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Do your gloves make the grade?

Arco helps ensure workers are protected with new cut protection safety glove range



Arco, the UK's leading safety expert, has launched its new range of cut protection safety gloves, providing workers with its most comprehensive hand protection range to date, meeting the revised EN 388:2016 standard whilst educating employers about the changes to cut level testing.

Between 2016/17, there were over 17,521 non-fatal injuries affecting the hand and wrist. 12,325 of these instances resulted in workers needing to have over seven days' absence [\[1\]](#). Hand injuries continue to be the leading cause of workplace injury and these could be prevented through workers wearing the right gloves for the job, with proven protection that is compliant to safety standards.

Arco's high cut resistant gloves continue to offer high level protection and undergo rigorous testing in the company's independently accredited Product Testing Laboratory to ensure this.

Arco's high cut protection range, Cut 5E, however, has been re-designed to clearly highlight the level of safety it provides on the back of the gloves, in-order to increase understanding about the protection levels which is a key requirement in the revised standard.

There are 11 products in the range that has been revamped to become more lightweight, comfortable and durable, whilst still achieving high cut protection levels in line with the new protocols of EN 388:2016. The gloves are also available in various coatings including: polyurethane, sandy foam nitrile, nitrile dots, latex and leather.

EN 388:2016 superseded the original cut glove standard from 2003 and tests gloves against mechanical hazards such as abrasions, blade cuts, tears, punctures, and impact. The new cut testing process is designed to better stimulate real-life situations, such as an accidental cut, and is particularly relevant where injuries are likely from heavier objects or undergo greater force. By 21st April 2019, all safety gloves must be compliant to this standard.

For more information about Arco's new range of Cut 5E gloves, and to download a range of expert sources, please visit www.arco.co.uk/cutgloves

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About Arco

Arco is the UK's leading safety company and has a core purpose of keeping people safe at work. Through its dedicated in house experts, Arco helps to shape the safety world in order to ensure UK workers go home safe every night. It distributes a world-class range of over 170,000 quality assured, branded and own brand products, including personal protective equipment, workwear, safety footwear, gloves, workplace safety and hygiene products. It also provides professional services encompassing training, consultancy and site services.

Headquartered in Hull, Arco reaches its customers through its extensive product catalogue, interactive website and 47 strong retail store network. The company has sales of over £287m and employs approximately 1600 people nationwide.

Arco is committed to providing safety equipment that is genuine and compliant with relevant standards and regulations. To do this, it has a five step product assurance process and is the only safety distributor with an independently accredited testing laboratory. Additionally, it is a member of the BSIF Registered Safety Suppliers Scheme.

Founded in 1884 and with a heritage spanning four generations, Arco demonstrates traditional family values and is dedicated to its Corporate Social Responsibility policy. It continually demonstrates its support of local business communities and charitable organisations, donating in excess of 1% of pre tax profits annually. In 2007, Arco became a member of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) incorporating their internationally recognised code of labour practice into its own ethical policy and in 2010 became a member of Sedex, the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange. To ensure ethical standards are continuously met throughout its supply chain,

Arco carries out regular audits amongst all suppliers and, working with the ETI and other regulatory bodies, the company plays a leading role in helping to eliminate modern day slavery across the globe. For more information, visit www.arco.co.uk.

[1] www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/tables/ridsite.xlsx