

# BLACKHAWK!

## Glove Care and Maintenance

For maximum longevity and top performance from your BLACKHAWK! gloves, please follow these simple care and maintenance guidelines.

Only use your gloves for their intended purpose. Keep gloves out of direct sunlight when not in use.

Always inspect your gloves prior to use to ensure no damage is present. Contaminated gloves should be cleaned after each use.

### **General Washing Instructions**

1. If your gloves become soiled they may be hand-washed with mild soap (preferably anti-bacterial) and warm water. Always wash separately from other garments. *DO NOT DRY-CLEAN. DO NOT USE BLEACH.*
2. Rinse thoroughly with cold water.
3. Pat dry with a towel and allow to air dry completely. *DO NOT MACHINE DRY.*

### **Special Washing Care for Gloves Containing Leather**

All gloves should be hand-washed and air-dried as instructed above in the General Washing Instructions along with these additional guidelines.

- Because washing leather removes some of the natural oils, the leather should be reconditioned to keep it soft and supple. For best results, use a quality leather conditioner. However, regular hair conditioner may also be used and an inexpensive substitute.
- For gloves that also contain KEVLAR® or NOMEX® be sure not to get any oil on the KEVLAR® or NOMEX® when reconditioning the leather or contamination can occur which can adversely affect performance.

### **Special Washing Care for Gloves Containing DuPont™ KEVLAR® or NOMEX®**

All gloves should be hand-washed and air-dried as instructed above in the General Washing Instructions along with these additional guidelines.

- Gloves containing KEVLAR® or NOMEX® should be kept clean to eliminate contamination from any other chemicals or fibers, which may compromise the flame resistant characteristics. Paint, oils and other flammable chemicals can pose a significant hazard if they are not removed from the garment.
- Gloves containing KEVLAR® or NOMEX® should always be washed separately from other articles. This will help prevent contamination of lint from other fibers, which may be flammable.
- For gloves that also contain leather be sure not to get any oil on the KEVLAR® or NOMEX® when reconditioning the leather or contamination can occur which can adversely affect performance.

**Special Washing Care for Gloves Containing Spectra®**

All gloves containing Spectra® lining should be hand-washed and air-dried as instructed above in the General Washing Instructions.

**Storage**

Gloves should ideally be stored out of direct sunlight, in dry conditions, in the original package.

**Obsolescence**

When stored properly, gloves will not suffer change in mechanical properties for up to three years from the date of manufacture. Service life cannot be specified and depends upon the application and conditions during use. It is the responsibility of the user to determine suitability of gloves for their intended purpose.