

# Safety Alert

A serious incident has taken place



## Supply of incorrect safety gloves

Scope: **Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and accredited contractors**

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Location: National

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## Overview

POLYCO 'SuperGlove' electricians' gloves (shown above right) have been used by Network Rail in various sizes for many years, rated for both 500V AC and 1000V AC resistance.

During a recent assurance activity by Network Rail it was identified that orders **for the size 9 (only) rubber gauntlet glove** have been supplied incorrectly for some time. The orders have been for gloves rated 1000V AC but have been incorrectly fulfilled with gloves offering only 500V AC resistance.

The error is not in the manufacture of the gloves - the rating shown on the glove is correct. The error lies in the incorrect supply of 500V AC rated gloves against orders for 1000V AC rating. Orders **for size 9**, 1000V AC rated gloves could potentially have been placed through iStore (ref. 0044/021913). The error in supply has now been resolved and any orders placed from now will be correct.

## Action Required

As it is not currently known for how long this supplying error has occurred, you are asked to:

- Make an urgent inspection of all pairs of **size 9 POLYCO** 'SuperGlove' electricians' gloves held by your team.
- The 500V AC graded gloves can be identified by the printed reference '00/AZC' on the reverse ('500V AC' may also be printed).
- The correct 1000V AC graded gloves will show reference '0/AZC'.
- If the printing is illegible, then treat the gloves as non-compliant and dispose of the gloves.
- If your team requires gloves rated to 1000V AC resistance, please withdraw and dispose of all 500V AC rated gloves.

The images show the correct (right) and incorrect (left) references for 1000V AC graded gloves.

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