

SCOPE

This standard applies to any gloves to protect the hands against convective and contact cold down to -50oC.

DEFINITION AND REQUIREMENTS

Protection against cold is expressed by a pictogram followed by a series of 3 performance levels, relating to specific protective qualities.



The 'cold hazard' pictogram is accompanied by a 3-digit number:

- a. Resistance to convective cold (performance level 0 4)
- b. Resistance to contact cold (performance level 0 4)
- c. Permeability by water (0 or 1)

All gloves must achieve at least EN388 performance level 1 for abrasion and tear.

- Convective cold resistance: based on the thermal insulation properties of the glove which are obtained by measuring the transfer of cold via convection.
- Contact cold resistance: based on the thermal resistance of the glove material when exposed to contact with a cold object.
- Water impermeability: 0 = water penetration after 30 minutes of exposure 1 = no water penetration.