



# GLOVE RATINGS 101

Gloves are tested and rated in a few different ways. Next to many gloves you'll see a shield with four numbers. This is the EN388 shield. The EN388 standard is a great measurement of a glove's protection level. Use this guide to determine how your glove of choice stacks up in four important categories.

**ABRASION** – This is based on the number of cycles required to break down the glove. The protection is rated on a scale of 1 to 4. The higher the number, the better the glove.

**CUT RESISTANCE** – Based on the number of cycles required to cut through the glove. This scale is rated 1 to 5, with a Cut 5 glove providing the best protection.

**TEAR** – Rated 1 to 4 with 1 being the easiest to tear, and 4 being the most tear resistant.

**PUNCTURE** – Based on the amount of force required to pierce the material of the glove. 1 puncture easily, a 4 glove provides the most protection.



The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has released a new edition of the ANSI/ISEA 105 Standard (2016 ed.) The changes include new classification levels, which includes a new scale to determine cut score, and a revised method for testing gloves to the standard. Look for the new ANSI Cut Score badge throughout the catalog.