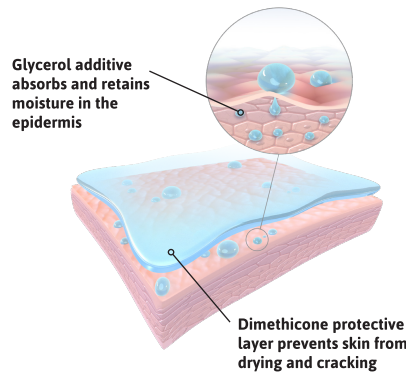


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UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF HYDRASOFT™ SKIN MOISTURIZING TECHNOLOGY

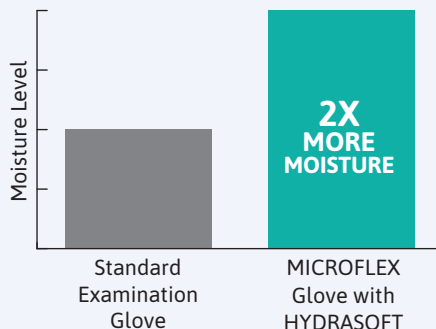
WHAT IS HYDRASOFT?

The Ansell Research & Development team created HYDRASOFT to help workers and healthcare professionals improve the health of their hands while wearing gloves. This water-based, odorless inner coating contains a mixture of glycerin, dimethicone and other healing ingredients that help retain moisture and rehydrates skin to improve overall skin condition. Unlike other powdered coating technologies made of ingredients such as aloe or oat, HYDRASOFT is a liquid coating added to the inside of the glove. This means it is more evenly distributed across the skin's surface, to reduce the risk that glove wearers will develop contact dermatitis.



HOW WELL DOES HYDRASOFT WORK?

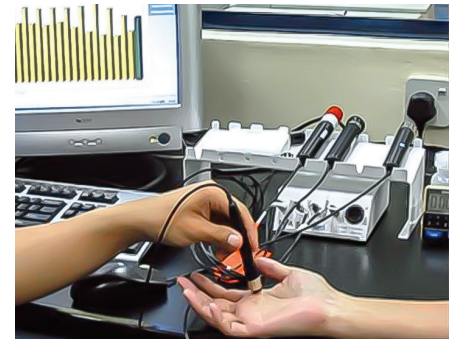
Moisture Levels of Hands Wearing MICROFLEX Examination Glove with HYDRASOFT vs. Standard Examination Glove



Test results show that hands wearing gloves treated with HYDRASOFT retain **2X more skin moisture** when compared to results of gloves not treated with HYDRASOFT*

Measuring Moisture: the Corneometer

The corneometer is an instrument used to measure skin moisture based on its ability to store an electric charge. Since moisture conducts electricity, the more moisture in the skin, the more electricity it holds, while drier skin resists absorbing the electrical current.



MICROFLEX® Soft White Nitrile Examination Gloves

2X more moisture retention*

