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Daily Care, Disinfection, and Storage for Tingley PVC Overshoes

Tingley PVC Overshoes/Overboots are available in two different product lines. There is the classic, original Workbrutes® and the wider, fuller-fitting Workbrutes G2® products. Both are made using quality PVC compounds for longevity, durability, and resistance to a wide range of chemicals.

Daily care, cleaning, disinfecting (if desired), and storage information is presented below for the following Tingley PVC Overshoes:

- Workbrutes® PVC Overshoes (Styles 35111, 35113, 35121, 35123, and 35141)
- Workbrutes G2® PVC Overshoes (Styles 45811, 45811, 45851, and 45850)

Daily Care: At a minimum, the exterior of the overshoes should be rinsed at the end of the shift with copious quantities of clean water (temperature range between 10°C and 55°C) to remove any contaminants, cleaners, 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 overshoes can be laundered using a wide range of commercially available soaps and/or detergents. Please consult your local Tingley representative if you have a specific question on a cleaning solution. Launder the overshoes using water temperatures ranging from 10°C to 55°C and a gentle agitation cycle. Do not overcrowd the washing machine.

Disinfecting (If Desired): Tingley PVC 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 PVC overshoes do not contain a textile sock liner.

Prepare a disinfecting solution. Two choices are presented below for various levels of disinfection need. Please consult your local Tingley representative if you have a specific question on a disinfecting solution. 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.

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Strong Disinfecting Solution: If the overshoes have been worn in environments where exposure to high bacterial loads are likely (i.e. contaminated flood waters, sewers, etc.), then the boot interior should be disinfected with a solution of pine oil, chlorine bleach, or phenolic (e.g. Lysol) disinfectant. Mix according to directions and scrub inside and out with a soft-bristled brush. Allow disinfectants to remain in contact with interior surfaces for at least 1 minute, then thoroughly rinse with clean, warm water (temperature range between 25°C and 55°C). Hang the overshoes upside down and allow to air dry away from direct heat and sunlight. **NOTE:** Extended use of chlorine bleach may damage the PVC overshoes.

Storage: Overshoes may be stored for longer periods of time provided they are kept in a cool, dry location away from direct sunlight and heat. 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.