

#### Note: these instructions should be distributed to the actual users of the rubber voltage gloves

In order for these insulated gloves to effectively protect the wearer against electrical hazards, they must be properly used and maintained per the instructions in this guide. This guide should be used in conjunction with your employer's safety manual and procedures. Proper usage and maintenance include care and inspection to ensure the gloves are in good condition. Gloves that are damaged or in poor condition should immediately be discarded as they are no longer a suitable form of protection for the wearer.

\*Refer to ASTM F496 for addition information on in-service care of rubber insulating gloves

## Care and Use

- Sharp objects such as jewelry (including rings and watches) can puncture or damage rubber gloves and therefore should not be worn while wearing rubber voltage gloves
- Gloves must be put into use within one year of test date
- If one year has passed since the gloves have been tested and they have not been opened, they must be sent back for retesting
- Once the gloves are issued for use, they must be retested within 6 months from the date they were distributed to employees
- When you receive your new Rubber Voltage Gloves, they will be stamped with a test date

### **Proper Storage**

- Keep out of high heat areas
- Avoid high moisture areas
- · Do not place in direct sunlight
- · Keep out of contact with any chemical substance
- Store them flat in a protective bag
- Do not fold the gloves

### Cleaning

- Immediately clean gloves that have come in contact with chemicals, especially petroleum based products (including hand cream, oils, gasoline, etc.)
- · Wash with mild soap
- · Air dry, keeping away from direct heat sources

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#### Leather Protectors

- Leather protectors do not provide any shock protection used alone and should always be used in combination with rubber insulating gloves
- Leather protectors should always be worn over rubber insulating gloves to protect the rubber gloves from abrasion, deterioration, and damage
- As with rubber voltage gloves, leather protectors should be visually inspected daily
- Minimum flashover (distance between leather protector cuff and exposed rubber glove cuff) should be 1" for every 10,000 volts AC



# **Daily Inspection and Air Testing**

- · Inspect visually each day before use
- Look for signs of damage such as holes, abrasion, cuts, or deterioration
- Gloves should also be tested on site with a portable inflater or manual inflation
- Inflation test should be done with the glove right side out and inside out
- Inflating the gloves makes detection of damage and deteriorated quality easier
- It is important to listen for escaping air due to holes while performing the inflation test



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