

## EN388

### Understanding your glove's EN388 rating



**Martindale Abrasion Test** - This looks at the glove's protective properties for abrasion risks. A rating between "1" and "4" is provided with a rating of "4" giving the most protection.

**ISO Cut Test** - This also looks at cut risks. A rating between "A" and "F" is given based on the amount of force is needed to cut through the glove.

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**Coupe Cut Test** - This tests the protection provided for cut risks. A rating between "1" and "5" is provided with "5" being the highest rating. However, if the blade used blunts during the test, then it is stopped and automatically awarded an "X" rating (or a failure). This generally happens after the stage where a "3" rating is awarded but before a "4" rating; this means that practically the highest a glove can get under this test is a "3".

**Compression Test** - Protection from puncture risks is certified using this test. This provides the gloves with a rating of between "1" and "4", again "4" is the most protection.

**Tensile Test** - This calculates a rating for protection from tear risks. A rating between "1" and "4" is provided with a rating of "4" being the highest.