

SECTION SIX – OVERGLOVES FOR USE WITH GAS-TIGHT SUITS

INTRODUCTION

The cut resistant overgloves offer thermal protection against heat and cold and are designed to be worn over the chemical protective gloves which are attached to the gas-tight suit.

STANDARD ISSUE

Six pairs are carried on the Environment Unit along with a supply of liner gloves to allow easier donning. Replacement supplies of both overgloves and liner gloves can be obtained from Stores.

USE

The gloves are designed to offer additional mechanical and thermal protection when used with the gas-tight suits. The gloves are manufactured to EN 659 standard (Protective Gloves for Firefighters) and also meet the requirements of EN511 standard (gloves used in cold conditions) and offer protection against temperatures down to -50°C transmitted by convection or conduction.

When donning the overgloves, the liner gloves should first be put on over the chemical protective gloves attached to the gas-tight suit. The liner gloves are cut resistant and have a very low level of surface friction which allows the overglove to slide over them more easily. Once on the cuff strap of the overgloves should be tightened to prevent them sliding off. The suit wearer may find it useful to have assistance when donning the overgloves.

CLEANING

The overgloves should be cleaned using mild hand soap. A stiff bristle brush may help remove any embedded grit and grime. Contaminated gloves must be disposed of by following the laid down procedure.

Liner gloves should be re-used if not contaminated.

DRYING

Should be air dried in the same manner as Firecraft gloves.

INSPECTION AND TESTING

Both overgloves and liner gloves should be inspected regularly and replaced as required.