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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF-023, Occupational Protective Gloves, to supersede AS/NZS 2161.10.1:2002.

The objective of this Standard is to provide users and manufacturers with a common terminology and a set of performance requirements for gloves intended to be used against chemicals and biological contaminants. The objective of this revision is to adopt the current edition of EN 374-1.

This Standard is identical with and has been reproduced from the European (CEN) Standard EN 374-1:2003, *Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms*, Part 1: *Terminology and performance requirements*.

Guidance for the selection, care and use of occupational protective gloves is not covered by this Standard but is provided in AS/NZS 2161.1, *Occupational protective gloves,* Part 1: *Selection, use and maintenance*.

The Committee noted that there was no advice on the effect of different cells on chemical permeation result or advice on mixtures of chemicals and commonly-occurring pesticides may affect results. Such advice is intended to be included in the next version of AS/NZS 2161.1.

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The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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This standard specifies the requirements for gloves to protect the user against chemicals and/or micro-organisms and defines terms to be used.

This standard should be used in conjunction with EN 420.

This standard does not specify requirements for protection against any mechanical hazards.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 374-2, *Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms — Part 2: Determination of resistance to penetration.*

EN 374-3, *Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms — Part 3: Determination of resistance to permeation by chemicals.*

EN 388, *Protective gloves against mechanical risks.*

EN 420, *General requirements for gloves.*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
protective glove material
any material or combination of materials used in a glove for the purpose of isolating the hands or hands and arms from direct contact with a chemical and/or micro-organism

3.2
protective gloves against micro-organisms
at this time it is believed that gloves which resist penetration, when tested according to 5.2, form an effective barrier to bacteria and fungi. This assumption does not apply to protection against viruses.

3.3
degradation
deleterious change in one or more properties of a protective glove material due to contact with a chemical. These changes include flaking, swelling, disintegration, embrittlement, discolouration, dimensions, appearance, hardening, softening, etc

3.4
penetration
movement of a chemical and/or micro-organism through porous materials, seams, pinholes, or other imperfections in a protective glove material on a non-molecular level

3.5
permeation
process by which a chemical moves through a protective glove material on a molecular level. Permeation involves the following: