

A large, detailed image of a grey Ansell HyFlex work glove. The glove is shown from a side-on perspective, with the index finger pointing towards the left. The brand name 'Ansell' is printed in white on the back of the hand, and 'HyFlex' is printed in a larger, bold white font across the back of the hand. Below 'HyFlex', the number '11-840' is visible. The background is a blurred warehouse environment with metal shelving units and a yellow pallet jack.

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THE RIGHT GLOVES FOR THE JOB

A guide on choosing the most suitable glove for your job

There are a range of additional factors that guide the choice of hand protection, but none are as important as glove application and work environment. Exposure to sharp materials and cut risk is commonplace in most industrial environments, and the degree of risks present in any specific workplace is the most useful indicator when determining which hand protection should be employed.

While some duties, such as metal press work, are inherently and overtly risky, even seemingly 'safe' tasks, such as screwing and unscrewing or carrying out general warehouse duties, can leave workers vulnerable to cut injury.

No matter what kind of work is being performed, every job deserves a pair of high-quality work gloves. Although the benefits of wearing gloves at work are clear, it is not always easy to choose the right glove. To ease the selection process, we've compiled a list of tips for choosing the right work gloves.

Comfort

Regardless of the application, look for a lightweight solution that incorporates suitable liner materials to ensure the highest protection that's also comfortable, increasing the likelihood of continual wear and adherence to PPE policy.

Grip

Often the root cause of cut injury is not the most obvious one. Failing to select hand protection with suitable grip can lead to higher injury rates, as objects with sharp edges can slip when being handled — this is exacerbated in the case of wet or oil-covered objects — resulting in a slicing motion through the glove. Insufficient grip can also contribute to other unwanted conditions including stress, fatigue and muscle strain.

Glove Coatings

Cut-resistant fabrics are constructed by rolling and twisting cut-resistant fibres to deliver a material that provides suitable defense. When a coating is applied, the fibre's cut resistance efficacy can be reduced. Most coated gloves will provide a higher resistance on the back of the hand compared to the palm, as those fibres may not be coated, so this needs to be considered when assessing potential options.

Construction

Consider the overall construction, as well as the materials used. There are many available solutions, some of which offer specific additional features; consider latex or silicone-free alternatives where allergies are a factor, or an anti-static option if the environment demands it.

Dexterity

Regardless of the task being undertaken, there will always be demand for a reasonable degree of dexterity. Bulky or ill-fitting options will often lead to removal, so it's important to select a glove that permits the wearer to carry out tasks effectively, while still providing adequate defense.

Designed for Duty

The most suitable length, fit and cuff style will all be determined by the application. Look for a manufacturer that designs hand protection solutions for specific applications and makes industry-specific recommendations for each available alternative to simplify the decision-making process. Duty level should also be factored in, as it will influence the longevity of the chosen solution.

For more information and to request a sample, please visit www.ansell.com/madewithhyflex