

FIELD CARE AND INSPECTION OF RUBBER INSULATING GLOVES



The field care and inspection of electrical insulating gloves performed by the individual is an important requirement in providing protection from electrical shock. Defective or suspected defective gloves shall not be used but returned to an electrical testing facility for inspection and retest.

Insulating gloves shall be visually inspected by the wearer for defects. Gloves shall be air-tested before use each day and at other times if there is cause to suspect any damage. They shall be inspected over the entire surface and shall be rolled gently between the hands to expose defects and imbedded materials.

Insulating gloves shall be given an air test by rolling the cuff tightly toward the palm in such a manner that air is entrapped inside the glove, or by using mechanical inflator. When using the latter, care should be taken to avoid over inflation. The glove shall be examined

If the rubber glove has two color construction and either color can be observed from the opposite side, this would indicate that the glove should be taken out of service and sent to a testing facility for further evaluation.

Gloves shall be wiped clean of any oil, grease, or other damaging substances as soon as possible.

Cloth gloves may be worn inside of insulating gloves for warmth in cold weather and to absorb perspiration in hot weather.

Gloves shall not be marked nor have any adhesive tapes or labels applied to them by other than authorized personnel.