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Choosing the right chemical-resistant gloves

The labels of certain pesticides that you use may specify that you should wear "chemical-resistant" gloves when using the product. How do you know which of several types of chemical-resistant gloves to choose?

First, you need to know what type of formulation you are using. If you are using products that are dry pesticides (dust, granule, pellet, most baits) or are water-based (wettable powder, soluble powder, dry flowable, some solutions, microencapsulate), any synthetic or rubber glove is considered chemical-resistant for these formulations as long as it is unlined and has sealed seams.

But if you are using a liquid pesticide that is not water-based (emulsifiable concentrate, ultra-low volume and low-volume concentrate, flowable, aerosol, invert emulsion), you need extra protection from the solvents in the product. For these products, if the label doesn't specify the type of chemical-resistant glove to use, what you choose should be based on the solvent ingredients in the pesticide... which are not always listed. These formulations usually contain solvents such as xylene, petroleum distillates, or alcohol.

Below are some of the common chemically-resistant glove types with their pros and cons:

Butyl gloves: Made of synthetic rubber; especially suited for use with esters and ketones, poor against hydrocarbons and chlorinated solvents. Resist oxidation and abrasion and will remain flexible at low temperatures.



Neoprene gloves: Made of synthetic rubber; medium chemical resistance, good pliability, finger dexterity, heat resistance, and moderate tear resistance.

Nitrile gloves: Made of synthetic rubber; good, general duty glove with chemical and abrasion resistance, and good finger dexterity. Protects from oils, greases, petroleum products, some acids and caustics. Poor resistance to benzene but good to xylene.

PVC gloves: Made of polyvinyl chloride polymer; good resistance to most acids, fats and petroleum hydrocarbons. Good abrasion resistance.

Viton® gloves: Made of fluoroelastomer material; exceptional chemical resistance to chlorinated and aromatic solvents. Very flexible, but with minimal resistance to cuts and abrasions.

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