WORK GLOVE SOURCING

Glove Test Report Checklist

Use this before you accept an EN 388 or ANSI rating from a glove supplier. A shield on a catalogue is a claim; the test report is the proof. Tick each line for every glove model you plan to order.

1. Read the code

Position	Test	Levels
1	Abrasion	0–4 (100 / 500 / 2,000 / 8,000 cycles)
2	Blade cut (coup)	0–5 or X
3	Tear	0–4 (10 / 25 / 50 / 75 N)
4	Puncture	0–4 (20 / 60 / 100 / 150 N)
5	ISO cut (TDM)	A–F (2 / 5 / 10 / 15 / 22 / 30 N) or X
6	Impact	P = passed, blank = not tested

USA: ANSI/ISEA 105 cut levels A1–A9 (200 g to 6,000 g+). Impact: ANSI/ISEA 138 levels 1–3. EN and ANSI levels come from different tests: never convert one into the other on paper.

2. Check the report itself

- [ ] Lab name, address, report number and date are printed
- [ ] Standard and edition stated (e.g. EN 388:2016+A1:2018, ANSI/ISEA 105)
- [ ] Result given for every test, not only the final code
- [ ] Glove description matches your model: palm, back, thickness, liner, coating, colour
- [ ] Photo of the tested glove matches your approved sample
- [ ] EN ISO 21420 results included (size, pH and chromium VI for leather)
- [ ] For the EU/UK: EU type-examination certificate with the notified body number (UKCA approved body for Great Britain)
- [ ] Report is recent enough for your customers to accept

3. Red flags

- [ ] A shield or code in the catalogue, but no report when you ask
- [ ] No lab name or report number on the paperwork
- [ ] The code changes between the catalogue, the quote and the label
- [ ] A report for a different glove "from the same factory"
- [ ] Ratings that look far too good for the price
- [ ] "We can print any rating you need"

4. Questions to send the supplier

- [ ] Can you send the full test report for this exact model?
- [ ] Which lab tested it, and may we contact the lab to confirm the report?
- [ ] Has the material, thickness or liner changed since the test?
- [ ] Do you hold an EU type-examination certificate for this glove?
- [ ] Can you send pairs from bulk production for a check test?

5. Record for each model

Glove model / style	
Claimed EN 388 code	
Claimed ANSI cut / impact level	
Lab and report number	
Report date and edition	
Confirmed with lab (date)	
Bulk check test needed?	

Full guide: EN 388 Glove Ratings Explained. Sourcing work gloves from Pakistan? See our wholesale work gloves or request a quote from Imran Partners.