

Star Army Jika-Tabi, Type 38

The *Type 38 Jika-Tabi* is a model of [Jika-tabi](#) (written 地下足袋 in [Yamataigo](#)) that was introduced into service in [YE 38](#). They can be used in place of boots in most [Star Army of Yamatai](#) uniforms. They are excellent for walking, running, and climbing. A pair of jika-tabi cost just 30 [KS](#) at the [Star Army Clothing Store](#)—significantly less expensive than standard [Star Army leather boots](#). The jika tabi should be worn with [tabi Socks](#) (not regular [Socks](#)) or “[tabi tights](#).”



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The Star Army's Jika-tabi are manufactured by [Ketsurui Zaibatsu](#).

History

Starting in [YE 37](#), the [Yamatai Star Empire](#)'s military, the [Star Army of Yamatai](#), began allowing the replacement of boots with jika-tabi in its uniforms. The first uniform they were authorized to be used with was the [Star Army Field Uniform, Type 37](#). These were very popular. In [YE 38](#), the Star Army created a new design of jika-tabi that was usable with more types of uniform, including the Class B duty uniforms such as the [Star Army Duty Uniform, Type 35](#), [Star Army Duty Uniform, Type 42](#), and [Star Army Coverall, Type 36](#).

Design



The jika-tabi is composed of sturdy, matte black fabric and has a divided toe area. It is about the same height as a [combat boot](#). The outer fabric is composed of flame-resistant meta-aramid material and a layer of stretched polytetrafluoroethylene, which is waterproof but breathable. Water beads off of it and it allows moisture to escape, keeping soldiers' feet dry. The boot also has a reduced n-IR signature. The interior fabric is made of white silk. It is opened and closed at a seam along the rear using twelve metal tab closures called *kohaze* that hook into loops of fabric.

It has a firm yet flexible rubber sole that allows the wearers to feel the ground but also provides protection. The rubber sole is gray colored and has a heavily textured surface. They have better traction than regular boots do.

The black jika-tabi with the gray sole is currently the only color combination available for this model of jika-tabi work boot, but other colors may be considered in the future. Since the boot is made of fabric, a [RIKUPAT](#) version is a possibility.

Care Instructions

The Type 38 jika-tabi is difficult to get dirty since liquid does not soak into it, but if it does, it can be cleaned with a horsehair brush or a damp washcloth. The sole can be cleaned with a plastic scrubbing brush if necessary. To clean the interior: mix a mild laundry detergent in lukewarm water; use a sponge to rub the interior of the boot until clean; use a dry washcloth to absorb excess moisture, and then let air-dry for a few hours.



OOC Notes

Thank you to [Amaryllis](#) for suggesting jika-tabi in the [Uniform Updates for the Star Army of Yamatai](#) thread on January 22, 2015.



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