

Better Gloves

The Utility-A1 Glove System from Masley Enterprise Inc., Wilmington, DE, has begun to get noticed by select units of the Army, National Guard and law enforcement services. *SOTECH* has learned through after action reports from Afghanistan that soldiers would rather have thin gloves and cold hands than have bulky gloves and the inability to manipulate their equipment.

The Utility-A1 Glove System (shell and liners) is well-suited for active military performing fast missions—where there is a need to operate radios, fire weapons, tie knots and load equipment. The combination of superior materials and unique construction allows for great dexterity. This protective glove system has a wide environmental range—from 100 Fahrenheit to 20 F, when worn with liners. The glove shell is: water repellent; water, oil and

heat resistant; breathable; compression resistant; and has: an abrasion resistant welt; anatomical thumb; elasticized back; hook strap; wrist strap; and gauntlet. It has a unique pattern construction of 12 main pieces (compared to only five in other gloves). The palm surface is non-melting for ropes and hot surfaces.

The company's HANDLOGIC Glove Sizing System is used to help the user select the proper glove size for best fit and sense of touch. This system incorporates an easily measured dimension of the human hand based on the palm width and index finger length into the size designator of a standard glove size.

