
**Single-use medical examination gloves —
Part 2:
Specification for gloves made from
poly(vinyl chloride)**

Gants en caoutchouc pour examen médical, non réutilisables —

Partie 2: Spécifications pour gants fabriqués en chlorure de polyvinyle
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Foreword

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ISO 11193-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Products (other than hoses)*.

This part of ISO 11193, together with ISO 11193-2, cancels and replaces ISO 11193:1994, which has been technically revised.

ISO 11193 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Single-use medical examination gloves*:

- *Part 1: Specification for gloves made from rubber latex or rubber solution*
- *Part 2: Specification for gloves made from poly(vinyl chloride)*

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Single-use medical examination gloves —

Part 2: Specification for gloves made from poly(vinyl chloride)

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 11193 specifies requirements for packaged sterile, or bulked non-sterile, poly(vinyl chloride) gloves intended for use in medical examinations, and diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, to protect the patient and the user from cross-contamination. It also covers poly(vinyl chloride) gloves intended for use in handling contaminated medical materials.

This part of ISO 11193 is intended as a reference for the performance and safety of poly(vinyl chloride) examination gloves. The safe and proper usage of examination gloves and sterilization procedures with subsequent handling, packaging and storage procedures are outside the scope of this part of ISO 11193.

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2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 37:2005, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

ISO 10993 (all parts), *Biological evaluation of medical devices*

ISO 15223, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

3 Classification

Gloves are classified by finish as follows:

- a) textured surface over part or all of the glove;
- b) smooth surface;
- c) powdered surface;
- d) powder-free surface.

NOTE 1 Powdered gloves are gloves where a powder has been added as a part of the manufacturing process, generally to facilitate donning. Powder-free gloves are gloves which have been manufactured without the deliberate addition of powdered materials to facilitate donning.

NOTE 2 The cuff termination of the glove may be cut or in the form of a rolled rim.

4 Materials

Gloves shall be manufactured from plasticized poly(vinyl chloride). To facilitate donning the gloves, any surface treatment, lubricant, powder or polymer coating may be used.

Any pigment, surface treatment, lubricant, or powder used shall be non-toxic and shall be disclosed on request. It is essential that substances used for surface treatment, which are capable of being transferred, are bio-absorbable.

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Gloves as supplied to the user shall comply with the relevant part(s) of ISO 10993. The manufacturer shall make available, on request, data to support compliance with these requirements.

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NOTE Limits of extractable plasticizers, residual chemicals and residual powder in gloves may be specified in future editions of this part of ISO 11193, subject to the availability of relevant ISO standard test methods.

5 Sampling and selection of test pieces

5.1 Sampling

For reference purposes, gloves shall be sampled and inspected in accordance with ISO 2859-1. The inspection levels and acceptance quality limits (AQLs) shall conform to those specified in Table 1 for the characteristics listed.

When a lot size cannot be determined, a lot of 35 001 to 150 000 shall be assumed.

Table 1 — Inspection levels and AQLs

Characteristic	Inspection level	AQL
Physical dimensions (width, length, thickness)	S-2	4,0
Watertightness	G-1	2,5
Force and elongation at break	S-2	4,0

5.2 Selection of test pieces

Where test pieces are required, they shall be taken from the palm or back of gloves.

6 Requirements

6.1 Dimensions

When measured at the points shown in Figure 1, gloves shall comply with the dimensions for palm width and length given in Table 2, using the inspection level and AQL given in Table 1.

The measurement of length shall be the shortest distance between the tip of the second finger and the cuff termination.

NOTE The length measurement may be taken by hanging the glove on a suitable mandrel with a tip radius of 5 mm.

The measurement of width shall be at the midpoint between the base of the index finger and the base of the thumb. The width measurement shall be made with the glove placed on a flat surface.

The thickness of the double wall of an intact glove shall be measured in accordance with ISO 23529, with a pressure on the foot of $22 \text{ kPa} \pm 5 \text{ kPa}$, at each of the locations shown in Figure 2: a point of $13 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm}$ from the extreme tip of the second finger and the approximate centre of the palm. The single-wall thickness at each point shall be reported as half the measured double-wall thickness and shall comply with the dimensions given in Table 2, using the inspection level and AQL given in Table 1.

If visual inspection indicates the presence of thin spots, the measurements shall be made in that area using a single-wall thickness. The thickness at the smooth area and textured area of a single-wall when measured as described in this subclause, using a test piece cut from the glove, shall be not less than 0,08 mm and 0,11 mm, respectively.

NOTE The thickness of the cuff termination measured in accordance with ISO 23529 should preferably not exceed 2,50 mm.

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Table 2 — Dimensions and tolerances

Size code	Width (dimensions w , Figure 1)	Width (small, medium or large)	Width by descriptive size (dimensions w , Figure 1)	Minimum length (dimension l , Figure 1)	Minimum thickness (at the locations shown in Figure 2)	Maximum thickness (at the approximate centre of the palm)
	mm		mm	mm	mm	mm
6 and below	≤ 82	Extra small (X-S)	≤ 80	220	Smooth area: 0,08 Textured area: 0,11	Smooth area: 0,22 Textured area: 0,23
6 1/2	83 ± 5	Small (S)	80 ± 10	220		
7	89 ± 5	Medium (M)	95 ± 10	230		
7 1/2	95 ± 5			230		
8	102 ± 6			230		
8 1/2	109 ± 6	Large (L)	110 ± 10	230		
9 and above	≥ 110	Extra large (X-L)	≥ 110	230		

6.2 Watertightness

When gloves are tested for watertightness as described in Annex A, the sample size and allowable number of non-conforming (i.e. leaking) gloves in the sample shall be determined in accordance with the inspection level and AQL given in Table 1.

6.3 Tensile properties

6.3.1 General

Tensile properties shall be measured in accordance with ISO 37, taking three pieces from each glove and using the median value as the test result. Test pieces shall be taken from the palm or back of gloves.

6.3.2 Force at break and elongation at break before accelerated ageing

When determined in accordance with the method specified in ISO 37, using type 2 dumb-bell test pieces, the force at break and elongation at break shall comply with the requirements given in Table 3, using the inspection level and AQL given in Table 1.

6.3.3 Force at break and elongation at break after accelerated ageing

Accelerated ageing tests shall be conducted in accordance with the method specified in ISO 188. Test samples can either be prepared by ageing the gloves at 70 °C ± 2 °C for 168 h ± 2 h and then cut from the aged gloves, or tensile samples can be cut from the gloves and then aged at 70 °C ± 2 °C for 168 h ± 2 h. Tensile tests are then conducted as described in 6.3.2.

Table 3 — Tensile properties

Property	Requirement
Minimum force at break before accelerated ageing, N	7,0
Minimum elongation at break before accelerated ageing, %	350
Minimum force at break after accelerated ageing, N	7,0
Minimum elongation at break after accelerated ageing, %	350

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6.4 Sterility

If gloves have been sterilized, the nature of the sterilization process shall be disclosed on request.

7 Packaging

If gloves are sterilized, they shall be packed individually or in pairs.

8 Marking

8.1 General

Marking shall include a reference to this part of ISO 11193. Appropriate international symbols taken from ISO 15223 may be used for labelling.

The language used for marking shall be as agreed upon between the interested parties.

8.2 Unit package

8.2.1 Sterile package

The wrapping for each unit package of an individual glove or pair of gloves shall be clearly marked with the following:

- a) the name or trademark of the manufacturer or supplier;
- b) the material used;
- c) the words "TEXTURED" or "SMOOTH", "PRE-POWDERED" or "POWDER-FREE", or words to that effect for the appropriate glove finish;
- d) the size;
- e) in the case of gloves that have been treated with any surface-dusting material, a warning note to the effect that surface powder should be aseptically removed prior to use;
- f) the manufacturer's identifying lot number;
- g) the words "DATE OF MANUFACTURE" or words to that effect, and the year in four digits and month of manufacture;
- h) the words "STERILE UNLESS THIS PACKAGE IS OPENED OR DAMAGED";
- i) the words "FOR SINGLE USE" or words to that effect;
- j) the words "EXAMINATION GLOVE" (or "EXAMINATION GLOVES") or "EXAM GLOVE" (or "EXAM GLOVES");
- k) the words "Product contains plasticizers (the nature of the plasticizers shall be disclosed) that may be harmful to users";

8.2.2 Non-sterile package

The package shall be clearly marked with the following:

- a) the name of trademark of the manufacturer or supplier;
- b) the material used;
- c) the words "TEXTURED", or "SMOOTH", "PRE-POWDERED" or "POWDER-FREE" or words to that effect for the appropriate glove finish;
- d) the size;
- e) the manufacturer's identifying lot number;
- f) the words "FOR SINGLE USE" or words to that effect;
- g) the words "NON-STERILE";
- h) the words "EXAMINATION GLOVE" (or "EXAMINATION GLOVES") or "EXAM GLOVE" (or "EXAM GLOVES");
- i) the words "DATE OF MANUFACTURE" or words to that effect, and year in four digits and month of manufacture;
- j) the words "Product contains plasticizers (the nature of the plasticizers shall be disclosed) that may be harmful to users".