



How to Choose the Right Glove for Your Job

Smart selection. Safer hands. Better outcomes

In work environments, the wrong glove can do more harm than good. It might reduce grip, cause fatigue, or leave hands exposed to risks. All of this affects productivity, comfort, and safety. Choosing the right glove isn't just about compliance. It's about making sure your team can perform at their best, with protection they can trust.

At ATG®, we believe that protection should never feel like a compromise. That's why our gloves are designed to support the real-world demands placed on hands across different tasks and environments. Here's how to make sure you're choosing the right glove for the job.

Understand the Task and the Risks Involved

Good glove selection starts with understanding how the task is performed.

What are workers handling?

Are they gripping dry cartons or sliding oily machine parts?

Are they in contact with sharp edges, rough surfaces, liquids, or heat?

Will they be repeating the same movements throughout the day or switching between tasks?

Looking beyond basic hazards helps identify the real performance demands being placed on the hand. And with that comes a clearer view of the risks.

Tasks involving sharp metal edges introduce cut hazards. Handling rough or abrasive surfaces increases the likelihood of friction damage. Working in oily or wet environments presents grip and slip challenges. Some roles expose workers to thermal, cold, or even chemical hazards, each requiring a different kind of protection.

Selecting the correct level of cut protection is also important. Higher cut resistance is not always the best solution for every task. Gloves with very high cut protection can sometimes increase bulk and reduce flexibility, particularly in applications requiring precision handling or repetitive movement.

For example, tasks involving sharp sheet metal or glass may require high cut protection, while lighter assembly, logistics or general handling tasks may benefit from lower cut levels that allow greater dexterity and control.

Effective glove selection is about matching protection to the real level of risk while maintaining comfort, usability and wearer acceptance.

This is where application-specific glove performance becomes important. At ATG®, our glove ranges are developed around specific application and wearer requirements.

For example:

- **MaxiFlex®** provides comfort and precision in dry environments
- **MaxiCut®** offers cut resistance for handling sharp materials
- **MaxiDry®** combines liquid repellency with grip and breathability
- **MaxiChem®** delivers chemical protection while maintaining comfort

Understanding both the task and the associated risks helps ensure gloves remain practical, wearable and suited to real working conditions.

Prioritise Comfort and Wearability

No matter how protective a glove is on paper, if it doesn't fit well, it won't perform as intended. And workers are less likely to wear it consistently. Poorly fitting gloves can restrict movement, reduce grip control, cause hand fatigue over time and even cause injury.

A glove that fits properly moves with the hand, not against it. It supports performance rather than becoming a distraction. That's why comfort should not be viewed as an added benefit. It is a fundamental part of effective protection.

At ATG®, we design all gloves using ergonomically shaped formers that reflect the natural curve of the hand. Technologies like ERGOtech® support natural hand movement and flexibility, while AIRtech® provides 360° breathability to help keep hands cooler and drier during extended wear.

When gloves are more comfortable to wear, they are more likely to stay on throughout the task. And protection only works when gloves are worn consistently.



Consider Workflow and Technology Use

In many industries today, workers regularly move between manual handling and digital systems. Whether it's scanning barcodes, using tablets, or navigating touchscreen interfaces, removing gloves for every interaction creates unnecessary downtime and avoidable risk.

That's why several ATG® gloves, including

MaxiFlex®Elite™

are designed with touchscreen compatibility built in. This allows users to switch between physical work and digital tools without interrupting workflow or compromising safety.

If your team uses technology as part of their daily tasks, it's worth making this a selection priority.



Look at the Bigger Picture, Including Sustainability

Choosing gloves isn't just about daily performance. There's also the bigger picture to consider: waste, cost over time, and environmental impact. Lower-cost gloves may seem economical at first glance, but if they wear out quickly, they end up costing more. They require frequent replacement, generate more waste, and often result in lower user satisfaction.

ATG® gloves are designed for longer wear, less waste, and greater reusability. We use REACH-compliant materials, skin-friendly processes, and manufacturing methods that reduce water, chemical, and energy consumption. The result is gloves that last longer, perform better, and support your sustainability goals.

The Right Glove Does More Than Protect

Choosing the right glove is about enabling your workforce. When gloves fit properly, match the task, and are comfortable to wear, they're not only more effective, they're more likely to be used as intended.

That means fewer interruptions, reduced injury risk, better compliance, and a more productive and protected team.

At ATG® we make it easy to choose with confidence. Our glove ranges are clearly segmented, technically proven, and built around the real needs of modern workplaces.

Need Support Choosing the Right Glove?

If you're reviewing your PPE strategy or need help matching gloves to specific applications, the ATG® team are ready to support you.