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## Care and Cleaning of FireCraft<sup>®</sup> Structural Fire Gloves

**<u>General care</u>**: Wash regularly to obtain longer useful service from your FireCraft<sup>®</sup> Gloves:

- Never store your FireCraft<sup>®</sup> gloves in the pockets of your gear. These gloves contain leather. If leather is not allowed to dry out, it will rot, leading to diminished strength and protective qualities.
- Store gloves where direct sunlight does not occur. UV light can weaken fabric.
- When removing gloves, grasp several fingers at once to avoid excessive stress on the internal components.

## **Cleaning Instructions: Preferred method**

- Donn gloves, dampen, use mild soap and wash as if you were washing your hands.
- Rinse thoroughly in clean, cool water. DO NOT WRING OUT GLOVES. Why? The violent twisting motion may tear internal stitching or cause a rip in the moisture barrier. Instead, SQUEEZE out excess water.
- Place an empty juice or similar size can (both ends removed) inside the gloves to allow air movement.
- Store the gloves where air motion is constant.
- Do not place gloves on heater as this will dry out the leather causing stiffness.

## Alternative cleaning method: Extractor

- To clean, put the gloves in an extractor. Warm or cold water, same as with turnout gear. Using a mild pH-neutral detergent, wash the gloves as you wash turnout gear gently, slow spin. Do not use chlorine bleach or any commercial detergent.
- Squeeze out excess water. DO NOT WRING OUT THE GLOVES. Why? The violent twisting motion may tear internal stitching or cause a rip in the moisture barrier.
- Place a juice or similar size can (both ends removed) inside the glove to facilitate air movement within the glove.
- Place gloves where there is air movement.
- Do not place gloves on a heater or radiator as this will cause the leather to dry out.

## Hazardous material contamination

- Should your gloves become contaminated with a substance deemed hazardous by your department, do not attempt to clean unless instructed to do so.
- If the gloves are deemed uncleanable, dispose of them in an approved manner.