

DSM Dyneema Press Release

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SUPERIOR GLOVE INTRODUCES NEW SUREKNIT™ GLOVES MADE WITH ADVANCED DYNEEMA® FIBER TECHNOLOGY

New lightweight, long-lasting protective gloves are so comfortable - you won't know you are wearing them

URMOND (NL), 12 October 2007 - Superior Glove is proud to introduce a new glove made with Dyneema® that is truly remarkable in both the cut- and abrasion-resistance categories. Superior's SureKnit™ seamless gloves are a shining example of the best advances that have been made in fiber technology. A glove this comfortable, providing this much protection would have been the impossible dream, back even a few years ago. The SureKnit™ glove with Dyneema® is so abrasion-resistant, it did not wear out even after 5000 cycles on the Taber Test, used to determine abrasion resistance. So now, while providing excellent protection against cuts, Superior offers a glove that won't wear out long before its cut-resistance does. But there's another bonus: with help from DSM Dyneema, Superior has applied a unique spinning technique to the process, resulting in a knit that is less slippery, and thus provides better grip.

"These gloves are so snug fitting and lightweight that you won't just like wearing them, you might even get to love them", said Tony Geng, President, Superior Glove.

Dyneema® is the world's strongest fiber, and is 15 times stronger than quality steel on an equal weight basis. Protective gloves made with Dyneema® are suitable for protection against a wide range of mechanical and cut hazards, while delivering an unprecedented level of comfort, performance and cost-effectiveness. Other gloves can cause hand sweating and even itching due to poor air penetration, Dyneema® spun yarn enables a better air circulation for greater comfort over extended periods.

More than ever, employees want high quality, comfortable hand protection, that won't affect the quality of their work. Lightweight Dyneema® gloves with their soft feel are so comfortable that it's easy to forget you're wearing them. Consequently, they are more likely to be worn at all times - effectively increasing workplace safety.

Dyneema® also provides very high abrasion and chemical resistance that is not diminished by repeated washings. This high performance extends the life of the gloves, particularly in harsh environments, thus reducing replacement costs.



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Henri Oeseburg, Business Manager Cut Resistance DSM Dyneema, said, *“We are delighted with the new SureKnit™ glove made with Dyneema® which will provide even greater comfort and protection to Superior Glove’s customers. Our collaboration with Superior Glove on the new spinning technique and glove development underlines our commitment to the North American market and to developing close, working relationships with our customers.”*

About Superior Glove

Established in 1910, Canada-based Superior Glove is one of North America’s leading manufacturers and supplier of work gloves. Operating three manufacturing facilities, Superior Glove sells over 250,000 pairs of gloves a day and has one of the widest ranges of work gloves in the industry – over 2500 styles of gloves that meet stringent quality standards.

About DSM Dyneema

DSM Dyneema is the inventor and manufacturer of Dyneema®, the world’s strongest fiber™. Dyneema® is an ultra strong polyethylene fiber that offers maximum strength combined with minimum weight. It is up to 15 times stronger than quality steel and up to 40% stronger than aramid fibers, both on weight for weight basis. Dyneema® floats on water and is extremely durable and resistant to moisture, UV light and chemicals. The applications are therefore more or less unlimited. Dyneema® is an important component in ropes, cables and nets in the fishing, shipping and offshore industries. Dyneema® is also used in safety gloves for the metalworking industry and in fine yarns for applications in sporting goods and the medical sector. In addition, Dyneema® is also used in bullet resistant armor and clothing for police and military personnel. Dyneema® is produced in Heerlen (The Netherlands) and in Greenville, North Carolina (U.S.A.). DSM Dyneema is also a partner in a high modulus polyethylene (HMPE) manufacturing joint venture in Japan. Further information on DSM Dyneema is available at www.dyneema.com and www.thesofterstrength.com.

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About DSM

DSM creates innovative products and services in [life sciences and materials sciences](#), contributing to the quality of life. DSM's products and services are used globally in a wide range of markets and applications, supporting a healthier, more sustainable and enjoyable way of living. End markets include human and animal nutrition and health, personal care, pharmaceuticals, automotive, coatings and paint, electrics & electronics, life protection and housing. The company strategy, [Vision 2010 - Building on Strengths](#), focuses on accelerating profitable and innovative growth of the company's specialties portfolio. The key drivers of this strategy are market-driven growth and innovation, an increased presence in emerging economies and operational excellence. DSM has annual sales of almost €9 billion and employs some 22,000 people worldwide. The company is headquartered in the Netherlands, with [locations](#) in Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa and Australia. More information on DSM can be found at www.dsm.com.

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