Product Q&A: Ansell's Gammex Non-Latex Sensitive Surgical Glove

SP: **What do your customers look for and expect from an Ansell surgical glove?**

Ansell: Ansell utilizes proprietary technologies and formulations to offer a wide variety of gloves that provide optimal protection, comfort and safety to meet any personal or surgical need. To ensure the highest degree of safety, Ansell surgical gloves provide a secure protective barrier validated by extensive quality controls. Each glove is designed with a high level of tear resistance, as well as resistance to alcohol-based hand disinfectants

Ansell continuously brings cutting-edge glove technologies to the market to enhance the safety of patients and healthcare workers and provide superior quality.

The Ansell GAMMEX gloves are not made from natural rubber latex, and are powder free. The GAMMEX line includes products that are chemical-accelerator free and help to prevent Type I and Type IV allergies. The Non-Latex Sensitive glove features the revolutionary SENSOPRENE formulation.

SP: **How does the Gammex Non-Latex Sensitive Surgical glove meet the needs of its potential users when it comes to durability and comfort?**

Ansell: Extensive internal testing supports the glove strength by meeting or exceeding the requirements of the ASTM standards. Additionally, GAMMEX Non-Latex Sensitive surgical gloves are made of neoprene material which provides strong puncture resistance.

GAMMEX Non-Latex Sensitive gloves feature the SENSOPRENE formulation which

offers a high level of comfort and dexterity. The gloves offer superior sensitivity, while maintaining glove strength.

***SP:* Every hand is different, and one person's skin may be more or less sensitive than another. What does the glove offer in terms of protection against skin reactions?**

Ansell: GAMMEX Non-Latex Sensitive gloves offer a comprehensive solution to healthcare workers and patients with skin reaction issues. The new glove is free of latex proteins. Hence it is safe for use with latex allergic healthcare workers and patients.

Additionally, GAMMEX Non-Latex Sensitive gloves are free of chemical-accelerators, thus reducing the risk of chemical allergies. Chemical accelerators are generally used in the manufacturing of natural rubber latex (NRL) and non-latex (synthetic) gloves and are known to cause chemical allergies.

Finally, the glove formulation does not contain casein or any other animal derivatives which may induce skin reactions.

***SP:* How well does it protect against viral permeation?**

Ansell: Although not required by the FDA, GAMMEX Non-Latex Sensitive surgical gloves have been tested to ensure protection against viral permeation and passed the viral penetration test according to ASTM F1671-07. This test method models the viral penetration of Hepatitis (B&C) and HIV transmitted in blood and other potentially infectious body fluids.

***SP:* How does the product stand apart from other, comparable products on the market today?**

Ansell: The GAMMEX Non-Latex Sensitive surgical glove is a unique solution that offers a complete protection against latex and chemical allergies, and an advanced level of sensitivity and comfort thanks to the new SENSOPRENE formulation. It provides the superior strength, resistance and grip consistent with all Ansell surgical gloves.

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