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Selection & Use of Gloves for Pesticide Professionals: Reading Between the Lines of the Label

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Selection & Use of Gloves for Pesticide Professionals: Reading Between the Lines of the Label

- Reading & interpreting what type of glove the label requires
- Choosing glove type based on physical & chemical properties
- Using gloves within their known limitations for pesticides





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Glove Selections from the Pesticide Label

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For weed control in Asparagus, Conservation Reserve Program Corn, Cotton, Fallow croplands, General farmstead (Non-cropland) Grass grown for seed, Hay, Pasture, Proso millet, Rangeland, Small grains. Sod farms and Farmstead turf, Sorghum, Sovbeans and

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This product contains 39.4% of Dicamba equivalent to 4 pounds per gallon or

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

2.5 Gals. (9.46 L) EPA Est. No. 19713-XX-XXX FIRST AID

EPA Reg. No. 19713-687

Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20

Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, the continue rinsing eye.

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Shoes plus socks

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label about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Restricted Entry Interval (REI). The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the WPS.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the Restricted Entry Interval (REI) of 24 hours.

BIENNIALS Geranium (Carolina) Burdock (Common) Ragwort (Tansy) Carrot (Wild (Queen Starthistle (Yellow) napweed (Diffuse. Sweetclover Spotted) Teasel Mallow (Dwarf) Thistle (Bull, Milk, Plantain (Bracted) Musk, Plumeless)

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Considerations for Selecting Gloves



- Design: sizing, composition, thickness, length, comfort
- Chemical barrier performance: degradation, permeation, penetration
- Task evaluation (fine motor skills/ hand fatigue/length of time needed/risk of splash/NEVER IMMERSION)
- Physical performance: durability, temperature resistance, flexibility, aging resistance, cleanability, (i.e., decon)
- Cost



Sizing Matters



Palm	Glove Size
6-7	X-small
7-8	small
8-9	medium
9-10	large
10-11	X-large
11-12	XX-large



Composition





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EPA-defined Chemical Resistant





3 Ways to Select the Type of EPA "Chemical-Resistant" Gloves from the Label



2. Pesticide manufacturers

3. Pesticide label names the type



Barrier Performance of PPE to Pesticides



Degradation

a reduction in 1 or more physical properties of PPE due to contact with a chemical (PPE may swell, discolor, shrink, soften, brittle, change texture); break-down.

Permeation

the process by which a chemical moves through protective material on a molecular level.

Breakthrough

complete passage inside of pesticide from outside of PPE.





Check in Question #1

True or False?

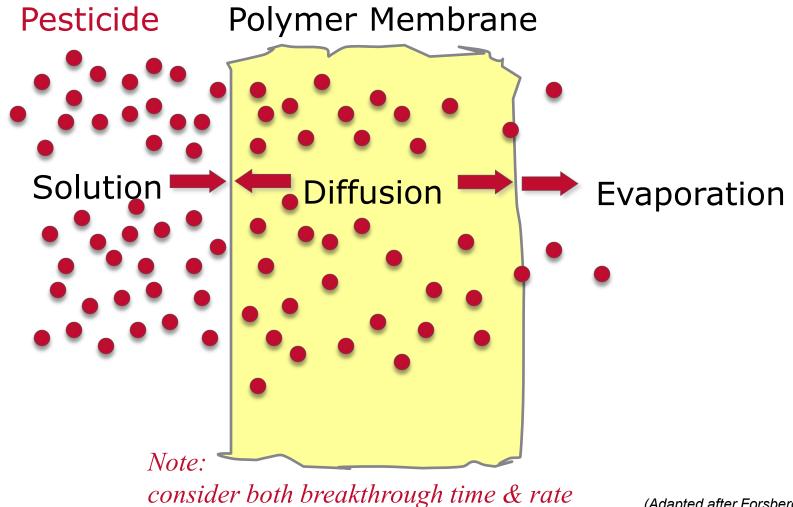
EPA regulations define "chemical resistant" as "made of a material that allows no measurable movement of the pesticide being used through the material during use".

Answer: True!!!!!

PPE Selection

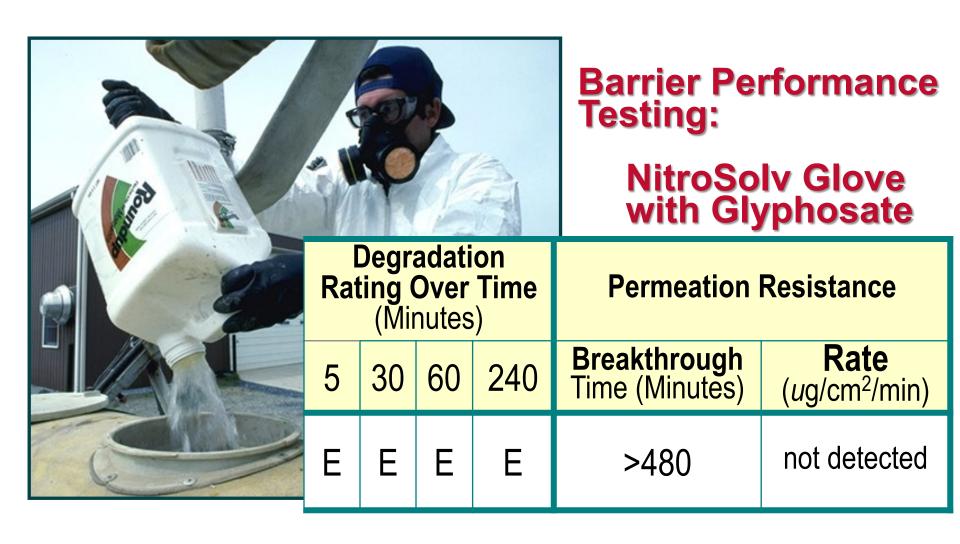


Permeation Process





PPE Manufacturer Information





PPE Manufacturer Information

Glyphosate Barrier Performance Testing



Glyphosate Roundup Ranking









Six Different Glove Types	Breakthrough Time (minutes)	Permeation Rate (ug/cm²/min)
Butyl	>480	not detected
Viton 890	>480	not detected
Ultraflex Nitrile (supported)	30	4
NitriSolv (unsupported)	>480	not detected
Hustler PVC	30	1
Neoprene	15	4

Source: www.chemrest.com/Roundup%20ranking.htm



IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER: PPE Barrier Performance

- No one material will be a barrier to all pesticides*
- Usually, the thicker the barrier material usually the longer it takes to break through*
- Thicker gloves reduces tactility & dexterity*
- Typically, the higher the temperature, the faster the breakthrough*
- Even the best CPC will perform poorly if torn, cut, abraded or otherwise compromised or contaminated*

* Adapted from source:

ACGIH Guidelines for Selection Protective Clothing

(chemical protective clothing)

Example Online Database Shows Permeation &



Degradation Data by Glove Type (Standardized)

Permeation Breakthrough Times

The permeation breakthrough times present in this chart were evaluated according to the ASTM F739 standard. Colored cells with numbers and the symbol correspond to experimentally determined data generated by an accredited laboratory. The rest of cells correspond to estimations

Mater	ial			LLDPE	Neoprene	PVA	Nitrile	Butyl	Viton Butyl	Nitrile /Neoprene	Nitrile	Nitrile /Neoprene	Nitrile
Thickr	Thickness (mm)).062 mm 2.5 mil	N.A.	N.A.	0.56 mm 22 mil	0.35 mm 14 mil	0.30 mm 12 mil	NA mm 15 mil	N.A.	0.20 mm 7.9 mil	0.12 mm
Brand	Brand		Al	NphaTec [®]	AlphaTec [®]	AlphaTec [®]	AlphaTec [®] Solvex [®]	AlphaTec [®]	AlphaTec [®]	AlphaTec [®]	AlphaTec [®]	MICROFLEX ®	MICROFLEX
Produ	Product Group			02-100	08-352.354	15-554	37-185.165	38-514	38-612	53-001	58-530.535	93-260.360	93-850
Type	CAS	Chemical Name	%	A						\$ 	A Company	200	
sgl	108-94-1	Cyclohexanone 1	00	> 480'	60-120'	> 480"	60-120'	> 480'	120-240	30-60'	10-30"	< 10"	5' C
sgl	123-86-4	n-Butyl acetate	00	> 480' 🖸	< 10"	> 360' 🖸	75' 🖸	30-60"	< 10° C	30-60'	10-30"	10-30'	< 10'
sgl	1330-20-7	Xylene, isomeric mixture	00	> 480'	10-30'	> 480'	60-120'	10-30"	> 480'	30-60'	10-30"	11' ©	6° C
sgl	68334-30-5	Diesel fuel 1	00	> 480'	120-240"	> 480'	> 480°	30-60"	> 480'	> 480'	> 480"	> 480'	> 480"
sgl	64-17-5	Ethanol 1	00	> 480'	240-480	10-30'	> 480°	> 480'	> 480'	240-480'	60-120'	120-240'	19' 🕝

Legend for Hand Protection

Permeation Breakthrough Times					
<10	Not Recommended				
10-30	Splash Protection				
30-60	Splash Protection				
60-120	Medium Protection				
120-240	Medium Protection				
240-480	Good Protection				
>480	Good Protection				

Degradation Ratings					
DD	Delamination of outer layer				
NR	Not Recommended				
Р	Poor				
F	Fair				
G	Good				
Е	Excellent				

Permeation breakthrough time is the time (in minutes) for the chemical in question to be permeating through the material at a rate of

1.0 µg /cm²/min (as per EN ISO 374) or

0.1 µg /cm²/min (as per ASTM F739).

Degradation ratings evaluate the amount of change a glove material will suffer due to contact with a chemical. Manufacturing processes use the same industrial solvent or chemical day in / day out. They also can change the process to control the hazards.

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'PERMEATION RESISTANCE OF GLOVE MATERIALS TO AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES'

- The science behind EPA's CR glove selection criteria put into the matrix as "Chemical Resistance Category Chart"
- Key finding: carrier solvent generally permeates first and at a higher rate.
- Types of solvents in pesticide are part of the formulation chemistry and may not be on the label due to confidential business information (CBI) rights.
- So, EPA developed and distributed "Chemical Resistance Category Chart" to all pesticide manufacturers in 1992. Based on chemical resistance of gloves to solvents.

PERMEATION RESISTANCE
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PESTICIDE FORMULATION TYPES

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2015 Revision of Worker Protection Standard § 170.240 Personal Protective Equipment: Proposed Change

Chemical-Resistant PPE

1. Current rule and proposal. The definition for ``chemical resistant" in the existing WPS (i.e., 1992) is a ``material that allows no measurable movement of the pesticide being used through the material during use."

Prior to the proposed rule, EPA received many comments from stakeholders suggesting that there was no way for agricultural employers, handlers, early-entry workers, pesticide educators and inspection personnel to ensure the PPE being used was "chemical resistant." EPA proposed requiring employers to provide PPE defined by its manufacturer as chemical resistant.

2. Final rule. EPA has rejected the proposed change. The final rule retains the existing definition of chemical resistance. The final regulatory text for this requirement is available at in 40 CFR 170.507(b)(1).



Chemical Resistance – Different Gloves with Different Pesticide Solvents

	Types of Protective Fabrics								
Pesticide Solvent	Barrier Laminate		R	ubber	Poly	PVC	Viton		
		Butyl	Nitrile	Neoprene	Natural	ethylene	1 00	VILOII	
Α	high	high	high	high	high	high	high	high	
В	high	high	slight	slight	none	slight	slight	slight	
С	high	high	high	high	mod	mod	high	high	
D	high	high	mod	mod	none	none	none	slight	
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Label PPE Statements







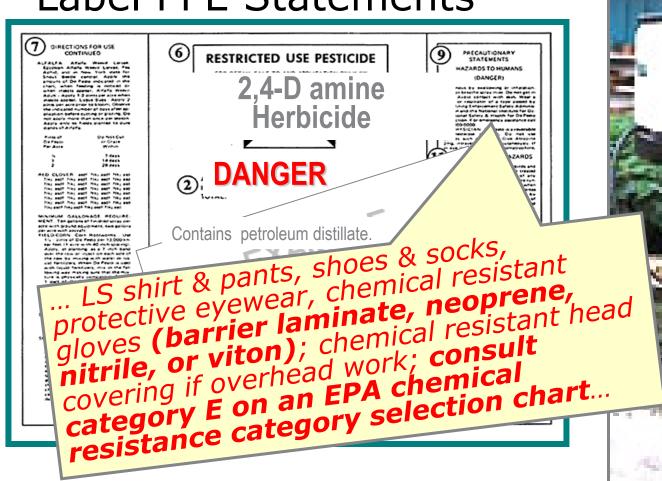
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Note: When applicators are directed to EPA Chemical Category Chart, these labels were written between 1992 to 2011. EPA policy was amended in 2011 to only include the glove types.

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Pesticide Manufacturer Information







Inspection Prior to Use

- Always inspect new gloves: pinholes, irregular dipping. Use first line vendors of gloves. Will see that glove manufacturers stock their lines with certain vendors.
- Prior to re-use, inspect gloves for signs of degradation: odors, discoloration, cracks, stiffness, holes, punctures, rips, tears
- Check for damage that would diminish the integrity and protectiveness of the glove
- Glove manufacturers urge endusers to treat gloves as disposable. Reduces spread of contamination.





User Safety Recommendations

 Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet

 Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly & put on clean clothing.

- Remove PPE immediately after handling pesticide.
- Wash the outside of gloves before removing.
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Gloves as chemical barriers – how do they perform for the period of intended use? What are their limitations?





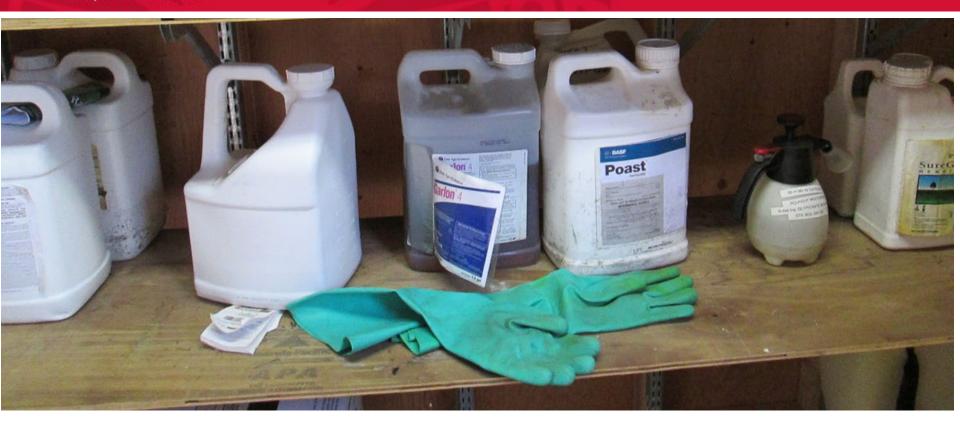
PPE Selection & Use Limitations

Physical Performance:

- Durability: Does the material have sufficient strength to withstand the physical strength of the tasks at hand? (supported gloves are stronger but usually less dexterity)
- Mechanical Protection: material resist tears, punctures, cuts, and abrasions? (In certain industries hand injuries are severe. EN388: 2016 Standard for abrasion & cut. Kevlar for heavy duty; some gloves have wear indicators.
- Flexibility: Is the material flexible or pliable enough to allow end users to perform needed tasks? (supported gloves are stronger but usually less dexterity)
- Temperature resistance: Will the material maintain its protective integrity and flexibility under hot and cold extremes when/where you will use it? (dexterity to handle nozzles/parts for early spring mornings)
- Aging resistance: shelf life
- Cleanability: Will the material withstand repeated use after contamination and decontamination? (single use, limited use, reuseable?)



PPE Use Limitations: Service Life



- •Gloves are not meant for immersion. Once splashed, clean or replace
- Once a chemical has been absorbed by the barrier material, it continues to permeate through the material.
- •There is no standard for reuse of PPE. Protective clothing "decontamination" & re-use are controversial and unresolved issues...
- Health hazard of re-use is not known



PPE Selection & Use Limitations

- Even relatively inert solids can eventually permeate into the glove polymer and degrade its physical properties. The outside of the glove can be thoroughly cleaned, but solid material may remain on or in the glove.
- There is no <u>practical</u> way to completely remove a solid chemical that has permeated into a glove. Volatile liquids can evaporate back out during overnight storage in the open air, but solids (as well as nonvolatile liquids) remain.
- Workers can be exposed if the chemical reaches the inside, and anything that they handle may be contaminated by residual solid that has diffused back to the outside surface.
- In some cases it may be necessary to limit the service life of such gloves to a use time as short as one day, depending on the particular glove/chemical combination used.







Now, an Informed Glove Selection...



GROUP 4 HERBICIDE

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For weed control in Asparagus, Conservation Reserve Programs Corn, Cotton, Fallow croplands, General farmstead (Non-cropland). Grass grown for seed, Hay, Pasture, Proso millet, Rangeland, Small grains, Sod farms and Farmstead turf, Sorghum, Soybeans and

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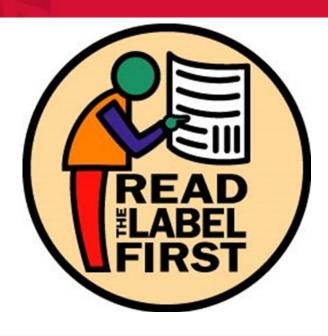
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Summary

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- Read & interpret the label
- Choosing glove type based on physical & chemical properties
- Safely use gloves within their known limitations







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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE

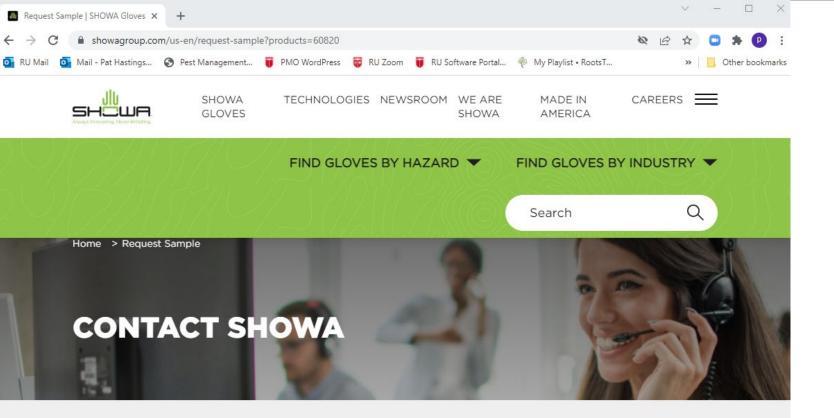
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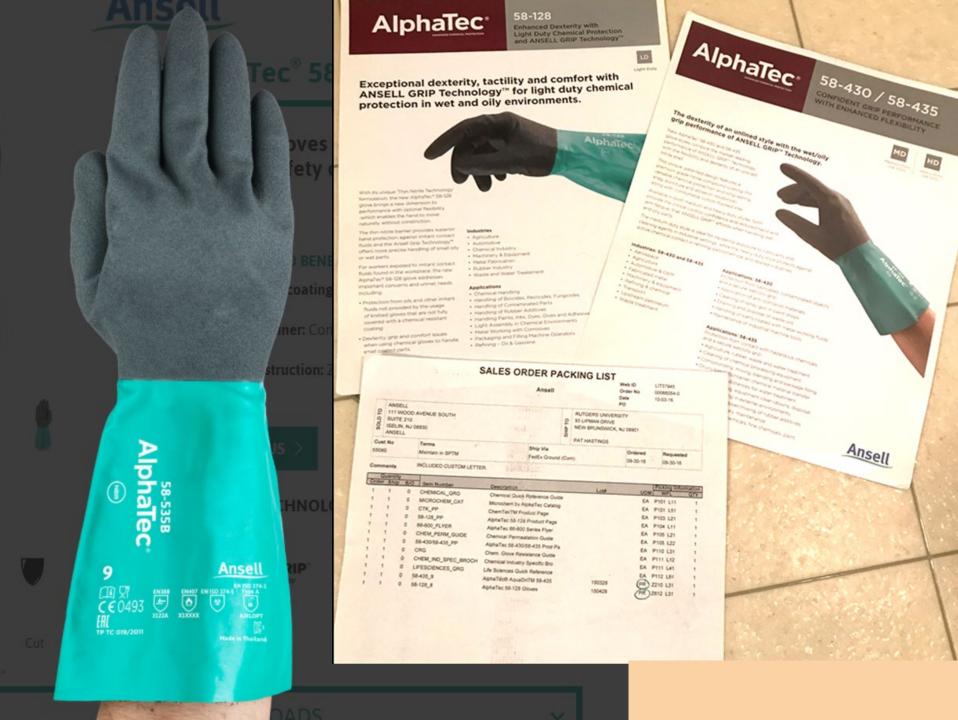


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Some thoughts...

- COVID has driven innovation in PPE marketplace for respirators and medical gloves.
- Postulate that US may now be ready to adopt international safety standards in current global climate of accord...

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

ISO 18889

First edition 2019-04

Protective gloves for pesticide operators and re-entry workers — Performance requirements

Gant de protection pour les opérateurs manipulant des pesticides et les travailleurs de rentrée — Exigences de performances



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