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Rubber 101

Bootblack RoundUp 2024



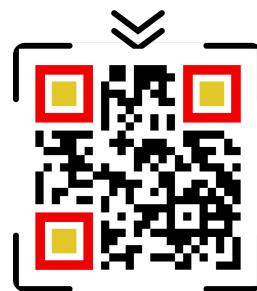
Safety Note!

1-6% of the general population may have a latex allergy
If you experience any of the following please be cautious:

Skin - Itching, redness, or hives.

Respiratory - Sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, wheezing, or itchy eyes.

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So What Exactly is Natural Rubber?

- *Hevea brasiliensis* sap
 - Native to the Amazon Rainforest
 - First used by indigenous people circa 1600 BCE for footwear and balls for ritual games
- Current Production: Thailand and Indonesia supply 60%
- Natural rubber is very soft and sticky, vulcanization is necessary before most uses

Why Rubber? (Select the aspects of rubber that apply to your interests)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling of Compression |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymity / Depersonalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Arousal / Fetish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Confidence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roleplaying and Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

The Rubber Pride Flag

Designed in 1994 By Peter Tolos and Scott Moats

- Black - Lust for the look and feel of shiny black rubber
- Red - Blood passion for rubber and rubbermen
- Yellow - drive for intense rubber play and fantasies
- The design itself is a kink!



Selecting Your First Latex Pieces

- Cost
- Production time (*Expect to wait*)
- Practicality
 - Suit or Piece?
- Standard Sizing vs. Made-to-Measure
 - Size Charts (*Different for Every Maker*)
- ***Is buying used Latex Gear a bad idea?***

How much stretch is realistic?

- 10-15% Laterally
- 5% Vertically
- Thickness has an impact
 - Thinner = More Stretch
 - Thicker = Less Stretch

Okay, I got some latex! ...

Where do I put it?

Things to Avoid:

- Direct Sunlight
- Heat
- Moisture
- Oils
- Sharp folds
- Sharp Objects
- Metals
- Plastic Bags with Printing
- Dark and Light Latex Touching

Good Storage Ideas:

- In a cool, dark place
- Drawer / Storage Tote / Closet
- On a plastic hanger
- In a clear Ziploc Bag
- Rolled or loosely folded
- Talc / Silicone Applied
- Cleaned and Free of Body Oils
- Plain tissue paper can be used to separate different garments

How do I put it on?

- Take it slow
- Be very careful with sharp nails & jewelry
- It's better to push than pull
- Think about "unrolling" onto yourself
- The great dressing aid debate:
 - Talc vs. Silicone

- Apply dressing aid to your body as well
- Undress in the shower
- Having a buddy will help
- When you are starting out go for suits with bigger zippers or shorter sleeves.
- If you feel stuck, don't panic!

How do I wear it?

- Skip the skincare products / anti-perspirants
- Go commando!
- Avoid metal jewelry (especially on light colors)
- Pay attention to your body temperature
 - Heat & Cold
 - Hydrate
- Be careful with zippers when layering

- Expect some sweat
- Keep some dressing aid handy
- Watch for compression spots
- Have a backup outfit
- Be careful what you touch/lean against
- Be aware of UV exposure

How do I clean it?

- Rinse off any dirt/debris with clean water
- Wash with unscented, non-moisturizing soap (Dish Soap)
- Rinse in clean water
- If using Vivishine, put a capful in a bucket of water and swish/dunk garment until it is shiny all over

- Hang to dry on a plastic hanger
 - Use a towel beneath to catch any oils
- Wait until latex is fully dry and then shine it (if you didn't use Vivishine) and lubricate or talc the inside
- Now it's ready to wear again or store!