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Can I just purchase a vest?

You can and we carry those, but there are things you should be aware of. A vest adds a second layer, which may be a comfort issue. They can also be easily removed on the work site which is not ideal. And the fit of a vest can sometimes be too loose and become a snag hazard around moving equipment.

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