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New Nitrile Glove Lowers Risk of Dermatitis in Health Care Workers

Colorado Springs, CO – 10/5/2010 - Hourglass Industries, Inc., a direct importer and redistributor of high quality protective gloves, introduces the new Aspen2100AF accelerant free powder-free nitrile glove with low dermatitis potential.

Health care workers depend on gloves to keep them safe from bloodborne pathogens. But gloves can cause skin irritation or allergy in the health care worker as well as the patient. Due to increased latex sensitivity and allergy to natural rubber latex, many health care facilities have moved to non-latex glove options, including nitrile gloves.

However, because of the chemical additives used during the manufacturing process, even nitrile gloves can cause irritant contact dermatitis as well as the more serious Type IV chemical allergy. According to ASTM International, residual accelerator chemicals in medical gloves appear to be the leading cause of allergic contact dermatitis in health care workers.

Aspen2100AF is created from a new nitrile glove formulation that is free of these chemical accelerators, and carries the FDA claim of Low Dermatitis Potential. "It is the purity of the nitrile used in the Aspen2100AF that brings us to this new chapter in hand protection," says Stephen Atwood, President of Hourglass Industries, Inc.

Aspen2100AF is accelerant free with low dermatitis potential, giving health care workers a new nitrile glove choice with fewer chemicals. The glove is available in sizes extra-small to extra-large, and has been tested and approved for use with chemotherapy drugs. Samples can be requested at www.hourglassindustries.com or by emailing request@hourglassindustries.com.

Hourglass Industries, Inc. is a U.S. company servicing the growing global need for hand protection under the HandPro Brand of nitrile, latex, and vinyl synthetic gloves. For more information about Hourglass Industries, Inc. or its products, contact Hourglass Industries, Inc., 2150 Executive Cir, Colorado Springs, CO 80906; 303-475-8688; www.HourglassIndustries.com

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