

SAFETY APPAREL

(Important Considerations for the Selection and Use of Protective Clothing)

1. All chemicals pass or permeate through protective barriers eventually. Color changes or changes in texture, as well as hardening or softening of protective barriers after use, usually indicates degradation.
2. Even the best protective clothing products will not perform properly if they are torn, cut, or damaged. You should always inspect clothing before and after each use.
3. No single protective material is an absolute barrier. Each chemical and material combination must be considered.
4. Higher temperatures decrease the breakthrough time for chemicals.
5. Generally thicker is better. Increasing the thickness of the protective article will normally increase the breakthrough but the benefits may be offset by a decrease in tactility and dexterity.
6. Protective gloves and other protective clothing may all look alike. Be sure that the material you are using is the right one for the job.
7. Some protective clothing has a shelf life and / or requires special storage measures such as avoidance of sunlight ozone or moisture. Check with the manufacturer for the proper storage, maintenance and care.