

User Information Guide for Fire-Dex Structural Fire Fighter Gloves
Third Party Certified to NFPA 1971, Current Edition

WARNING: Do not use this pair of gloves until you have read and understood all provisions of this User Information Guide and the information provided on the glove label. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE REMOVED BY END USER ONLY.

Pre-Use Information: Fire fighting is an extremely dangerous activity involving unlimited hazards that may cause burns, injuries, infections or death. Fire fighters must follow the instructions in this Guide before using their Fire-Dex gloves. Even when correctly used and maintained, Fire-Dex gloves will not eliminate the dangers and risks of fire fighting. Your Fire-Dex gloves must fit properly and interface with your turnout so that no gaps in coverage occur during all ranges of movement. Do not use your Fire-Dex gloves if they do not fit or interface properly with your other protective equipment. These gloves are designed for structural fire fighting only and meet the requirements of NFPA 1971, current edition. Your Fire-Dex gloves may be marked using permanent, non-toxic ink on the outer shell and/or the label inside the glove. You must clean, maintain and store your Fire-Dex gloves properly. Failure to do so will increase your risk of injury or death. Do not alter or puncture the fabric layers of your glove with identification markings or other accessories as it may increase your risk for injury or death. Your fire department must independently evaluate the suitability of Fire-Dex gloves on a regular basis to determine when the gloves must be removed from service. Do not continue to use gloves that are damaged, contaminated or otherwise do not pass inspection. Even when properly used and maintained protective qualities of Fire-Dex gloves will diminish in time and need to be replaced for your safety. Most performance properties of the glove can not be tested by the end user in the field; however, it is the responsibility of the end user to inspect the gloves regularly. It is also the responsibility of the end user to become familiar with the applicable NFPA and OSHA standards. Fire-Dex, LLC warrants its structural fire gloves to be free from defects in workmanship for the serviceable life of the product when used by appropriately trained personnel following proper fire fighting procedures and when the product's warning use and care instructions are followed. Inasmuch as Fire-Dex, LLC has no control over the manner or way in which our product is used after it leaves our facility, we can not be responsible by warranty or otherwise or results of effect of its use. Please follow the criteria established by your fire department to determine the suitability of our product for its particular application.

Preparation for use: A sizing chart recommended by the NFPA is available to interested users. Send your request in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Fire-Dex, LLC 780 South Progress Drive, Medina, OH 44256. Gloves should be cleaned and dried thoroughly and stored in a cool, dry place. Keep gloves away from sharp objects that could cut or tear the gloves. Keep gloves out of direct sunlight or fluorescent light as that could weaken or damage the glove.

Inspection: For best results, clean the gloves before inspection. Inspection shall be on a regular basis, at least once a month, or after evidence of damage or contamination. Inspect the shell, liner and wristlet or gauntlet for cuts, tears, worn areas, loose or open seams, pieces of foreign materials imbedded in the glove, discoloration or charring. If damage has occurred, the gloves should be taken out of service for repair, cleaning or disposal.

Don/DoFF: Pull on your Fire-Dex gloves after putting on your other protective equipment. Check to be sure that no gaps appear between your turnout coat and glove and that there is a proper fit. Be sure to choose a comfortable size that allows the best grip and dexterity in order to reduce premature hand fatigue. To remove your gloves, grasp and pull your gloves at the fingertips. If your gloves have become contaminated during use, exercise extreme caution in glove removal and avoid contact of the glove with your bare hand. Contaminated gloves should be bagged and disposed of in accordance with local, state and federal standards.

Use: Gloves are to be used consistently with NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, and 29 CFR 1910.132, General Requirements of Subpart I, Personal Protective Equipment.

Maintenance and Cleaning: Use gloves that have been thoroughly cleaned and dried. Gloves may be hand washed. Heavily soiled gloves should be pre-treated with a pre-cleaner or spot cleaner before washing. Do Not Use Chlorine Bleach as it will diminish the protective qualities of the gloves.

Hand washing:

1. Fill basin with warm water and add a mild detergent. Protective gloves must be used for both heat and contaminate protection.
2. Add gloves and soak until thoroughly wet.
3. Using a medium bristle brush, scrub gloves.
4. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
5. Hang dry in a cool, dry shaded location. Do not wring gloves. Squeeze gloves to remove excess water.
6. Dispose of all wastewater according to local, state and federal standards.

Inspect gloves before use. If gloves are still contaminated or do not pass inspection, do not use them. Turn in the gloves to your department and order a replacement pair from Fire-Dex, LLC. Gloves should be stored dry and in a well ventilated area, out of direct sunlight, and away from sharp objects. Gloves should not be stored in extreme temperatures, temperatures ranging between 25°F and 180°F are considered acceptable.

Retirement and disposal of gloves: Dispose of gloves that have been exposed to extreme heat, hazardous materials or that fail to pass inspection procedures defined by your fire department. If gloves have been contaminated with hazardous materials, blood, body fluids or other chemicals isolate and bag the gloves avoiding contact with the contaminated gloves. Continued water resistance of gloves does not indicate viral or chemical resistance. Dispose of gloves according to local, state and federal standards. Gloves should be retired no more than 10 years of the date of manufacture.