

Glove Commodity Report

The market trend continues to be surging commodity prices which are impacting the cost of disposable gloves throughout the supply chain.

NITRILE

Components used to make NBR, nitrile butadiene rubber, are petroleum based. 60% of the material used in a nitrile glove is butadiene. The average cost of butadiene and oil is at an all time high.

The increase in raw latex will also put pressure on the nitrile market as buyers place more orders for synthetic products.

LATEX

Raw latex is moving up due to the dry season in SE Asia causing rubber trees to produce less latex. Latex has begun a strong upward trend, though it has not reached record highs of 2011. The futures markets point toward more increases in the coming months.

VINYL

Vinyl, poly vinyl chloride (PVC), is a petroleum based product. Currently PVC has remained at competitive levels. If oil stays high and NBR and latex continue to increase, additional demand for PVC gloves will drive up prices.

The volatility in the glove market effects the entire supply chain, from the raw material supplier all the way down to the end user. AMMEX will make sure to keep you updated as market conditions change.

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