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Ironclad History & Milestones

The International Oil & Gas safety committee partners with Ironclad Performance Wear and sets the goal of preventing hand impact injuries - fractures, bruises, & avulsions

2007

Ironclad partners with the University of Wisconsin, performs landmark study on hand impact forces and impact protection levels. Determines KONG impact reduction of up to 90%

- Eric Jaeger wins Offshore Leadership Award from the US Department of the Interior for "raising the bar for safety achievement"
- The KONG Waterproof glove wins *Occupational Health & Safety* magazine's "2010 New Product of the Year" award

2010

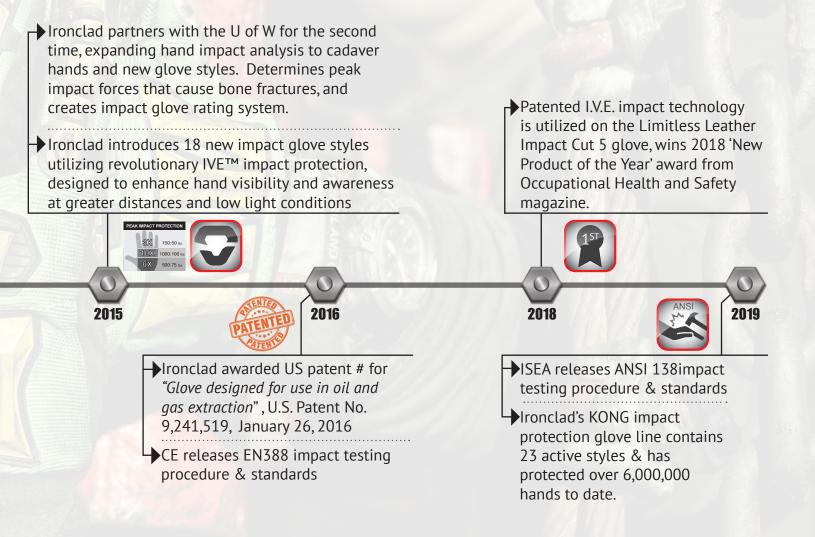
After 14 months of development, field trials, and redesigns, 80,000 man-hours are achieved incident free. Ironclad sells the first glove designed to protect from heavy impacts: KONG, King of Oil and Gas

2008

Ironclad Files for Patent on TPR Fingertip Impact Protection. The KONG glove line expands to 9 gloves, including cut resistant and 'Off The Drillhead' performance models

2013

In 2007 the Oil & Gas Safety Committee, represented by ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Halliburton and other industry leaders, put out a call to action to the industrial safety market asking them to solve their industry's biggest problem: hand safety. Eye, head, and foot safety had been addressed, but hand injuries still represented more than 70% of all jobsite injuries. These injuries not only caused serious harm to their employees, but they also cost significant amounts of money and lost productivity. Ironclad Performance Wear and the Oil & Gas Safety Committee joined forces to solve this problem. The KONG® glove line is the result of that collaboration. Ironclad continues to be a technology leader in hand impact protection. We developed impact testing methods and ratings as early as 2010, nine years before ANSI issued their impact testing standard. We have continually expanded our glove range and options for impact gloves, including models with cut protection, weather protection, chemical protection, enhanced grip, enhanced visibility, etc. Today we have a wide range of impact glove styles, 21 US and international patents on impact glove technology, and have protected over 6 million hands from impacts.



THE AVERAGE WORKPLACE HAND INJURY COSTS \$23,247.* THERE WERE 121,860 RECORDED HAND INJURIES IN 2017.**

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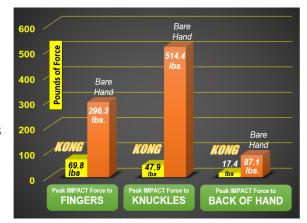
*National Safety Congress InjuryFacts Database, 2015-2016 **US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017



In 2008, Ironclad introduced the world's first Heavy Impact protection glove, the KONG Original. As several other impact gloves came to market in 2010, with varying levels of impact protection and hand coverage, large drilling companies began asking for a way to evaluate the protection levels offered by different impact glove styles. Although glove standards existed for abrasion, cut, and puncture resistance, none existed for impact protection.

To address this, Ironclad's resident biomedical engineer, Eric Jaeger, teamed up with Dr Naira Campbell-Kyureghyan of the Biomechanics Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and set out to create a reliable,

repeatable glove impact test. The requirements for this test included, simulation of real world impact forces, simulation of the biomechanical response of the human hand, measurement of impact forces at different zones covering the entire hand, establishing the determinant factor of blunt force trauma, and the determination of the protection level offered by a glove. Final results of this landmark study included complete impact testing protocols for weight, drop height, impact locations, sensor locations and force measurement techniques, creation of a biomechanically true 'ballistic manikin' hand, testing of the KONG Original glove at three zones - fingers, knuckle joints and metacarpal bones, determination that 'peak impact force' causes blunt force trauma, and the first-ever calculation of hand impact protection offered by a glove.



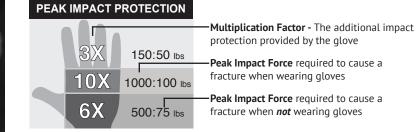
Ironclad introduced 18 impact glove styles between 2010 and 2015, and in the continuing effort to lead the hand impact protection field Mr. Jaeger and Dr. Campbell-Kyureghyan partnered again on a new impact testing study in 2015. In this study, testing was expanded to 18 different glove styles as well as human cadaver hands, which lead to the determination of the specific impact forces that cause bone fractures in the human hand. To summarize the results a new Impact Protection Symbol was created, which specifies the levels of impact protection provided to the hand when wearing a specific glove.

Peak Impact Forces resulting in a human hand bone fracture:

- Fingers & Thumb: 50 lbs
- Knuckles: 100 lbs
- Metacarpal: 75 lbs



IMPACT PROTECTION SYMBOL

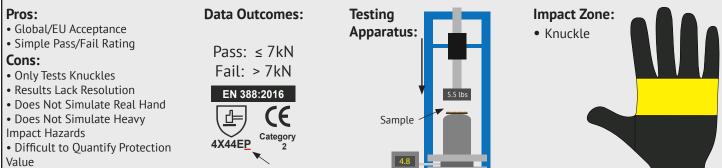


2019 Standards Comparison

The European Union and the United States have developed independent testing standards and rating methods for hand impact protection. The international community relies on the CE EN388 Impact standard, while the United States and North America typically reference the new ANSI 138 Impact standard. These tests offer a good starting point when comparing hand impact protection offered by different glove models and manufacturers. The Ironclad Impact Standard and rating system goes above and beyond these two standards, providing full hand impact testing, real world simulation, and ratings that are relative to hand trauma. The section below explains these three testing standards, allowing you to compare their testing methodology, hand impact locations, data outcome and rating systems. We have also provided pros and cons for each standard.

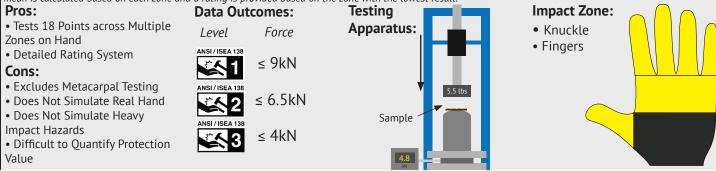
CE/EN 388:2016 – International Standard

Four different specimens of the glove back-of-hand are tested. Each specimen is tested once, each at a different knuckle (total 4 knuckles). Each specimen is a flat piece of the glove, which is placed on a rounded anvil. A 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs) striker with a flat face is dropped on the specimen to create a 5 J impact energy. The transmitted force is recorded and the mean of the four tests is the rating. Thumb protection is not required.



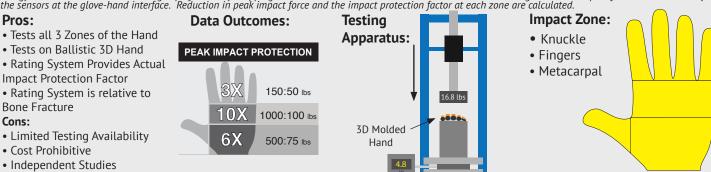
ANSI/ISEA 138 – United States Standard

Similar to EN 388 impact test. A 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs) flat faced striker is used and dropped onto the specimen with an impact energy of 5 J. The specimen is a piece of the back-of-hand of the glove, which is placed onto a rounded anvil. Both left and right hand pieces of the glove are tested. 18 different points within two zones between the pair of gloves are tested. Zone 1 being the fingers (5 tests per hand, one on each finger), Zone 2 being the knuckles (4 tests per hand, one on each knuckle). The mean is calculated based on each zone and a rating is provided based on the zone with the lowest result.



Ironclad Global Standard

Minimum bone fracture levels are determined by dropping a 7.6 kg (16.8 lbs) flat rectangular mass onto fresh cadaver hands from a range of heights, creating 15 to 37 J of impact energy. Whole glove testing is performed by fitting gloves onto a custom ballistic manikin hand, with sensors located between the glove and hand at the fingers, thumb, knuckles and metacarpal bones. A 7.6 kg (16.8 lbs) flat rectangular mass is dropped onto the glove-hand combination, resulting in 15 J of impact energy at each zone. Baseline testing is performed by dropping the same mass onto the ballistic manikin hand without a glove. Peak impact forces are recorded by the sensors at the glove-hand interface. Reduction in peak impact force and the impact protection factor at each zone are calculated.



KONG[®] Original Impact

Born on the job site in 2008, our KONG[®] line was a direct response to a call to action from the Oil & Gas Industry Safety Committee to address impact related injuries on oil platforms. By using strategically and ergonomically placed TPR's and padding, KONG[®] gloves reduce impacts in the 3 most critical areas: Fingertips, Knuckles, and Metacarpals. Our patented design offers protection that extends from the back of the hand all the way to the tips of the fingers, which are sloped to better deflect impacts and pinches of the fingertips.

While originally designed for Oil & Gas, KONG[®] gloves are used in a variety of high impact industries, including extrication, construction, demolition, and mining.



Guaranteed Quality We ensure that each pair of KONG® gloves performs as it should by measuring the durometer (hardness) of each TPR during the production process to ensure consistent impact protection for every pair of KONG® gloves.

Patents: US: 9,241,519 US: D756,039



Patented Fingertip Protection Our patented sloped fingertip design extends all the way to the tip of the finger and reduces impact by up to 66%. 80%

Triple Padded Knuckle By combining TPR protection and gel foam padding, KONG® impact protection reduces knuckle impacts by up to 80%. 80%

Ergonomic Metacarpal Our patented metacarpal TPR design reduces impacts by up to 80%, while allowing for full range of motion & dexterity.

IVE™ Impact Technology

Expanding on our patented impact technology, we sought to improve hand protection by reducing the occurrence of impacts and lacerations, utilizing increased visual awareness. We created the Ironclad Visual Engineering (IVE[™]) protection system, which is comprised of a patented high visibility impact design. This design maximizes hand and finger visibility at a distance through increased contrast, brightness, fluorescence, and pattern recognition. Knowing where your hands are is the first step in avoiding impacts and associated recordable injuries.

Patents: US: 9,241,519 US: D771,901



Patented IVE[™] Fingertip Design Our unique hazard stripe finger tips are designed to make fingers instantly recognizable, allowing for faster reaction times in avoiding potential hand impact hazards.



How Much Impact Do You Need? IVE™ Impact Protection is available in Standard and Low Profile (LPI) variations. LPI offers more dexterity, while Standard offers more impact protection.



Patented IVE[™] Back of Hand Our unique but familiar pattern is easily recognizable at a distance, even when dirty or in low light environments, improving overall hand awareness and safety.



Impact Gloves





SDX2 EN388: 4242AP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A1 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



KRIG EN388: 3122AP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



SDXG2 EN388: 3131 P ANSI: Impact 2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



SDX02 EN388: 4131 P ANSI: Impact 2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



SDX2W EN388: 4222XP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A1 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



SDXW2 EN388: 4242 P ANSI: Impact 2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



EN388: 4X43DP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A5 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



SDXC EN388: 3X44CP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A3 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



KDC5 EN388: 4X44EP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A4 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



EN388: 4X43EP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A5 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/5x/5x



KKC5B EN388: 4X43CP ANSI: Impact 1 / Cut A4 IRONCLAD: Impact 2x/5x/4x



MKC5 EN388: 4543 P ANSI: Impact 1 / Cut A3 IRONCLAD: Impact 2x/5x/4x

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EN388: 4331BP ANSI: Impact 1 / Cut A2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10x/6x



INDI-CCP EN388: 1142BP ANSI: Impact 2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10x/6x



INDI-RIG EN388: 3142 P ANSI: Impact 2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10x/6x



INDI-CCPW EN388: 2343CP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10x/6x



INDI-RIW EN388: 3242 P ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A2 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10x/6x



INDI-RC5 EN388: 4544 P ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A5 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10x/6x



LPI-CC5 EN388: 3X44D ANSI: Impact 1 / Cut A3



EN388: 3X44D ANSI: Impact 1 / Cut A3



ULD-IMPC5 EN388: 4X42FP ANSI: Impact 2 / Cut A5 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10x/6x



KKCA5 EN388: 4X43EP ANSI: Impact 2/ Cut A5 IRONCLAD: Impact 3x/10/6x



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