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Non-Sterile Poly Vinyl Chloride Gloves for Dentistry

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American Dental Association Specification No. 103 for Non-Sterile Poly Vinyl Chloride Gloves for Dentistry has been approved by the Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Dental Association. This and other specifications for dental materials, instruments and equipment are being formulated by working groups of the Accredited Standards Committee MD156 for Dental Materials, Instruments and Equipment. The Council acts as administrative sponsor of that committee, which has representation from all interests in the United States in the standardization of materials, instruments and equipment in dentistry. The Council has adopted the specifications, showing professional recognition of their usefulness in dentistry, and has forwarded them to the American National Standards Institute with a recommendation that the specifications be approved as American National Standards. Approval of ADA Specification No. 103 as an American National Standard was granted by the American National Standards Institute on January 4, 1999. This standard becomes effective January 4, 2000.

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FOREWORD

This new ANSI/ADA Specification is intended for gloves made from Poly Vinyl Chloride, commonly known as PVC or Vinyl that are designed and labeled specifically for dentistry.

Because of the non-stretch properties of PVC, dimensions of gloves are different than natural rubber latex. As there is minimal stretch, sizing is generally larger per size than natural rubber latex gloves.

This specification is meant to conform to the American Society of Testing and Materials standard specification for vinyl gloves D5250-92, Standard Specification for Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Gloves for Medical Application. To this, Specification No. 103 has added requirements for claims of powder-free and additional labeling that is of specific use to dentistry.