

Clinical review

Examination gloves

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Guidance for use

This clinical evaluation report is aimed primarily at the NHS and all those working to support patient care. If you would like to talk through how this report can be used in your setting, please contact the team by emailing: clinical.evaluation@nhs.net

Please note that the product assessment results should only be read and used in conjunction with the full text of this clinical review.

Introduction

The NHS Clinical Evaluation Team was established in April 2016. The team's remit is to add independent clinical review to 'everyday healthcare consumables' used by the NHS.

Everyday healthcare consumables are products that are found in the majority of wards, clinics, health centres, treatment rooms and district nurses bags across the NHS. The purpose of this report is two-fold; firstly to provide a clinical assessment of the usability and requirements from the NHS for sterile and non-sterile examination gloves that are available to the NHS from the national procurement provider. Secondly, to provide a clinical statement of desired functions and properties that the NHS requires of sterile and non-sterile examination gloves for use in future procurement activities.

It is clear from the evidence that sterile and non-sterile examination gloves featured in this report are everyday healthcare consumables that are found in most clinics or ward settings and would certainly be items included in any stock list to set up a new clinical service. On that basis, the project was approved by the Clinical Reference Board in June 2016, culminating in the production of this report for their approval in November 2016.

Based on 2015 NHS Supply Chain data, the NHS uses more than 1.5 billion boxes annually with a framework value of over £35 million. There are 123 different product codes in the category supplied by 11 different suppliers. This report covers the range of products available as at August 2016.

Intelligence about sterile and non-sterile examination gloves was gathered from a variety of sources to provide background information on the current evidence available to support the way in which the devices are designed and clinically evaluated.

Following this, clinical engagement sessions were held with the aim of identifying important clinical criteria for sterile and non-sterile examination gloves from front line NHS clinicians. This information was used to develop clinical criteria for examination gloves, against which all brands available from the national procurement provider were reviewed.

Findings from these clinical reviews are collated into the product report pages at the end of this report to allow users to identify products and see how they rated against the agreed clinical criteria.



A more detailed description of the team and our pathway approach can be found in the NHS CET Operating manual, which can be found on our web pages www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cet.

Clinical review

Clinical definition and scope

This product review will be split into two sections. The first will focus on non-sterile examination gloves made of a range of materials. The definition of these is:

Gloves that are non-sterile and made of nitrile, vinyl or latex, available in multi-unit packaging for easy access in clinical areas, worn during patient contact where there is a risk of exposure to body fluid.

This includes gloves worn to comply with standard and transmission infection control precautions policy and examination gloves that are worn during procedures where there may be contact with a substance that has a COSHH implication e.g. preparation of medication, use of cleaning products. This excludes sterile gloves (surgical and examination), domestic heavy duty, gauntlets, mortuary and clean room gloves and any other glove available from the national provider.

The second will focus on sterile examination gloves, made of a range of materials. The definition of these is:

Gloves that are sterile and made of nitrile, vinyl or latex, available in pairs in multi-unit packaging for easy access in clinical areas, worn during patient contact where there is a requirement for asepsis and a risk of exposure to body fluid.

This includes gloves worn to comply with standard and transmission infection control precautions policy and examination gloves that are worn during procedures where there may be contact with a substance that has a COSHH implication e.g. preparation of medication, use of cleaning products. This excludes non-sterile examination gloves, domestic heavy duty, gauntlets, mortuary and clean room gloves and any other glove available from the national provider.



Intended clinical use

Gloves are used in a wide range of settings in everyday life. This is because a glove is

‘a piece of clothing that is worn on the hand and the wrist for warmth or protection, with separate parts for each finger’

In healthcare settings, there are a broad range of glove types depending on their clinical use. These include examination gloves, either sterile or non-sterile, surgeon’s gloves, clean room gloves, gauntlets, domestic gloves and heavy-duty gloves. This report includes sterile and non-sterile examinations gloves. This report excludes all other types of glove available through the national provider.

Clinical practice

Examination gloves are an essential piece of equipment when delivering clinical care. They have a specific use within standard infection prevention precautions and their correct use supports compliance with national and local infection prevention policies with the single aim of reducing and preventing healthcare associated infections (see also section 3.15). Both sterile and non-sterile examination gloves are class 1 medical devices under the MHRA classification of medical devices system. Further information about this classification and its implications is available on the MHRA website (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark>).

Clinical impact

Examination gloves are used during direct patient contact where there is a risk of contact with blood and body fluid. Examination gloves are used in addition to hand hygiene where clinically appropriate according to infection prevention policy. Incorrect or inappropriate use can have a significant clinical, patient and / or staff impact, increasing the risk of transmission of healthcare associated infections therefore; examination gloves have a significant patient safety impact.

Other clinical considerations

Examination gloves are usually made of a latex or non-latex material. Non-latex gloves in this report are made of nitrile or vinyl. A review of the effectiveness of different glove material was completed in the UK and Canada (Canadian Review, 2011). There was no evidence found to suggest difference in allergy potential, cost-effectiveness, effectiveness to prevent pathogen transmission or recommended



duration of use of latex and non-latex gloves. The review did note however that vinyl gloves are not suitable for use when exposure to cytotoxic agents is possible.

During the glove manufacturing process, chemicals known as accelerators are used. It is known that these can cause sensitivity problems and some glove products are specifically designed as accelerator free. When making a glove selection, the Health and Safety Executive (2012) recommends that employers consider all risks based on:

Are the protective gloves provided suitable for the intended purpose - employers should consider the wearer in terms of comfort and fit, the work in terms of substances handled, type and duration of contact, the environment, and the task.

Pathway methods

Intelligence gathering

In writing this report, account has been taken of academic and related clinical evidence and known guidance and nationally recognised publications.

All suppliers listed within the national frameworks have been invited to submit clinically relevant evidence of their own. Three suppliers provided a range of information from product brochure through to technical datasheets and evidence of compliance with standards.

Account has also been taken of appropriate International and other standards as they pertain to the devices (e.g. ISO, EN and/or BSI). A review of MHRA alerts has also been performed.

Finally, the specification used by the national provider (NHS Supply Chain) has been reviewed to understand what has been asked of suppliers of these devices.

This evidence has then been used as a basis to help form initial ideas around suitable clinically based statements of what clinical staff require of sterile and non-sterile examination gloves and how they should best perform in order to satisfy those clinical requirements.

Literature search

Initially an evidence search was performed across the NICE service (<https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/Search?q=examination+gloves>). This highlighted best practice considerations in the use of examination gloves in national and international



guidance documents and returns that considered glove quality. There were no returns from this search generating statements of clinical requirements in the product design.

The search terms used (see below) generated many returns however, there was little new information generated. There was some information provided from two studies that identified that the ambidextrous nature of examination gloves did not affect the users' dexterity and sensitivity of touch. These studies also identified that wearing poorly fitting examination gloves can have a negative effect on dexterity.

| Search criteria | Databases searched |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination gloves • Sterile Examination Gloves • Non-sterile Examination Gloves • Sterile gloves • Non-sterile Gloves • Medical Gloves • Sterile Examination Gloves design • Non-sterile Examination Gloves design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NICE website Evidence search https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/ • NICE website journals and databases https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/evidence-services/journals-and-databases (using Healthcare databases advanced search tool – AMED, EMBASE, HMIC, BNI, Medline, PsycInfo, CINAHL, HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE databases searched) |
| Date Range | Since 1975 |
| Language | English |

Figure 1 Literature and other sources searches



National procurement provider specification

The existing specification for the current framework combines examination gloves and sterile surgical gloves in two lots. Suppliers can bid for either or both of these lots.

Lot 1 is concerned with examination gloves. The lot description states that this is for non-sterile exam gloves, however, that sterile exam gloves are required as part of additional lines submission. The specification for lot 1 contains some detailed requirements for tender submission in terms of the evidence required to support the submission. These relate directly to international standards EN455 and Personal Protective Equipment Directive 89/686/EEC CE marking. In addition, there are requirements above this including material type, latex content, powder content; length of shelf life; and availability of COSHH data.

There is no evidence that there is a requirement for clinical evaluation by the manufacturer / supplier nor is there evidence of clinical evaluation by NHSSC as part of the bid evaluation process. Additionally, there is no information around the clinical criteria required for examination gloves.

National and international safety and quality standards

International standards relevant to examination gloves were reviewed to confirm the requirements of manufacturers to inform clinical criteria. These include EN455, 89/686/EEC the Personal Protective Equipment Directive and EN374.

EN455 defines the key areas of testing for required for medical gloves. This is split into parts 1-4, which cover a range of individual testing.

EN455-1 (2000) defines the requirements and testing for freedom from holes. The acceptable quality level (AQL) for this test is 1.5, meeting the requirements of the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC.

EN455-2 (2015) defines the requirements and testing for physical properties of medical gloves. This is the dimension of a glove in terms of length and width and the strength based on the force at break, which is ≥ 6 newton for latex and nitrile gloves and ≥ 3.6 newton for gloves made of thermoplastic materials i.e. vinyl.

EN455-3 (2015) defines the requirements and testing for evaluation of biological safety as part of a risk management process. Testing methodology is provided for endotoxin units, powder content and leachable protein levels.



EN455-4 (2009) defines the requirements and testing for shelf life determination using stability tests to test properties that are reasonably expected to alter over the shelf life of the product. This includes but is not limited to force at break, freedom from holes and pack integrity in the case of sterile gloves.

Personal Protective Equipment Directive 89/686/EEC states that all products must have their CE marking evident on the product and or packaging.

Additionally, some suppliers provide evidence of compliance with **EN 374**. This standard specifies the capability of gloves to protect the user against chemicals and/or microorganisms by testing for water penetration and resistance to permeation by chemicals.

This is not a requirement of the national procurement specification, however, this information may be necessary when completing local risk assessment for glove selection as specified by the Health and Safety Executive (2012) for example, where there may be certain medications in use such as chemotherapy.

Newton level of gloves

Some nitrile gloves in this review are identified as having a 9-newton break strength. This detail is included for completeness; however, the minimum break strength required for nitrile gloves is 6-newton as stated in EN455-2 (2015). Previous versions on EN455-2, where 9-newton break strength was a requirement have now been superseded by the current version

Product suppliers and manufacturers

Requests for information were sent to all suppliers on framework. A limited amount of information was received which was reviewed and considered when designing clinical criteria.

Best practice guidelines

A review of national and professional guidance around examination gloves was completed. The use of non-sterile examination gloves is a core element of infection prevention standard precautions and therefore, their use is recommended in a number of national Infection Prevention and Control documents. These include, but are not limited to:

- Epic 3: National Evidence-Based Guidelines for Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections in NHS Hospitals in England



- NICE clinical guideline 139- Healthcare-associated infections: prevention and control in primary and community care
- RCN Tools of the trade

Clinical guidelines (Epic3, NICE CG 139) offer evidence-based guidelines about how to use gloves to practice standard precautions. They also refer to the requirements for gloves to be CE marked and be compliant with the relevant standards. However, they do not make reference to the clinical quality requirement of gloves in use. The RCN tools of the trade guide, in addition to this, makes reference to the material of choice and the key issues to consider when deciding on a type of glove. This document suggests that consideration and risk assessment should be given to:

- The task to be performed when wearing the gloves
- Possible contact and compatibility with chemicals and chemotherapeutic agents
- Latex or other sensitivity
- Size range
- Policies around creating a latex free environment

NHS clinical engagement

In order to develop a shared vision of what sterile and non-sterile examination gloves should offer several methods of engagement were used.

There are several stages to the clinical engagement process starting with a mapping exercise to determine who should be involved. For our purposes in this stage of the report we focussed on clinical staff who are either a) recognised as subject experts, and / or b) recognised regular users of the devices in their clinical practice.

These are some of the approaches we have used:

- regional and national face-to-face events with NHS clinical colleagues
- focussed visits to NHS clinicians
- website subscription
- attendance at specialist network events
- attendance at NHS BSA events
- Web based surveys and e-engagement tools (e.g. email, WebEx, portal based surveys)

To build a broad caucus of attendees at our events communications were distributed inviting all Trusts to nominate clinical colleagues to attend a series of regional group events; these were hosted by NHS organisations around England to enable the



widest possible access. This enabled any pre-existing regional variance to be set aside.

Details of the information gathered were recorded in booklet form from the open events, transcribed and then used together with the evidence gathered at the previous project stage to inform a list of clinical criteria against which the product has been tested.

Below are examples of the evidence gathering criteria questions posed for sterile and non-sterile examination gloves. NHS clinician colleagues were also asked to score the importance of each criteria, with 0 as having no important and 10 as having critical importance.

| Sterile and Non-sterile Examination Gloves Criteria / questions |
|---|
| Any specific packaging requirements for this product? |
| Any specific issues with how we open and prepare this product for clinical use? |
| How important is closeness of fit? |
| How important is dexterity & grip when wet? And dry? |
| How important is sensitivity of touch? |
| How important is staff sensitivity to glove materials / allergy? |
| How important is the colour of the glove? |
| What colour is most suitable? |
| How important is ease of donning? |
| How important is it to be able to remove glove safely? |
| Does cuff length matter? |
| How long is right? |
| Any specific disposal criteria for this product? |
| What would make a “perfect” product if you could design your own based on your clinical experience and knowledge? |
| What features would it have? |

Figure 2 - Examples of the evidence gathering criteria questions posed for sterile and non-sterile examination gloves



Clinical criteria

The data received from all the NHS clinical engagement events, alongside the data collected from individual experts, was assimilated into a series of clinical criteria where there was a strong outcome.

A clinical criterion is defined as a principle or standard by which products may be evaluated. It is an objective statement which describes the clinician's requirements for the product.

The synthesised criteria were then validated by clinical engagement workshop attendees and clinical experts as likely to produce useful outcomes.

| | Clinical criteria |
|---|---|
| Packaging and Storage | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers & CE markings are clearly visible and in English |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | The product type is clearly visible - pair of sterile exam gloves |
| | Instructions for opening are clear |
| | The glove material is clearly visible |
| | The size is clearly visible |
| | The expiry date, EN standards and CE marking are clearly visible |
| | The information is in English and clearly explains what is in the packet |
| | Able to open packet without contaminating |
| | Able to access the inner packet without contaminating |
| | Able to open inner packet without contaminating |
| | Able to identify L and R hand |
| Able to don easily on dry hands | |
| Clinical use | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity |
| Safe Removal and Disposal | Easy to remove |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes |

Figure 4: Sterile Examination glove clinical criteria



Product evaluation

Evaluation methodologies are defined for each and every clinical criterion. They reflect a simulated clinical environment.

All products were supplied in a 'ward ready' unit of issue as would be found by clinical staff on accessing a store area in their clinical environment. The tests were formulated to move through the key aspects of product use using the NHS Clinical Evaluation Team product cycle:

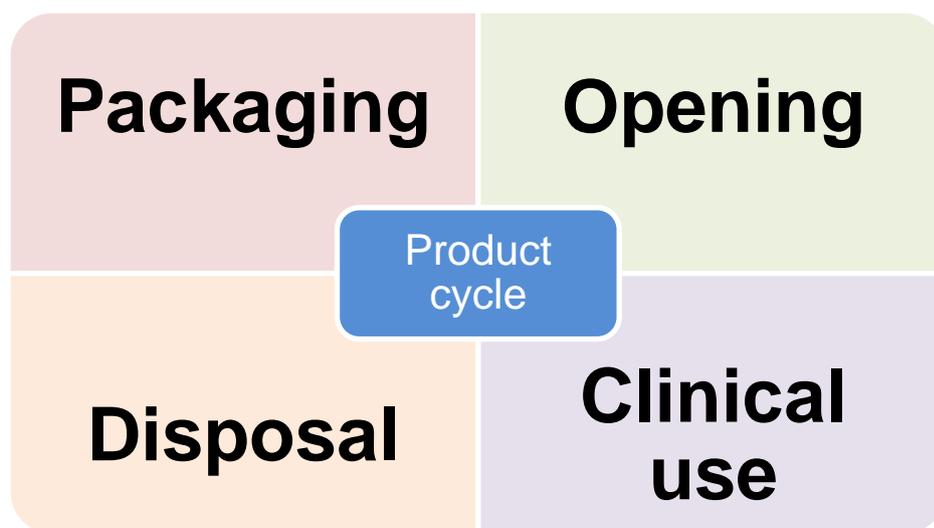


Figure 5 – NHS Clinical Evaluation Team Product Cycle

The evaluation product was ordered and picked from NHS distribution centres so we were reviewing LOT numbers in use across the NHS. Products evaluated have been stored post evaluation for a period of three months after publication of this review.

Practicing NHS clinical staff were invited to review NHS Supply Chain products in accordance with the developed criteria. Review for non-sterile examination gloves was blinded to reduce bias. This was done by decanting non-sterile examination gloves into coded bags, from which reviewers were asked to complete the clinical use questions. The remainder of the review was not blinded as it was necessary to use the packaging as part of the review. It was not possible to “blind test” the evaluations of sterile examination gloves as removal of packaging would compromise sterility; however the product to be evaluated was independently picked and prepared for evaluation by colleagues who were not otherwise involved in the process.

Each clinical evaluator entered data independently and without inter-rater comparison into their own workbook these were then collated, reviewed and summarised by the clinical specialist lead for the project.



A subjective score was given against each of the defined criteria from 0-3 as follows:

| Score | Meaning |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 | This does not meet the criteria |
| 1 | This partially meets the criteria |
| 2 | This meets the criteria |
| 3 | This exceeds the criteria |

Figure 6 – NHS Clinical Evaluation Team Scoring Methods

These numerical scores across all evaluators were totalled and a mean value determined. This mean value has then been converted into a star rating against the individual compliance against the criteria (see reports below).

The mean values convert to a start rating in accordance with the following table:

| Point scored | Star value |
|--------------|------------|
| 0 to 0.99 | 0 star |
| 1 to 1.24 | 1 star |
| 1.25 to 1.74 | 1.5 stars |
| 1.75 to 2.24 | 2 stars |
| 2.25 to 2.74 | 2.5 stars |
| 2.75 to 3 | 3 stars |

Figure 7 – conversion of mean scores to star rating

All supplemental products used in the evaluation are in use in the NHS and available through the national catalogue (e.g. clinical waste containers, wipes, syringes, needles and forceps).

Evaluators were encouraged to also make comments where they felt necessary to provide rationale for their scoring and answers.

Sizes of gloves within the evaluation

During the evaluation, users were asked to evaluate medium size gloves only. This was decided as the best approach to the testing of such a large range of gloves based on the preposition that each glove size of the same product name was made to the same standard. Size (width and length) was not compared in this process, as size tolerance is required under EN455-2. Therefore an assumption was made that glove meet this size requirement if they conform to EN455-2.

The results obtained have been validated by the CET moderation committee for consistency of scoring and interpretation. These results are presented in the product assessment result reports (below).

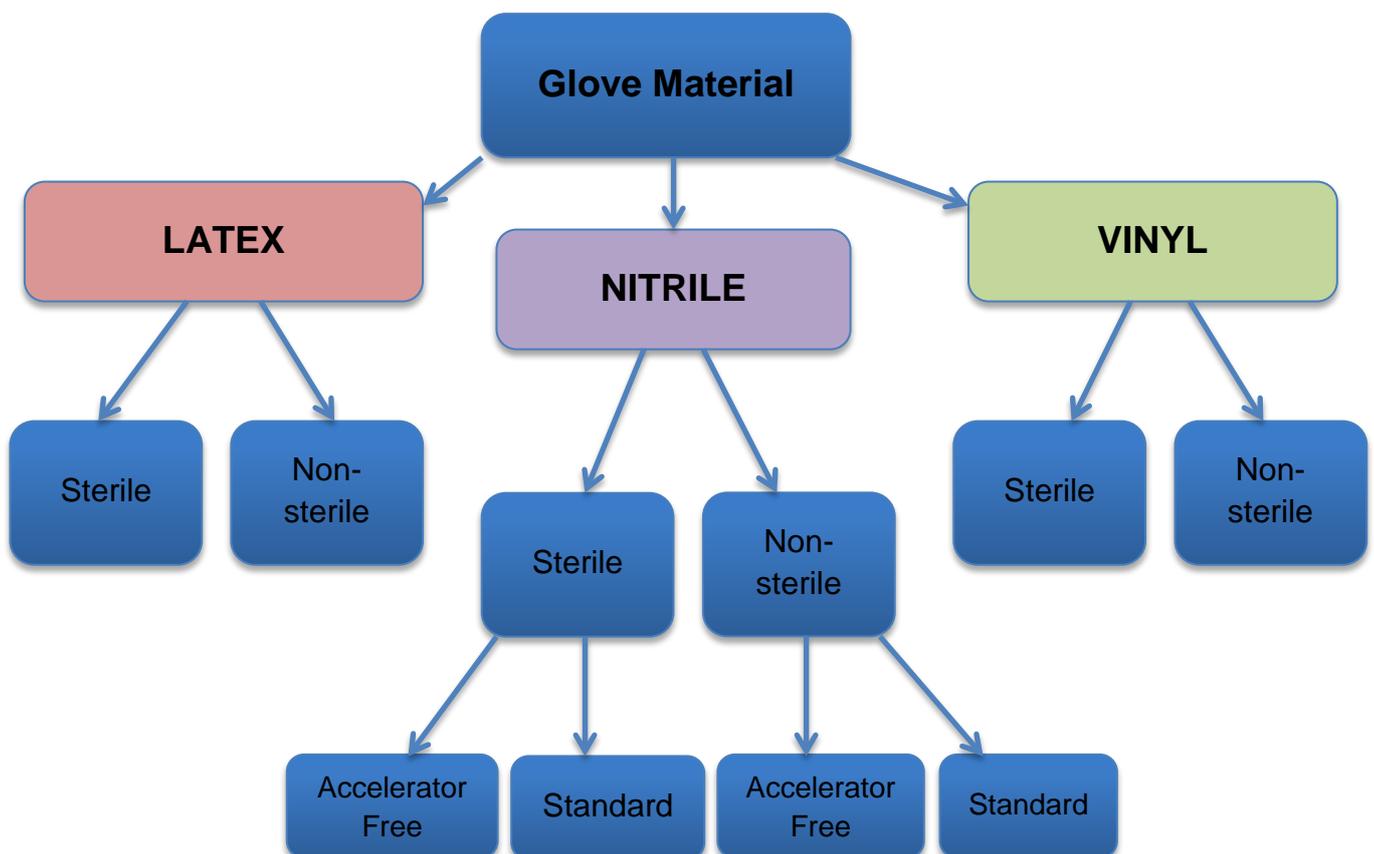


Product assessment results

The following product assessment results pages show the tested clinical criteria listed horizontally down the left hand side of the page with the tested product found vertically across the top of the matrix. The accompanying photographs were taken during evaluation. These are photographs of the actual sample product provided for evaluation. Lot numbers were recorded and samples have been retained in storage following the completion of evaluation.

The products represented are the range of suppliers and brands available through the NHS national procurement provider's framework as of August 2016.

The examination glove product assessment results have been further categorised as illustrated by the following hierarchy:



Within the descriptor along the top of the matrix, gloves that have been identified as tested against EN374 from information provided to the NHS Clinical Evaluation Team by the national procurement provider have been identified. As previously described, this standard specifies the capability of gloves to protect the user against chemicals and/or microorganisms by testing for water penetration and resistance to



permeation by chemicals. This is not currently a requirement of the national procurement specification; however, this information may be necessary when completing local risk assessment for glove selection as specified by the Health and Safety Executive (2012). An additional description highlights the force at break of the glove (6/9 Newton's/per m²) where this information has been provided. This is required under EN455-2.



| | | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Aurelia Zero | Brand | Aurelia Quest - M | Brand | Dermagrip Ultra LS | Brand | Aurelia Blush - M |
| | | MPC | 92777 | MPC | 92897 | MPC | D1102 - 24 - SIZE M | MPC | 78887 |
| | | NPC | FTE2474 | NPC | FTE2055 | NPC | FTE2493 | NPC | FTE2070 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | No info available | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 2000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 2000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (e.g. multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | HEALTHLINE |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|---|--------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Aurelia Transform 100 - M | Brand | Aurelia Transform - M | Brand | Newton/Handsafe | Brand | Bodyguards |
| | | MPC | 9889A7 | MPC | 98897 | MPC | Gn91/m | MPC | GL891/m |
| | | NPC | FTE2060 | NPC | FTE2065 | NPC | FTE1164 | NPC | FTE1187 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 2000 | Unit of Issue | 2000 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.5) |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |

| | | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SEMPERIT |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Nytraguard Bluple | Brand | Nitrex Ultra | Brand | Nytraguard Sky Blue | Brand | Sempermed Sempercare |
| | | MPC | 9547 | MPC | GN02M | MPC | 9527 | MPC | 826781635 |
| | | NPC | FTE1832 | NPC | FTE1477 | NPC | FTE1848 | NPC | FTG178 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | No info available | Newton | 6N | Newton | 9N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available |
| | | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★ (1.75) | | ★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★ (1.75) | | ★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★ (2) | | ★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★ (1.75) | | ★★★ (2) | | ★★★ (2) | | ★★★ (2.25) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED |
|--|---|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Nitrex Extra Sensitive | Brand | Yellow Pearl | Brand | Premier Sensitive | Brand | Kooltouch |
| | | MPC | GN01M | MPC | GP0113 (M) | MPC | P2741 | MPC | GM0043 (M) |
| | | NPC | FTE1746 | NPC | FTE2343 | NPC | FTE2358 | NPC | FTE2298 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | No info available | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | HEALTHLINE |
|--|---|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Blue Pearl | Brand | Unicare Nitrile | Brand | Aurelia Bold - M | Brand | Newton/Handsafe |
| | | MPC | GP0013 (M) | MPC | GU003 (M) | MPC | 73997 | MPC | Gn90/m |
| | | NPC | FTE2318 | NPC | FTE2278 | NPC | FTE2036 | NPC | FTG302 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 2000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 200 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (e.g. multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (1.75) | | ★★★★☆ (1.75) | | ★★★★☆ (1.75) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (1) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SEMPERIT | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | HEALTHLINE |
|--|---|--|-----------|---|------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Sempermed | Brand | Pink Pearl | Brand | Supermax high newton nitrile | Brand | Handsafegloves |
| | | MPC | 826768535 | MPC | GP0053 (M) | MPC | 96897 | MPC | GN99/m |
| | | NPC | FTE1767 | NPC | FTE2328 | NPC | FTE2032 | NPC | FTG026 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 9N | Newton | 9N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★ (1.75) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★ (1.75) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED |
|--|---|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Black Pearl | Brand | Aurelia Perform - M | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Aurelia Amazing - m |
| | | MPC | GP0033 (M) | MPC | 92397 | MPC | Gn830/m | MPC | 92887 |
| | | NPC | FTE2313 | NPC | FTE2075 | NPC | FTE1803 | NPC | FTE2007 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | No info available | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 2000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 300 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | DAVIS SCHOTTLANDER & DAVIS LTD | Supplier | DAVIS SCHOTTLANDER & DAVIS LTD |
|--|---|--|------------|----------------------|------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | | Awaiting photo | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Soft Touch Flexible Nitrile | Brand | Schottlander Flexible Nitrile |
| | | MPC | Gn83/m | MPC | GN560 | MPC | 0153-M | MPC | 877 - M |
| | | NPC | FTG156 | NPC | FTG274 | NPC | FTG332 | NPC | FTE775 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2.5) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2.5) | | ★★★★☆ (2.5) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | WILLIAMS MEDICAL SUPPLIES PLC | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | DAVIS SCHOTTLANDER & DAVIS LTD |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Performer | Brand | Williams medical supplies | Brand | Aurelia Quest 2.2 - M | Brand | Super soft flexible nitrile |
| | | MPC | P2751 | MPC | D4703M | MPC | 92937 | MPC | 0260-M |
| | | NPC | FTE1449 | NPC | FTE2116 | NPC | FTE2080 | NPC | FTE1807 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 2000 | Unit of Issue | 2000 | Unit of Issue | 200 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD |
|--|---|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Nitrex Extra Length | Brand | Newton/Handsafe | Brand | Dermagrip | Brand | Dermagrip Ultra LT Soft |
| | | MPC | EGN08M | MPC | GN92/M | MPC | D1502-19 | MPC | D1102 - 92 |
| | | NPC | FTE1751 | NPC | FTE1445 | NPC | FTE1205 | NPC | FTE1731 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 200 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED |
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| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Dermagrip Ultra LT (LITE) Nitrile | Brand | Nitrex Sensitive | Brand | Aurelia Robust - M | Brand | Aurelia Sonic 200 |
| | | MPC | D1502-20 | MPC | GN03M | MPC | 93897 | MPC | 93777 |
| | | NPC | FTE1297 | NPC | FTE1071 | NPC | FTE2045 | NPC | FTE2468 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 200 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SEMPERIT | Supplier | DAVIS SCHOTTLANDER & DAVIS LTD |
|--|---|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | White Pearl | Brand | Aurelia Robust Plus - M | Brand | Sempercure Skin 2 | Brand | Simply Soft Flexible Nitrile |
| | | MPC | GP0023 (M) | MPC | 63887 | MPC | 826793845 | MPC | 0995-M |
| | | NPC | FTE2338 | NPC | FTE2040 | NPC | FTG337 | NPC | FTG431 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 200 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------|---|------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Premier performer | Brand | Healthgard | Brand | Safedon | Brand | Green Pearl |
| | | MPC | P2761 | MPC | PSCR0152 | MPC | GX894M | MPC | GP0043 (M) |
| | | NPC | FTG374 | NPC | FTG412 | NPC | FTG385 | NPC | FTE2323 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 300 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | N/A no box available | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | no box available | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | no box available | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | no box available | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | no box available | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | no box available | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | no box available | |

| | | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | Unigloves (Uk) Limited | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED |
|--|---|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|------------|---|-----------------------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Violet Pearl | Brand | Stronghold | Brand | Safedon | Brand | Nytraguard Tough Nitrile |
| | | MPC | GP0073 (M) | MPC | GM0063 | MPC | GX994M | MPC | 9532 |
| | | NPC | FTE2333 | NPC | FTE2548 | NPC | FTG457 | NPC | FTE1851 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | No info available | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 125 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | N/A no box available | | N/A Stronghold | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | no box available | | no box available | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | no box available | | no box available | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | no box available | | no box available | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | no box available | | no box available | | ✓ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | no box available | | no box available | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.7) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.7) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ★ (2.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.8) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | no box available | | no box available | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | HEALTHLINE |
|--|---|--|------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Zero | Brand | Medicare Nitrex | Brand | Newton/Handsafe |
| | | MPC | Gn85/m | MPC | GM0053 M | MPC | Gn05m | MPC | GN892M |
| | | NPC | FTE999 | NPC | FTE2308 | NPC | FTG222 | NPC | FTE1232 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 9N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 200 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | HEALTHLINE |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|------------------|---|------------|
| NITRILE NON-STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Nytraguard Chemo Pure | Brand | Nitrex Accelerator Free | Brand | Premier Prestige | Brand | Healthline |
| | | MPC | 9542 | MPC | GN06m | MPC | P2761AF6 | MPC | GNE100/M |
| | | NPC | FTE1844 | NPC | FTE1084 | NPC | FTE1286 | NPC | FTG183 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | No information provided | EN374 tested | Yes | EN374 tested | Yes |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 150 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) |
|--|---|--|------------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| NON-STERILE VINYL EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Vinoguard Premium | Brand | Unicare Premium Vinyl | Brand | Shermond Premier |
| | | MPC | Gn65/m | MPC | 9587 | MPC | GU0063 (M) | MPC | P5855 |
| | | NPC | FTG286 | NPC | FTE1867 | NPC | FTE2348 | NPC | FTG051 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★☆☆ (1.5) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.5) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED |
|--|---|--|------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| NON-STERILE VINYL EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | | Awaiting photograph | |
| | | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Premier Prestige | Brand | Vinoguard Synthetic | Brand | Aurelia Delight PF - M |
| | | MPC | Gn66/m | MPC | P7311 | MPC | 9592 | MPC | 38227 |
| | | NPC | FTG228 | NPC | FTG189 | NPC | FTE1872 | NPC | FTE2085 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (1.5) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (1.75) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SEMPERIT | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD |
|--|---|--|-----------|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| NON-STERILE VINYL EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Sempermed | Brand | Aurelia Unique - Stretch Vinyl - M | Brand | Healthgard | Brand | Ice Clear Vinyl |
| | | MPC | 825781035 | MPC | 39227 | MPC | PSCR0106 | MPC | D1302 -11 |
| | | NPC | FTG197 | NPC | FTE2089 | NPC | FTG354 | NPC | FTG443 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ (1.75) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ (2.25) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---|----------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| NON-STERILE VINYL EXAMINATION GLOVES |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | Brand | Vinoguard Essentials | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Polar stretch soft white pigmented vinyl | Brand | Healthgard |
| | MPC | 9582 | MPC | GN130/02 | MPC | D1202 -11 | MPC | PSCR0162 |
| | NPC | FTE1863 | NPC | FTG147 | NPC | FTE1527 | NPC | FTG471 |
| | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |

| | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | HEALTHLINE |
|--|---|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| NON-STERILE VINYL EXAMINATION GLOVES |  | | Awaiting photograph | |  | | Awaiting photograph | |
| | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Medisafe | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Healthline |
| | MPC | GN661/M | MPC | GV05M | MPC | GN100/02 | MPC | GN621 |
| | NPC | FTG233 | NPC | FTE1306 | NPC | FTG128 | NPC | FTG029 |
| | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.5) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.25) |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.25) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.25) |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ ☆ (2) |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |

| | | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | SEMPERIT | Supplier | Hpc Healthline Uk Ltd |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| NON-STERILE VINYL EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Syntex | Brand | Semperit Syn-Stretch | Brand | Healthline |
| | | MPC | GS05M | MPC | 825793235 | MPC | GN63M |
| | | NPC | FTE1472 | NPC | FTG237 | NPC | FTG554 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.4) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.8) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★☆☆ (1.5) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.4) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED |
|--|---|--|------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| NON-STERILE LATEX EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Shermond Premier Prestige | Brand | Aurelia Vibrant - M | Brand | Unicare Premium Latex |
| | | MPC | Gn33/m | MPC | 5355 | MPC | 98227 | MPC | GU0013 (M) |
| | | NPC | FTG118 | NPC | FTE580 | NPC | FTE2022 | NPC | FTE2288 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 25 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | | ★★★★☆ (2.5) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SEMPERIT | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------------------------|
| NON-STERILE LATEX EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Aurelia Distinct - M | Brand | Aurelia Refresh - M | Brand | Sempermed | Brand | Premier Prestige |
| | | MPC | 29227 | MPC | 99227 | MPC | 823781735 | MPC | P6602 |
| | | NPC | FTE2012 | NPC | FTE2027 | NPC | FTG090 | NPC | FTE721 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (3) | | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.75) | | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | HEALTHLINE | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD |
|--|---|--|------------|---|------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| NON-STERILE LATEX EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Healthline | Brand | Bioplus | Brand | Dermagrip Ultra Latex |
| | | MPC | GN30/m | MPC | Gn31/m | MPC | GL05M | MPC | D1002-20 |
| | | NPC | FTG086 | NPC | FTE483 | NPC | | NPC | FTE1314 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 100 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.5) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | SUPERMAX HEALTHCARE LIMITED | Supplier | UNIGLOVES (UK) LIMITED |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| NON-STERILE LATEX EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Premier Protector | Brand | Cyraguard Essentials | Brand | Aurelia Velocity Original - M | Brand | Supergrip |
| | | MPC | P7902 | MPC | 9502 | MPC | 88267 | MPC | GM0023 (M) |
| | | NPC | FTG365 | NPC | FTE1855 | NPC | FTE2017 | NPC | FTE2293 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 100 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★★ (2.5) | | ★★★★ (2.5) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD | Supplier | ROBINSON HEALTHCARE LIMITED |
|--|---|---|---------------|---|-----------------------------|
| NON-STERILE LATEX EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Dermagrip | Brand | Cyraguard Premium |
| | | MPC | D1402-14 | MPC | 9507 |
| | | NPC | FTE1796 | NPC | FTE1859 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 500 | Unit of Issue | 1000 |
| | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Opening large enough to remove gloves with ease | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Opening strong enough to resist tearing from repeated removal | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Product should fit in a dispenser | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to remove one glove at a time without wastage (eg multiple gloves falling out) | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★★☆ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★★☆ (2.5) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | FANNIN UK LTD |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| NITRILE STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Premier | Brand | Nitrex Sterile | Brand | Intouch V Synthetic | Brand | Dermagrip Sterile Nitrile |
| | | MPC | P2761/S | MPC | GN35M | MPC | W02EM | MPC | D1502-82 |
| | | NPC | FTG498 | NPC | FTE1531 | NPC | FTG447 | NPC | FTE1310 |
| | | Newton | 6N | Newton | No info available | Newton | 6N | Newton | 6N |
| | | EN374 tested | Y | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | No info available |
| | | Unit of Issue | 200 | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 50 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| PACKAGING AND STORAGE Internal packet | The product type is clearly visible - pair of sterile exam gloves | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Instructions for opening are clear | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | The glove material is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The size is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The expiry date, EN standards and CE marking are clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The information is in English and clearly explains what is in the packet | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Able to open packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to access the inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to open inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to identify L and R hand | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.5) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★☆☆ (1.75) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.5) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (1.5) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | | ★★★☆☆ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) | Supplier | Handsafe | Supplier | Handsafe | Supplier | SEMPERIT |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|----------|---|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| NITRILE STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | | Awaiting Photograph | |
| | | Brand | Premier Prestige | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Sempercure |
| | | MPC | P2761AF/S | MPC | GS6906 | MPC | Sne100/02 | MPC | 826753727 |
| | | NPC | FTE798 | NPC | FTG203 | NPC | FTG250 | NPC | FTG289 |
| | | Newton | 9N | Newton | 6N | Newton | No info available | Newton | 9N |
| | | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | Y | EN374 tested | No info available | EN374 tested | No info available |
| | | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 50 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| PACKAGING AND STORAGE Internal packet | The product type is clearly visible - pair of sterile exam gloves | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Instructions for opening are clear | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The glove material is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The size is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | The expiry date, EN standards & CE marking are clearly visible | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The information is in English and clearly explains what is in the packet | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Able to open packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to access the inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to open inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to identify L and R hand | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✗ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (1) | | ★★★★ (1.5) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (1.5) | | ★★★★ (1.5) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (1.5) | | ★★★★ (1.5) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (1) | | ★★★★ (1.5) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| NITRILE STERILE ACCELERATOR FREE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |
| | | Brand | Premier Prestige |
| | | MPC | P2761AF/S |
| | | NPC | FTE798 |
| | | Newton | 9N |
| | | EN374 tested | No information provided |
| | | Unit of Issue | 50 |
| | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | |
| PACKAGING AND STORAGE Internal packet | The product type is clearly visible - pair of sterile exam gloves | ✓ | |
| | Instructions for opening are clear | ✓ | |
| | The glove material is clearly visible | ✓ | |
| | The size is clearly visible | ✓ | |
| | The expiry date, EN standards and CE marking are clearly visible | ✓ | |
| | The information is in English and clearly explains what is in the packet | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Able to open packet without contaminating | ✓ | |
| | Able to access the inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | |
| | Able to open inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | |
| | Able to identify L and R hand | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★ ★ ★ (2) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★ ★ ★ (2) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★ ★ ★ (2) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★ ★ ★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | HANDSAFE | Supplier | SHERMOND (DIV BUNZL RET SUP) |
|--|---|---|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| VINYL STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Shermond Premier SV Sterile |
| | | MPC | GS124/02 | MPC | P4302 |
| | | NPC | FTE810 | NPC | FTG213 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 50 |
| | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| PACKAGING AND STORAGE Internal packet | The product type is clearly visible - pair of sterile exam gloves | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Instructions for opening are clear | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | The glove material is clearly visible | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | The size is clearly visible | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | The expiry date, EN standards and CE marking are clearly visible | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | The information is in English and clearly explains what is in the packet | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Able to open packet without contaminating | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Able to access the inner packet without contaminating | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Able to open inner packet without contaminating | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Able to identify L and R hand | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | | ★ ★ ★ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | | ★ ★ ★ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ (1.75) |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | | ★ ★ ★ (1.75) | | ★ ★ ★ (1.75) |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | | ★ ★ ★ (2) | | ★ ★ ★ (2) |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | | ✓ | | ✓ |

| | | Supplier | SEMPERIT | Supplier | Handsafe | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD | Supplier | SHERMOND(DIV BUNZL RET SUP) |
|--|---|--|-------------|---|----------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| LATEX STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Sempermed | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Intouch V Natural | Brand | Shermond Premier |
| | | MPC | RT826759727 | MPC | Gs21/m | MPC | INTW80EM | MPC | P3302 |
| | | NPC | FTG123 | NPC | FTG023 | NPC | FTG482 | NPC | FTE883 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 40 | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 300 | Unit of Issue | 50 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| PACKAGING AND STORAGE Internal packet | The product type is clearly visible - pair of sterile exam gloves | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Instructions for opening are clear | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | The glove material is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The size is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The expiry date, EN standards and CE marking are clearly visible | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✗ | | ✓ | |
| | The information is in English and clearly explains what is in the packet | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Able to open packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to access the inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to open inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to identify L and R hand | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★★ (2.25) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | | ★★★★ (2) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

| | | Supplier | Handsafe | Supplier | Fannin | Supplier | MEDICARE PRODUCTS LTD |
|--|---|---|----------|---|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| LATEX STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVES | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | Brand | Handsafe | Brand | Dermagrip | Brand | Neotex |
| | | MPC | GS680 | MPC | D1502-13a | MPC | GS36M |
| | | NPC | FTG014 | NPC | FTE1318 | NPC | FTG417 |
| | | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 50 | Unit of Issue | 200 |
| | | Score | | Score | | Score | |
| Packaging and Storage Box | The product type, size, expiry date, material, EN standards, lot numbers and CE markings are clearly visible and in English | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| PACKAGING AND STORAGE Internal packet | The product type is clearly visible - pair of sterile exam gloves | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Instructions for opening are clear | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | |
| | The glove material is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | |
| | The size is clearly visible | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | The expiry date, EN standards and CE marking are clearly visible | ✗ | | ✓ | | ✗ | |
| | The information is in English and clearly explains what is in the packet | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Opening and preparation for clinical use Donning and fit | Able to open packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to access the inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to open inner packet without contaminating | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✗ | |
| | Able to identify L and R hand | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Able to don easily on dry hands | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Clinical Use Clinical use, colour and material | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when dry | ★★★ (2.00) | | ★★★ (2.00) | | ★★★ (1.75) | |
| | User able to maintain dexterity and grip when wet | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★ (2.00) | | ★★★★ (2.00) | |
| | User retains sensitivity of touch | ★★★★ (2.25) | | ★★★ (2.00) | | ★★★★ (1.50) | |
| | Colour of glove does not impede clinical activity | ★★★ (2.00) | | ★★★ (2.00) | | ★★★ (1.75) | |
| Safe disposal in the clinical environment Removal and disposal | Easy to remove | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | Can be disposed of by standard routes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |

Further considerations and recommendations

Overall this evaluation has shown the majority of products reviewed met the minimum standards against the defined criteria and products as categorised in each matrix and therefore may be considered similar in practice. All gloves evaluated were found to at least partially meet the clinical usability criteria as defined by the NHS.

The NHS requirement to remove gloves easily without wastage scored lower across the majority of products than other criteria. This highlights the importance of packaging and the ability to dispense gloves easily without the risk of wastage. Innovation of packaging design and glove dispensing should be considered in the future by industry.

Further work should be considered to provide a detailed clinical usage description to support decision making around glove material, i.e. choosing nitrile, latex or vinyl.

Local decision-making where gloves are intended for use with specific chemotherapy drugs or other chemicals must consider the extent of testing carried out under EN374 and further testing that may or may not have been undertaken under the American ASTM standards for examination gloves, specifically ASTM D6978 - 05(2013) Standard Practice for Assessment of Resistance of Medical Gloves to Permeation by Chemotherapy Drugs. This would supplement evidence of EN374 compliance and may be necessary in specific areas of practice. This requirement, as previously stated

It is also recognised that individual users of gloves may have a requirement to perform a risk assessment in line with their COSHH compliance. This will vary by organisation but individual suppliers can supply details of chemical accelerants (and other sensitizers such as latex) to enable local risk assessments to be undertaken. User Trusts should be aware that different levels of sensitizers may be found between different brands / suppliers so any change of product may require this is re-addressed. This complies with the Health and Safety Executive guidelines 2012.

In addition, clarity around sizing of gloves and the difference between brands was felt to be important during engagement with clinicians. In light of this, analysis of the size tolerance for the size ranges (extra small, small, medium, large, extra large) is recommended to support further standardisation of sizes to the acceptable tolerance based on EN455-2.

Some nitrile gloves in this review are identified as having a 9 newton break strength. This detail is included for completeness; however, the minimum break strength required for nitrile gloves is 6-newton as stated in EN455-2 (2015). Previous



versions on EN455-2, where 9-newton break strength was a requirement have now been superseded by the current version.

The review of sterile and non-sterile gloves has enabled the NHS to develop and test new clinical criteria for the requirements of a product in clinical use.

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