

# HEADS, HANDS EVERYWHERE & PPE

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**B**etween an ongoing labor shortage on one side and tight deadlines and tighter safety regs on the other, contractors need to make sure their crews are in compliance and working with proper PPE. These companies are helping contractors protect noggins, ears, eyes and skin and, in the process, their profits and livelihoods.

## DENTEC SAFETY SPECIALISTS

Construction accounted for over 20 percent of workplace fatalities in 2013, so Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for contractors now plays an even more critical role to help reduce these fatalities and long term illnesses. One of the many dangerous jobs for contractors is working with silica.

“Silicosis is incurable: As an example, workers involved in manufacturing, finishing, installing natural and manufactured stone countertops are at risk for significant crystalline silica exposure,” says Claudio Dente, president of Dentec Safety Specialists. “Crystalline silica



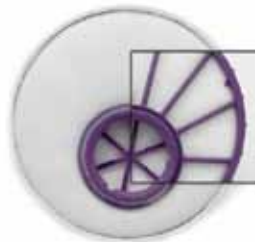
(quartz) is found in granite, sandstone, quartzite, other rocks and sand. Workers who inhale very small crystalline silica particles are at risk for silicosis — an incurable, progressively disabling and sometimes fatal lung disease.”



To address this threat, half-mask respirators are becoming more popular as manufacturers make them more comfortable to wear for longer periods of time.

The latest developments in respiratory comfort and effectiveness are designed into the half masks from Dentec Safety, aptly called Comfort Air. Their unique design allows the mask to sit lower on the nose, providing extended wear and comfort.

This feature greatly reduces interference with eye protection. The multi-position cartridge attachment helps it fit under a faceshield



*The recently released Dentec Comfort Air half mask respirator rides lower on the nose for greater comfort, breathing ease and compatibility with eyewear and goggles.*

or welding helmet more comfortably and an extra large inhalation valve provides cooler breathing. The unique corrugated exhalation valve and the unique space plenum allow the respirator to use up the cartridge right to the outside edges so cartridges last longer.

Dentec’s new .25-inch Diskit is ultra thin, weighs seven ounces and

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Deb's KrestoGT hand cleaner line has VOC/CARB compliant formulas with natural ingredients that combat occupational dermatitis.

job site or in an automotive setting like a garage or repair shop can be really tough on your hands," said Michael Bogdanski, CEO of Deb North America. "The industry is flooded with low-quality hand cleaners that are often formulated with harsh ingredients that frequently leave mechanics, technicians and do-it-yourselfers with irritated, often painful and cracked skin. This can lead to costly down time or, in the worst cases, workers' compensation claims that can cost thousands. KrestoGT products offer a better way."

has a patented design that works with the Comfort Air half mask, allowing the filter media to load evenly to the edge so workers can breathe more easily.

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The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that occupational skin disorders, such as dermatitis, are the most common type of workplace illnesses. This can have a huge

impact on worker productivity and profitability. KrestoGT products help combat the issue of occupational dermatitis with skin-friendly, VOC/ CARB compliant formulas that include natural, biodegradable walnut shell and cornmeal scrubbers. The formulations are skin compatible making KrestoGT products the safer and more sustainable choice for professionals.

"It's no secret that working on a

The KrestoGT product line includes Orange Boost and Cherry Turbo heavy-duty hand cleansers, scrubbing wipes, paint shop hand cleansers and wall dispensers.

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According to industry experts, goggles can present a greater concern for fogging than regular safety glasses because their snug fit may reduce ventilation. However, the movement of air within safety eyewear can help to lower the temperature and evaporate humidity, reducing the fogging risk.

“Gateway Safety’s Cyclone, one of the industry’s only impact-to-splash goggles, offers two safety solutions and one great value — all in one versatile product,” begins Katie Mielcarek, Gateway marketing manager. “First, users can wear the dual-use goggle as Cyclone Impact, featuring a strong polycarbonate lens surrounded by a sturdy vinyl frame. Then, they can add the optional, patented Double-Take inserts — the

Gateway’s Cyclone impact-to-splash goggle uses the patented Whirlwind anti-fog ventilation system to help prevent or reduce fogging when the Cyclone is used as an impact goggle only.



secret behind the easy impact-to-splash conversion.”



MIELCAREK

When the Double-Take inserts are added at the top and bottom of the goggle frame, Cyclone Impact becomes Cyclone Splash, a highly effective impact-plus-splash goggle. This two-in-one solution offers convenience for workers who require both types of goggles during one day or shift, as well as great savings for employers.

Another Gateway Safety innovation — the patented Whirlwind

anti-fog ventilation system — helps prevent or reduce fogging when Cyclone is used as an impact goggle only. The Whirlwind anti-fog system reduces the risk of fogging and improves user comfort. Ten unique, conical air intake chambers open to the user’s brow, and ten additional ventilation ports line the underside of the frame, where secondary air enters the goggle. These openings create a “whirlwind” of air, which circulates through the inner frame and helps reduce fogging.

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even for those who wear prescription eyewear,” Mielcarek adds. “An adjustable headband ensures a comfortable yet secure fit. And, of course, Cyclone safety goggles provide serious impact protection at all times. Cyclone meets ANSI Z87.1+ and CSA Z94.3 impact standards. Call our customer service department at (800) 822-5347 to request a product sample.”

**KLEIN TOOLS**

The daily beating that hands take when performing certain tasks can take a toll on health and performance. By wearing gloves, tradespeople can protect hands and joints from excessive abuse, reduce chemical exposure and prevent blisters, cuts, impact and vibration



PALESE

*Klein Tool's Journeyman Extreme gloves use TPR, EVA and PORON to protect their wearer's hands from impact and vibration, and add breathable material and rubberized fingertips.*



injuries. With advanced technology, tougher materials and enhanced features, Klein Tools' premium-quality Journeyman gloves provide professionals hand-protection, comfort and durability on the job.

“Although hand protection is sometimes considered hindering, the Bureau of Labor Statistics states that 25.3 percent of all work-related lost-day injuries are hand-related,” says Greg Palese, vice-president of marketing at Klein Tools. “By wearing

premium-quality gloves, professionals can reduce the daily impact their hands take on the job and increase work productivity.”

Designed specifically for trade professionals, Klein's Journeyman gloves lineup consists of six machine-washable models: Extreme, Utility, Camouflage, Cold Weather Pro, Grip and Leather. Each glove style has unique components and features.

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As if DEWALT weren't already visible on every job site, Radians' new DEWALT branded lineup of safety apparel includes high-viz and FR vests, performance t-shirts.



Klein Journeyman Grip gloves for example, include Armortex rubberized grip on the fingers and reinforced synthetic leather palms and thumb for working in both wet and dry conditions. They also have impact-absorbing PORON padding material in the palm and breathable, moisture wicking Trek Dry stretch material on top with sponge foam and tricot lining for maximum comfort.

"The Klein Journeyman Extreme glove features flexible, yet impact-absorbing thermo plastic rubber (TPR) and EVA foam protect the fingers, knuckles and back of the hand and PORON padding material in the palm to absorb impact and vibration," Palese explains. "Plus, breathable, two-way stretch material on top with sponge foam and tricot lining provide maximum comfort. The palm and thumb are reinforced with synthetic leather for extra durability and rubberized fingertips provide added grip."

#### RADIANS

"At almost all job sites, workers are required to wear rated high visibility and reflective apparel to help reduce accidents and improve safety," says Art Kunkle, VP of product development for Radians. "Now workers and safety professionals can spec a rated ANSI/ISEA 107-2010 DEWALT Class 2 vest or performance shirt for their safety program. We at Radians are excited about this new category for the DEWALT brand. Nearly everywhere that something is being built, repaired or maintained you will find the familiar yellow and black of DE-

WALT power tools and accessories."

DEWALT's new high visibility and reflective gear affords Radians the opportunity to help to protect workers with a brand name they know and trust. The new DEWALT line includes Class 2 FR Vests, sporty performance T-shirts and Class 2 Vests that satisfy a variety of work applications and operating budgets.

"We are excited to launch DEWALT High Visibility Gear and extend our range of world-class safety products," says John Cunningham, vice president, CDIY business development for Stanley Black & Decker. "As with all of our DEWALT Products, this range represents our commitment to quality, innovation and satisfying our end-users with functional designs."

The new DEWALT Personal Protection line is designed with features that provide comfort, convenience and durability, including segmented reflective tape, moisture wicking polyester mesh, pockets, mic tabs and durable stitch reinforcement at major stress points. The line includes economy, standard and heavy duty surveyor vests to provide a variety of solutions for workplace safety programs.

"The high visibility PPE category is already growing at a significant pace, and now with the new DEWALT line of high visibility gear, we expect this PPE category to gain even greater momentum," adds Bill England, president of Radians.

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### PIP PROTECTIVE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

Protective Industrial Products (PIP) continually analyzes different PPE applications and categories to bring the best safety solutions to the workplace. In today's world, managers want faster and better processes without compromising safety. This is possible with the right products.

"Let's start with our best tools — our hands," says Joseph Chrys, safety market manager. "In the past, workers often sacrificed dexterity for protection with leather gloves because options were limited. Through innovation, this isn't a necessary sacrifice anymore. PIP's G-Tek seamless knit gloves with 3GX Diamond Technology now offer workers the highest cut protection while providing extreme comfort and dexterity.

This year PIP also introduced the MaxiFlex Cut series of gloves, featuring EN 3/ANSI 2 cut level protection. These gloves are ideal for precision tasks that require superior comfort, grip and dexterity.

"It's important to consider all variables when selecting PPE," Chrys advises. "For instance, PIP eyewear specialists have identified an increasing need for dust protection across applications such as carpentry, masonry and landscaping. Dust

PIP's JSP Evolution hard hat fits securely on your head even when you're bending down to look at a blueprint or reach into a tool box. The JSP Revolution wheel ratchet allows quick and easy adjustment for a perfect fit.



particles can find their way through gaps on standard eyewear. This safety hazard causes productivity loss because of eye irritation or vision impairment. Foam-lined eyewear is suggested in these instances."

For this need, PIP's new Z12 Foam eyewear adds a foam liner to one of the most popular and economical styles of eye protection. Z12 Foam seals better against the face and can block those dust particles.

Additionally, when a hard hat moves on your head, it creates an unnecessary risk or distraction. The low nape strap on PIP's JSP Evolution hard hat fits securely on your head even when you're bending down to look at a blueprint or reach into a tool box. The unique JSP Revolution wheel ratchet also allows for a quick and easy adjustment to fit the user's precise head size.

### REVCO INDUSTRIES

Welders do a good job of wearing their PPE but they still love to complain about fit and dexterity, particularly in welding gloves. In answer to this need, Revco Industries announces its new 21-inch long-cuff stick welding glove made for heavy welding and pipeline welding.

"Unlike traditional welding gloves, the GS1321 boasts an extra-long padded RestPatch for unparalleled comfort during sustained periods of welding, as well as heavy insulation all the way up the back of the cuff for superior protection against heat," explains Jimmy Wu, Revco vice president of marketing.

The glove, constructed with durable split cowhide, is Kevlar stitched for flame and abrasion resistance, and features welted seams for stitch protection to promote glove longevity. The palm is CushionCore lined for heat protection and reinforced for extra durability where it's needed.

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Revco's GS1321 welder's glove is 21 inches long and features an extra-long padded RestPatch for comfort during long periods of welding and heavy insulation for added heat protection.







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According to a study that identified risk factors for occupational acute hand injury, workers reported that they had worn gloves only 27 percent of the work time, and only 19 percent reported wearing gloves at the time of the injury. The report concluded that by wearing gloves, workers could reduce the relative risk of hand injury by about 60 percent in the presence of other transient exposures.



MATHIAS

“To increase the use of gloves and help reduce injuries, StoneBreaker spent a considerable amount

of time working with professionals and tradespeople to understand the features that would allow them to be productive while increasing safety.

They studied users’ buying habits and the best materials based on the task being performed,” says Heath Mathias, president, StoneBreaker.

“We found that a leather work glove has more than 55 percent share of the market for gloves purchased and that professionals prefer leather two-to-one over any other type of glove (almost 70 percent of the time). However, when polled about which attributes are the most important when buying a glove for the work site, fit was ranked number one by over 90 percent of respondents, with durability coming in second.”

Spandex gloves were introduced to address the need for a better fitting glove, but the fit comes at the expense of durability. This means

that pros will have to continually replace gloves due to failure and increased risk of exposure. StoneBreaker redesigned how materials are cut and sewn together by developing a proprietary pattern for glove construction to deliver a higher dexterity, better fitting glove with materials that are traditionally more durable.

One example is the MasterSmith. This glove features multiple areas of reinforced padding and added leather patches. The back includes a breathable spandex area that has two-way stretch qualities. This provides a “snap back” effect after you put it on and ultimately allows the glove to hold up better in day-to-day wear. The shell consists of 22 separate pieces so the leather conforms to the hand and won’t bunch up at the palm. **CS**

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