



EXAMINATION POWDER BAN

FAQ's

WHY ARE POWDERED EXAMINATION GLOVES BEING BANNED BY THE FDA?

For some time now, glove manufacturers and the healthcare industry alike have been moving towards powder-free gloves. There is a long documented history showing that customers who use gloves with powder have a higher chance of developing a latex protein allergy.

WHAT IS THE TIMING FOR THIS BAN?

All powdered exam gloves must be removed from the marketplace by January 18, 2017.

WHAT TYPES OF GLOVES ARE AFFECTED BY THIS BAN?

Any powdered surgical or examination gloves.

WHAT TYPES OF PRODUCTS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS BAN?

Any powder free glove including examination (medical) grade and industrial grade.
Any industrial grade powdered gloves (not labeled examination).

WHICH MICROFLEX® BRAND GLOVES THAT I BUY FROM ANSELL TODAY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS BAN?

- ColorTouch® (CT-133) powdered latex glove
- PowerGrip® (PG-199) powdered latex glove
- L78X powdered latex glove
- Micro One® (MO-150) powdered latex glove
- Nitron One® (NO-123) powdered nitrile glove

WHAT IS ANSELL DOING TO COMPLY WITH THIS BAN?

We are in process of migrating all Microflex powdered examination gloves to industrial grade.

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO THE GLOVE THAT I AM CURRENTLY USING?

No. The glove's specifications and performance will remain the same. There will be no changes to the physical properties of any of the gloves.

WILL THERE BE CHANGES TO THE PRODUCT PACKAGING?

Yes. Although the physical properties of the glove will remain the same, the product classification will migrate from examination grade to industrial grade and the packaging will reflect this change. The words “Examination” and “For Medical Use” will be removed from packaging and all marketing materials.

WHAT IS THE EXPECTED TIMING FOR THE PACKAGING CHANGES?

We currently have stock of Micro One (MO-150), Nitron One (NO-123) and PowerGrip (PG-199) gloves. For ColorTouch (CT-133) and L78X powdered latex gloves we plan to have stock available in early 2017.

WILL I NEED TO CHANGES PRODUCT CODES?

No. Product codes will remain the same. In order to delineate between the old examination version and the new industrial packaging, we will share lot numbers so that you can cross reference your stock against the lot number to determine which version you have on hand.

WHAT IF I STILL PREFER AN EXAMINATION GRADE GLOVE?

Our sales representatives and customer service teams are happy to discuss your particular needs in order to determine which powder-free examination gloves might suit you best. Ansell can offer you free samples for trial of our powder-free examination gloves. Below is a list of our recommended alternative powder-free examination gloves you may want to request.

If you previously used....	Ansell recommends....
Microflex® MicroOne® (MO-150)	Microflex® ComfortGrip® (CFG-900)
Microflex® PowerGrip® (PG-199)	Microflex® ComfortGrip® (CFG-900)
Microflex® NitronOne® (NO-123)	Microflex® Cobalt® X (N21X)
Microflex® ColorTouch® (CT-133)	Microflex® ColorTouch® Pink (CTP-233)
Microflex® L78 (L78X)	Microflex® E-Grip® L97
Microflex® Derma Care® (DC-400)	Microflex® Derma Free® (DF-850)
Microflex® Tech One® (MF-101)	Microflex® ComfortGrip® (CFG-900)

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

Inquiries about Microflex branded examination gloves should be addressed to our Customer Service Department in Reno, Nevada at salesorders@microflex.com or by calling 1-877-750-6110.