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# Biogel®







# **Setting the standard in protection**

Biogel<sup>®</sup> Surgical Gloves



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# Biogel® surgical glove in-use success

Proven durability to improve safety and increase savings in the O.R.

Against the backdrop of an ever changing regulatory environment, reimbursement changes, hospital budget constraints, and healthcare worker shortages, the demand for healthcare services continues to rise. Improving O.R. efficiency is more important than ever to reduce costs while simultaneously improving patient outcomes and reducing infections.



Surgical glove protection is one of the many factors that work together to prevent infections in the operating room helping to reduce the risk to patients. Fewer glove failures reduces the potential risk of exposure to pathogens and associated costs of treatment.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 500,000 surgical site infections (SSIs) occur annually<sup>1</sup>, a rate representing as much as 22% of total healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

The Affordable Care Act includes Medicare Quality Programs that penalize or reward hospitals for meeting specific quality initiatives such as reducing Hospital-acquired Conditions (HAC), reducing high readmission rates, and 24 other defined quality measures. Hospitals are at risk of losing up to a total of 5.4% of Medicare payments. An estimated \$1.1 billion will be redistributed based on hospitals' performance on quality measures.<sup>2</sup>



The average cost of one surgical site infection today is approximately \$25,5463



Biogel® gloves are less likely to fail than competitors because of their quality and durability.4 The cost of quality is lower than you might think. Using high quality surgical gloves that fail less can reduce total glove usage in a facility significantly reducing costs and glove waste.

#### In-use success

Surgical glove suppliers differ substantially when comparing their in-use failure rate performance. A surgical staff-based observational research study comprised of five facilities from across the United States was implemented to analyze glove performance during surgical procedures to uncover in-use failure rates of surgical gloves.4



The results were statistically significant, concluding:

REDUCED

**GLOVE WASTE** 

**INCREASED** 

**SAVINGS** 

Competitive surgical gloves were at least 3.5 times as likely to fail in-use compared to Biogel gloves.4

# Surgeons and clinical staff have come to trust the protection only Biogel® provides

Ever since Biogel® sold the world's first powder-free surgical glove in 1983, we have been setting the standard for surgical glove protection. Biogel is the world's leading brand name in high quality, technically advanced surgical gloves. Our manufacturing facilities test Biogel surgical gloves through 13 distinct quality gates to ensure superior quality. These include mechanical, chemical and microbiological testing.

Every single glove is 100% air-inflated and visually inspected for holes<sup>5</sup>



# Holes in surgical gloves can result in more infections<sup>6</sup>

- Biogel gloves have an industry leading freedom from holes (AQL: 0.65)<sup>5</sup>
- The industry standard requirement for Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) is 1.5
- The actual process average for Biogel is <0.20%
- Biogel gloves exceed industry standards for: Force at break, Tensile strength and Elongation<sup>5</sup>
- Biogel gloves are shipped in air-conditioned containers from the factory to preserve optimal storage conditions

# Clinicians prefer Biogel® gloves



Beyond protection, fit, feel, and comfort are the most important features to surgeons in a surgical glove. Avoiding hand fatigue, maintaining tactile dexterity and sensitivity are important attributes to avoid unnecessary distractions in surgery.

Biogel® offers a full range of synthetic and latex gloves to meet the variety of surgeons and staff needs.

With the facility's goals in mind, our sales specialists work with each clinician to match the right material, features, and size to the right individuals.

When offered a choice, most clinicians will choose Biogel.

### Biogel coating makes donning easy

The world's first polymer coating with hydrophilic properties that conforms to the hand like a second skin.

## Powder-free

Powdered gloves can cause postoperative adhesions, granulomas, delayed wound healing, increased risk of infection and occupational asthma.<sup>7</sup>

• High protein levels in latex gloves may also cause latex allergy<sup>8</sup>

All Biogel latex gloves have exceptionally low extractable protein levels<sup>9</sup>

# Non-pyrogenic

Endotoxins/Pyrogens present on sterile gloves can be transferred and result in post-op complications and associated costs.

Because minute endotoxin/ pyrogen contamination can cause serious reactions including fever, inflammation and even death, the FDA recommends all implantable surgical devices and IV devices be non-pyrogenic. Biogel is the only major surgical glove brand with a non-pyrogenic range<sup>10</sup>

# **Exceptional service**

Mölnlycke® surgical sales specialists are trained extensively to make converting to Biogel surgical gloves seamless and worry-free. Our clinical nurse specialists are available to support evaluations and conversions and deliver continuing education programs on important healthcare topics such as infection prevention, recommended practices, and the proper use of medical products. Our team works with each facility's goals to provide recommendations for how to increase O.R. efficiency and safety through glove standardization, latex-free initiatives and glove waste elimination.

- **Over 99%** of Biogel Inventory has been available at all times for the past 4 years<sup>11</sup>
- **10,000** hours of continuing education credit hours delivered on average every year<sup>12</sup>

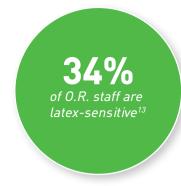
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surgeons agree that Biogel gloves are high quality and provide the durability they need throughout procedures<sup>10</sup>



# Why choose latex-free?

Natural rubber latex has been a staple in surgical glove manufacture for many years. Synthetic glove materials with a fit, feel, and comfort similar to latex offer a much needed alternative as latex allergies become more prevalent.



Latex can compromise patient and staff safety



#### No compromise on comfort

Previous generation synthetic gloves compromised dexterity and sensitivity, but new research shows that most physicians find synthetic gloves as effective and comfortable as their latex equivalents.



Biogel synthetic gloves can help prevent latex sensitization and anaphylactic reactions and avoid costly O.R. teardowns Latex allergies may cause reactions ranging in severity from skin redness or a rash to sneezing or even anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening condition. While staff members will be well aware if they have a latex allergy, patients may not be. Due to the possible life-threatening outcomes, precautions must be taken. This means if latex gloves are worn during the set-up of the O.R. and an unexpected patient latex allergy is identified, a complete new set-up is required resulting in wasted materials, staff time and costly idle O.R. time.

#### Operating Room teardown costs

Moving to synthetic surgical gloves in the O.R. setting significantly reduces the potential health risk to patients and staff and delivers time and cost efficiencies to the hospital.

- One hospital analysis showed O.R. teardowns totaled **\$96,720** for their facility per year<sup>16</sup>
- Costs included resterilization, idle O.R. time, staff time and wasted disposables

# Latex-free, a growing choice for more and more facilities

Approximately half of surgical gloves sold in the U.S. are synthetic and this number is growing while the latex glove category is declining.<sup>17</sup> Major facilities such as the Johns Hopkins Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic have banned the use of latex gloves.<sup>18</sup> Choosing synthetic gloves can be a cost-effective option to avoid latex allergy-related financial risks.

There's never been a stronger reason to double-glove

An unbelievable 92% of glove punctures go unnoticed during surgery, putting surgeons, operating staff and patients at risk for cross infection.<sup>20</sup> Medical professionals are exposed to the risk of blood-borne pathogen transmissions in every surgery.

- Every year, 385,000 sharps injuries occur to U.S. healthcare workers<sup>21</sup>
- 99% of polled surgeons said they had suffered at least one needlestick in their career<sup>22</sup>
- The risk of occupational exposure to hepatitis B and C continues to increase<sup>23</sup>

Double-gloving reduces chances of needlestick injury by up to





Double-gloving is proven to reduce risks of sharps injuries and exposure to bloodborne infections and is recommended by the American College of Surgeons as well as numerous other organizations.<sup>23</sup>

Biogel® Indicator® Undergloves are engineered to provide the optimum level of contrast with Biogel® overgloves, indicating punctures faster and more clearly.<sup>25</sup> If the top glove is punctured, fluid penetrates between the two gloves, and a dark patch alerts the wearer to the puncture. Biogel gloves are specifically designed with double donning in mind.

Biogel's Indicator double-gloving system was the first patented, effective puncture indication system in the world. Biogel offers both latex and synthetic indicator undergloves that indicate with a variety of Biogel overgloves, allowing you to create your own customized double-gloving system.

# **Biogel® Synthetic Polyisoprene Glove Range**



#### Synthetic Polyisoprene

A sterile, powder-free, synthetic polyisoprene glove that eliminates the possibility of glove-related latex protein sensitization because it is made from a synthetic elastomer. The glove provides levels of fit, feel and comfort comparable to natural rubber latex because synthetic polyisoprene shares a similar molecular structure to natural rubber latex.





Biogel® PI

Enhanced sensitivity













Curved Former

Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff

5.5-9.0

50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case

40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all surgeries

where tactile sensitivity

is desired.

UltraTouch®

Biogel® PI UltraTouch® G

Biogel® PI UltraTouch® M

Enhanced sensitivity and

softness with extra grip

Biogel® PI

Enhanced softness and

medium thickness

Straw Color

Biogel® PI Pro-Fit®

Biogel® PI OrthoPro®

Biogel® PI Indicator® Underglove

Biogel® PI Micro Indicator® Underglove

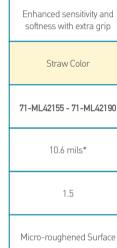
	Biogel® PI Micro	
Description	Enhanced tactile sensitivity	
Color	Straw Color	
Item Number	71-ML48555 - 71-ML48590	
Thickness	8.3 mils*	
Grip	1.5	
Finish	Micro-roughened Surface	



50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case

40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all surgeries.



Curved Former

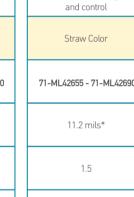
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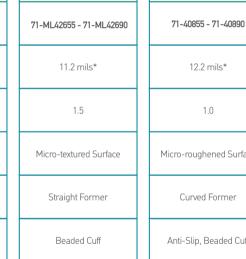
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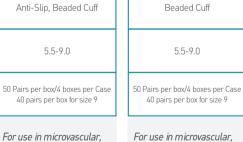
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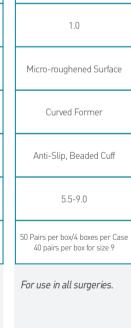


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Reduces hand and thumb fatigue during surgery Straw Color 71-ML47960 - 71-ML47990 10.6 mils\* 1.5 Micro-roughened Surface

6.0-9.0

For use in all surgeries.

It can be used alone or

as an overglove with

Biogel® Pl OrthoPro®.

Thicker for increased protection Brown Color 71-ML47660 - 71-ML47690 13.8 mils\* 1.5 Micro-roughened Surface Biomechanically Biomechanically Optimized Former Optimized Former Extended, Beaded Cuff Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff 6.0-9.0 i0 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Cas 40 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Cas 40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all orthopaedic

surgeries, where robust

barrier protection

is necessary.

For use alone or as part of a For use alone or as part of a Puncture Indication System Puncture Indication System 71-ML48955 - 71-ML48990 71-ML41655 - 71-ML41690 11.0 mils\* 8.3 mils\* 1.0 1.0 Smooth Finish for Smooth Finish for Double Donning Double Donning Curved Former Curved Former Beaded Cuff Beaded Cuff 5.5-9.0 5.5-9.0 0 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Cas 50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9 40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all surgeries. Specially designed for ease in double-gloving.

For use in all surgeries. Specially designed for ease in double-gloving and enhanced tactile sensitivity.

**Ideal Use** 

**Former** 

Cuff

Sizes

Quantities

<sup>\*</sup>Finger Thickness

## **Biogel® Latex Glove Range**



**Natural Rubber Latex** Non-Sterile

A sterile, powder-free, natural rubber latex glove. All Biogel® latex gloves have exceptionally low extractable protein levels and low endotoxin levels (<0.5 EU/mL).





50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case

40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all surgeries.



Biogel® Eclipse®



Biogel® Super-Sensitive®

Enhanced tactile sensitivity

with flexibility and

manual dexterity

Straw Color

71-82555 - 71-82590

8.5 mils\*

2.0



Biogel® M

specially treated surface for

extra grip and control

Straw Color

11.0 mils\*

2.0

Straight Former

For use in ophthalmic,

cardiothoracic, ENT,

plastic, neurosurgical,

microvascular,

gynecological.



Biogel® Sensor®



Biogel® Optifit®

10% thicker to provide

durability and extra protection

Straw Color

71-31060 - 71-31090

11.8 mils\*

3.0

Micro-roughened Surface

6.0-9.0

For use in all orthopaedic

surgeries where robust

barrier protection

is necessary.



Underglove



Non-Sterile glove with low

dermatitis potential

Straw Color

11.0 mils\*

1.5

Micro-textured Surface

Straight Former

Beaded Cuff

5.5-9.0

25 Pairs per box/6 boxes per Cas

For use in all

clinical procedures.



Biogel® Synthetic

Synthetic Polychloroprene



Biogel® Skinsense®

Polychloroprene Glove Range

A sterile, powder-free, synthetic polychloroprene glove

that reduces the possibility of glove-related latex protein sensitization because it is made from a synthetic elastomer.



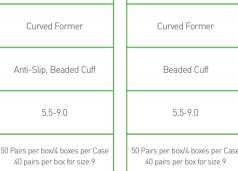
Biogel® Skinsense®

	Biogel® Surgeons
Description	Provides excellent barrier protection
Color	Straw Color
Item Number	71-30455 -71-30490
Thickness	10.6 mils*
Grip	1.0
Finish	Micro-roughened Surface
Former	Curved Former
Cuff	Beaded Cuff
Sizes	5.5-9.0

Single Wall, typically

30% softer with enhanced sensitivity	
Straw Color	
71-75255 - 71-75290	
9.4 mils*	
2.0	
Micro-roughened Surface	









	Enhanced tactile sensitivi with a textured surface for a positive grip
	Straw Color
	71-30655 - 71-30690

71-30555- 71-30590 9.1 mils\*



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Straight Former



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> For use in all surgeries especially for procedures where sensitivity and fingertip control are crucial.



Orthopaedic

Biogel® Indicator®

For use alone or as part of a Puncture Indication System

71-31255 - 71-31290

8.5 mils\*



Double Donning

Curved Former	Curved Former	
Optifit Beaded Cuff	Beaded Cuff	



For use in all surgeries. Specially designed for ease in double-gloving.

5.5-9.0



Biogel® Diagnostic

Biogel® NeoDerm®	
Low dermatitis potential	
Khaki Color	

71-ML42955 - 71-ML42990

8.7 mils\*

1.5

Micro-roughened Surface

Curved Former

Beaded Cuff

5.5-9.0

50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case

40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all surgeries or

where extended protection

cytotoxic drugs is required.\*\*

against chemicals or

Provides extra protection			
due to longer chemical			
breakthrough time			

Straw Color

71-31455 - 71-31490

8.3 mils\*

1.5

Micro-roughened Surface

Curved Former

Beaded Cuff

5.5-9.0

50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case

40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all surgeries or

cytotoxic drugs is required.\*\*

against chemicals or

Indicator® Underglove For use alone or as part of a Puncture Indication System

71-40655 -71-40690

8.3 mils\*

Smooth Finish for Double Donning

1.0

Curved Former

Beaded Cuff 5.5-9.0

50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9

For use in all surgeries or where extended protection

where extended protection against chemicals or cytotoxic drugs is required.\*\* Specifically designed for ease in double-gloving.

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**Quantities** 

**Ideal Use** 

All Biogel latex gloves have exceptionally low extractable protein levels.9

<sup>\*\*</sup>Breakthrough testing times are available by request