




TATTOO TRUST

putting safety first

Tattoos, a rising trend, are more than just an art form. They can range from a tiny design on a finger to a full body piece crafted over years. The process of tattooing, regardless of the size of the design, should be approached with the same seriousness as a medical procedure. The workspace must be sterilized after each client, food consumption during the process should be avoided, and the tattoo artist must use singleuse needles in sterile packaging, fresh ink pots for each tattoo, and disposable gloves.

Many tattoo artists prefer black, powder-free nitrile disposable gloves. Depending on the location, these gloves may need to be medical exam grade, while other countries may allow for industrial use disposable gloves. We would recommend using medical exam gloves as they are designed for touching a patient during non-surgical medical procedures and meet specific standards. Industrial gloves, on the other hand, are designed for more general purposes; all our industrial gloves are approved for food contact but are not specifically designed for tattooing.





Material

Tattoo artists need to have a high level of dexterity in their hands to create their intricate designs. Both nitrile and latex gloves provide this level of flexibility, which is not typically found in vinyl gloves. Furthermore, they are both less likely to tear or puncture. While latex gloves can be used, they may trigger allergic reactions in some clients. Therefore, if a tattoo artist opts for latex gloves, it's crucial to ask each client about potential latex allergies. By proactively addressing allergy concerns, tattoo businesses can ensure client safety and avoid the need to turn away clients...

Color Options

There is no quality difference between our colored gloves. However, black is the most popular choice for tattooists for a few reasons. First, the color disguises the ink stains which can be distracting to the artist. Second, this color camouflages any blood that customers may not be comfortable seeing. For artists with lighter skin tones, this color makes it easier for artists to see tears or punctures in the gloves, which is important because gloves need to be changed as soon as they are damaged.

Ultimately, the best color nitrile glove for a tattoo artist is the one that they feel most comfortable and productive in. However, black nitrile gloves offer a number of advantages that may make them the best choice for many tattoo artists..

Frequency of Glove Replacement

Tattoo artists must change their gloves frequently to protect their clients and themselves from infection. Here are some guidelines on how often gloves should be changed

After washing hands. Gloves should be changed after washing hands to prevent contamination from the artist's hands.

Before tattooing a new client. Gloves should be changed before tattooing a new client to prevent cross-contamination from the previous client. If a glove tears or punctures. Gloves should be changed immediately if they tear or puncture, as this can allow bacteria to enter the tattoo site.

If the client or artist needs a break. Gloves should be changed if the client or artist needs a break from the tattoo session. This is to prevent contamination from the environment.

If the artist touches a non-sterilized item. Gloves should be changed if the artist touches a non-sterilized item, such as a doorknob or the phone. This is to prevent contamination from the item.

If the gloves feel too tight or too loose. Gloves should be changed if they feel too tight or too loose, as this can increase the risk of contamination.

It is important to note that these are just general guidelines. The specific frequency with which gloves should be changed may vary depending on the specific circumstances. For example, if the tattoo artist is working in a high-risk environment, they may need to change their gloves more frequently.

**SIZE DOES
MATTER**

Gloves for tattooing should feel like an extension of your hand. They need to be secure, but not to the point of discomfort or risk of tearing. Gloves that are too loose can hinder the artist's precision and dexterity, potentially compromising the quality of the tattoo.

Find your correct glove size by referencing our sizing chart.



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GLOVES IN TATTOOING

Disposable gloves are essential for tattoo artists as they provide a barrier against germs, bacteria, and bloodborne pathogens such as HIV and hepatitis. Neglecting to wear disposable gloves or failing to replace them regularly can pose a significant public health threat. These gloves must be for single use; regardless of their quality, they cannot be reused or washed.

Gloves are just one aspect of the safety measures in tattooing; there are numerous other safe practices to be mindful of and adhere to. By implementing these safety measures, we can minimize the risk of infection, disease, and public health issues. Safe tattooing practices allow everyone to appreciate the beauty of tattoo art without worry.