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Laundering of Honeywell Safety Product's Gloves

Honeywell Safety Products encourages our customers to launder their dirty gloves for reuse where appropriate. Laundering dirty gloves can help to save the customer money on their personal protective clothing budget by extending the service life cycle of the gloves. Cleaning services are available for gloves and other types of industrial clothing.

The information provided below provides recommendations on an appropriate method of cleaning gloves that have been soiled with dirt and grime in a typical industrial environment.

Note that gloves contaminated with hazardous chemicals require special handling and decontamination. Exposure to these chemicals may also cause degradation of the gloves. Contaminated gloves should not be laundered with other gloves or clothing to avoid cross contamination. For additional information on handling gloves contaminated with hazardous chemicals, see ASTM Standard F1461, "Standard Practice for Chemical Protective Clothing Program", or contact Honeywell Safety Product's customer service.

Nitrile Knit Gloves: (NK803, NK803ES, NK803IN, NK803ESIN, NK804)

These gloves may be washed in a commercial washer using mild powder or liquid laundry soap. A small amount of bleach may be added to the wash. The gloves should be washed and rinsed in cold or warm water up to 140°F (60°C). The dirty side of the gloves should be turned out for better cleaning. After washing, the gloves may be dried in a commercial tumble dryer with a temperature setting of less than 140°F (60°C). It may be necessary to turn the gloves inside out to complete the drying process.

Please note that the gloves should be inspected for damage before and after cleaning. Any damaged gloves should be discarded.

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