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## Daily Care, Disinfection, and Storage for Tingley Work and Dress Rubber Overshoes

Tingley Work and Dress Rubber Overshoes/Overboots are available in several different styles for various applications. Daily care, disinfecting (if desired), and storage information is presented below for the following Tingley Rubber Overshoes:

- Dress Rubber Overshoes (Styles 1000, 1200, 1800, and 1900)
- Work Rubber Overshoes (Styles 1300, 1400, and 2300)

**Daily Care:** At a minimum, the exterior of the overshoes should be rinsed after each use with copious quantities of clean water (temperature range between 10°C and 55°C) to remove any contaminants, cleaners, salts or disinfectants to which the overshoes may have been exposed during wear.

**Hand Cleaning:** Longevity of the overshoes can be further enhanced by washing the exterior with mild soap/detergent and warm water (temperature range between 10°C and 55°C). A soft-bristled brush may be used to aid in removing particulates. Overshoes should then be allowed to air dry for at least 6 hours before redonning. Before redonning, inspect on both the interior and exterior for nicks, punctures, cuts, cracks, tears, hardening, discoloration, or any other signs of degradation. If any of these degradation signs are found the overshoes should be considered unfit for use and discarded in accordance with all local, state, and federal requirements.

**Commercial Laundering:** The rubber overshoes are not recommended for commercial laundering. That said, some users have reported laundering the overshoes using water temperatures ranging from 10°C to 55°C using a gentle agitation cycle and mild cleaning agent. Do not overcrowd the washing machine. Please consult Tingley Product Management or Technical Support if you have a specific question on a laundering rubber overshoes.

**Disinfecting (If Desired):** Tingley rubber overshoes may be disinfected on the exterior and/or interior. Exterior disinfecting may be accomplished by requiring employees to walk through a disinfecting bath or mechanized boot washer upon entering or exiting a work area. Alternatively, the following instructions can be followed for manually disinfecting the exterior and/or interior of the boot styles referenced above.

***NOTE: Interior disinfection is a simple and straight-forward process given that Tingley rubber overshoes do not contain a textile sock liner.***

Next, prepare a disinfecting solution as shown below. Work in a well-ventilated space. Use of suitable gloves and eye protection is advised.

**Mild Disinfecting Solution:** Prepare a solution of 50 percent distilled white vinegar and 50 percent warm water (temperature range between 25°C and 55°C). Place the vinegar mixture in a spray bottle and lightly mist the inside of the overshoes. Hang the overshoes upside down and allow the overshoes to air dry away from direct heat and sunlight.

**Storage:** The best way to store the rubber overshoes to ensure longevity is to follow the hand cleaning instructions above. Then, make sure they are dry and store them in a cool, dry location away from direct sunlight, sources of heat, and in particular, sources of ozone. Ozone is a naturally occurring molecule containing three atoms of oxygen. Elevated concentrations of ozone can be found around electrical motors, ocean beach areas, fluorescent lighting, and exhaust from combustion engines.

Before use, inspect the overshoes on both the interior and exterior for nicks, punctures, cuts, cracks, tears, hardening, discoloration, or any other signs of degradation. If any of these degradation signs are found the overshoes should be considered un-fit for use and discarded in accordance with all local, state, and federal requirements.



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