

NEW EN388:2016 | Glove Marking Examples

Gloves with "X" in Pictogram



HyFlex®
11-731

EN388

4X42B

PERFORMANCE LEVEL RATING	
a Abrasion Resistance	4
b Blade Cut Resistance	X ←
c Tear Resistance	4
d Puncture Resistance	2
e EN ISO Cut Resistance (newton)	B
f EN Impact Protection	-

EN Impact Protection does not apply to this glove style.

X indicates that Ansell has chosen to only report the cut resistance for this style using the new EN ISO Cut Resistance test method because a dulling effect occurs during the Coupe test.



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EN388

4X43C

PERFORMANCE LEVEL RATING	
a Abrasion Resistance	4
b Blade Cut Resistance	X ←
c Tear Resistance	4
d Puncture Resistance	3
e EN ISO Cut Resistance (newton)	C ←
f EN Impact Protection	-

EN Impact Protection does not apply to this glove style.

The new EN ISO cut test is rated from A to F, with F being the highest level of cut resistance, as per this test method.

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EN388 Update: Glove Markings Guide

The new EN388 standard represents the most sweeping revisions to this fundamental mechanical hand protection benchmark in over 13 years. The new standards are reflected in a new pictogram that is explained in detail here. Visit us online for more.

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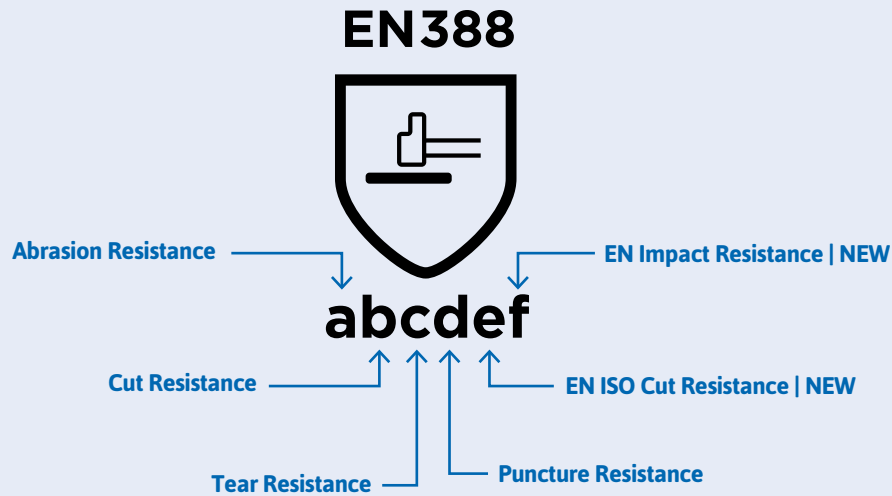
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New Pictogram



New Ratings Chart

PERFORMANCE LEVEL RATINGS	1	2	3	4	5
a Abrasion Resistance (Cycles)	100	500	2000	8000	–
b Blade Cut Resistance (Coupe Test/Index)	1.2	2.5	5.0	10.0	20.0
c Tear Resistance (newton)	10	25	50	75	–
d Puncture Resistance (newton)	20	60	100	150	–

PERFORMANCE LEVEL RATINGS	A	B	C	D	E	F
e EN ISO Cut Resistance (newton)	2	5	10	15	22	30
f EN Impact Protection	PASS or FAIL					

Level X can also be applied for "a" through "f" above, which means "not tested" or "not applicable"

Performance Ratings

- The new EN388 shield pictogram can report up to 6 separate mechanical performance measures.
- These ratings include complementary scores for cut performance: the original Blade Cut test score (rating position **b**) and the new EN ISO Cut Resistance score (rating position **e**).
- In instances where gloves have not been tested with the Blade Cut method or where this test is not applicable to that style (because blade dulling has occurred), the letter X can be used instead of a rating.
- In these instances, Ansell only presents the EN ISO results (see back page for examples).

