



## TECHNICAL LITERATURE CARE AND INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PVC COSMETIC GLOVES

### CARE

Take care when fitting and using PVC cosmetic gloves. PVC is a soft material susceptible to cuts and abrasions. Permanent staining can be caused by ink from ballpoint and felt tipped pens, newsprint, copying media and dyes from clothing.

### TWO-TONE GLOVES & HIGH DEFINITION NAILS

PVC gloves with these features are factory coated with a special paint product. In normal use this material will have a reasonable life but it will wear when exposed to abrasion. Should this be noticeable and unacceptable please discuss a replacement schedule with your prosthetist.

### CLEANING

General soiling can be removed by the prompt application of small quantities of cleaner, eg: industrial hand cleaners or 'washing up' liquid. After cleaning remove all traces of the cleaner and wipe the surface dry. Dyes will not be fully removed by this process.

### FITTING A NEW GLOVE

- ◆ Firstly consult your prosthetist for advice, particularly with Myo-electric arms.
- ◆ Check that you have a suitable replacement glove.
- ◆ Remove the damaged glove by cutting along its length using blunt nosed scissors. Be careful not to cut cables or internal cosmesis. It may be necessary to cut digits off individually.
- ◆ Remove any internal glove fillers for later use.
- ◆ Inspect the prosthesis. If water ingress, corrosion or other damage is evident, contact your prosthetist.
- ◆ Wipe the prosthesis clean and dry carefully.
- ◆ Warm the glove but do not exceed 60°C (140°F).
- ◆ Apply a water based lubricant sparingly over the surface of the hand, particularly the fingers and widest sections,
- ◆ If fitting a Myo-electric hand partially close it and remove the battery.
- ◆ Slide the glove in place.
- ◆ Warm gently with a hair drier to smooth any creases. Do not apply excessive or localised heat
- ◆ Occasionally, stress damage will cause the nail finish to whiten, gentle warming can repair this but take care not to overheat.

Nail varnish can be applied to PVC gloves but it is advisable to apply a coat of clear nail strengthener first. It is also possible to use artificial nails purchased from a cosmetics retailer. These should be glued in place with the adhesive supplied following the manufacturers instructions. We do not recommend this procedure for gloves fitted to electric hands.

**Note: Nail varnish remover will damage PVC** and should be used very carefully. RSLSteeper accepts no responsibility for damage resulting from the application of inks, varnishes or artificial nails.

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