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New ASTM Glove Specification for Law Enforcement

New Police & Corrections Glove specification includes 28 gauge needle protection

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The new ASTM E3109-18 specification for law enforcement and corrections officers has recently been released. The new specification includes ratings for 28 gauge needle, puncture, cut resistance, abrasion and tear. The specification was put together by a committee made up of glove manufacturers, industry specialists, and end users. This specification was based on direct feedback from over 800 law enforcement and corrections officers that were surveyed or included in trials. The 28 gauge needle stick rating was a very important feature that this specification includes as past NIJ standards did not include any hypodermic needle protection, which is a very real threat to officers today.

In a study done by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, only one in 50,000 US officers is killed by a firearm, but one in three will suffer a needlestick injury during a pat down or other search, and 28% will suffer at least two needle sticks during their careers. Based by the feedback on the surveys received back from officers needlestick protection was the top concern, as needles can carry viruses and can really alter someone's livelihood.

TurtleSkin has been a leading manufacturer of law enforcement gloves for many years. The TurtleSkin fabric is constructed from high performance textiles made with a super-tight patented weave of high-strength ballistic yarns. This patented weave provides puncture resistance and makes it very difficult for hypodermic needles or other sharp threats to penetrate the material.

Warwick Mills, the manufacturer of TurtleSkin Products, is a leader in the engineering of technical textiles for protective applications. They develop and integrate complex fiber composites for the most challenging safety applications.

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