



Glove Care and Maintenance



The care and maintenance of your gloves is a determining factor in how long the gloves will maintain their properties, and how well they will perform while in use. Always visually inspect the gloves before and after each use.

Here are the guidelines for properly maintaining your gloves:

- 1. Packaging:** while not in use, the gloves should remain in their original packaging - including the box and bagging. Glove materials that are folded are natural rubber, neoprene and butyl, Gloves made with CSM and polyurethane materials should never be folded.
- 2. Storage conditions:** 50 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not store near furnace or high heat source.
- 3. Cleaning:** Isopropyl alcohol wipes, or the gloves may be washed with mild soapy water and completely dried before use or stored.
- 4. Sterilization:**
 - a. Gamma irradiation - 25-50kGy is approved.
 - b. VHP sterilization is approved for all glove materials except polyurethane (VHP will cause the polyurethane to deteriorate).
 - c. Autoclaving is approved for all gloves except polyurethane

Shelf Life:

One year - Natural rubber latex

Two years - Neoprene

Three years - Butyl, CSM, polyurethane and polyurethane/CSM