexible. The mask was designed to hug closer to the face than the Proflex, and its frame design prevented the infamous “flared bottoms” that can happen to improperly stored Flexs. Dynasty was to wear the masks but due to their contract with JT expiring and their subsequent move to Empire, they never played a tournament with the masks. Ryan Greenspan did model the mask in the 2008 JT product catalog however. The QLS line uses the same JTJTJT foam and strap design used in the Flex line. Seen by many as overpriced when the Proflex was \$40 cheaper, the Status sold poorly and was quietly discontinued in 2009.**

# JT Reaper

M.R.S.P. \$49.99

Debuted: 2008

Discontinued: 2009



\* custom mask

**The mask was priced between the lower end Carnivore and the high end Status. It was available in Black, Red, and Blue, with a matching color strap. The Reaper bared the closest resemblance to its Spectra siblings, and featured a removable rubber faceplate, although the mask is still a one piece unit with fixed earpieces. The Reaper did not come with a thermal lens from the factory, and some consider the masks frontal ventilation to be inadequate during higher temperature play. It features the JTJTJT foam and strap design from the Spectra line.**

# JT Carnivore

**M.R.S.P \$34.99**

**Debuted: 2008**

**Discontinued: 2009**



**The most affordable of the QLS line, the Carnivore was only available in a single Black color with a single lens, and a full head coverage model was also sold. The Carnivore was the lightest of the 3 QLS masks, its light weight due to the different composite used in the masks mold. The mask came with a single pane lens and uses the same JTJTJT foam and Strap design as the Spectra. This mask was the most popular of the QLS line, with its lens system, quality foam, and low price making it a great entry level mask.**



# JT Axiom FX-10

**M.R.S.P. \$99.99**  
**Debuted: 2004**  
**Discontinued: 2005**



**The Axiom was JT's first lens system that used a rotating locking mechanism to secure the lens, and the system was well received upon release. The FX-10 (Usually named the Axiom, since it's the only mask released in that series) is a unibody design with a shortened strap similar to the Proteus, and uses the same JTJTJT foam as the Spectra frame. Only Axiom lenses will work with the mask, despite their similarity to the later QLS lenses, they are not compatible. The mask is made of rigid plastic, with the only flexible parts being near the mouth and neck guard. Grey and Clear models were available. The mask was very expensive and sold poorly. The 2008 QLS line was heavily based on the Axiom.**

# JT Whippersnapper

M.R.S.P \$29.99

Debut: 1985

Discontinued: 1991



**The JT Whippersnapper was JT's first paintball mask, and the mask itself was manufactured and marketed by JT Racing, since the company's primary focus was still motocross at the time. It's not safe for use in modern paintball game any longer, as the mask lacks side protection, but many collectors like the straps that came on the original Whippersnappers. The mask came in either black or olive colors, and the mask design was recently resurrected for an Airsoft mask marketed by JT.**

# JT X-Fire

**M.R.S.P. 39.99**  
**Debuted: 1991**  
**Discontinued: 2008**



**The JT X-fire was JT's first mask to have a flexible lower half that later inspired the Flex 7. It uses the Elite frames and has come in a variety of colors (colored models were only made early in its production) and the mask could come with the JT Crosswind fan system. The mask was JT's premiere tournament mask until the Spectras release in 1996.**

# JT Softstream

**M.S.R.P. \$19.99**

**Debut: 1994**

**Discontinued: 2008**



**early foam bottoms**



**rubber bottoms**



**later plastic bottoms**

**The JT Softstream was JT's most basic paintball mask. It uses the Elite frames and features a removable forehead shield. Early masks from the 90's came with a foam bottom face plate. Late 90's versions came with a rubber bottom similar to the Flex, and last models were hard plastic. The mask came only with a basic strap, and a single pane lens. This mask came with many Starter kits from Brass Eagle, Viewloader, and JT. It was also available in Olive.**