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# **European foreword**

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This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2016 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2017.

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The main technical changes with respect to EN 13594:2002 are listed below:

- a) the restriction to professional motorcycle riders has been removed;
- b) the definition of professional motorcycle rider has been deleted;
- a second performance level has been introduced;
- d) definitions concerning knuckle protection, fourchettes and wrist line have been added;
- e) the artificial wrist for restraint test has been modified;
- f) requirements on dye fastness have been removed;
- g) former Annex A on motorcyclists' injuries and selection of protective gloves has been deleted.

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## Introduction

Motorcyclists' gloves are intended to give protection against ambient conditions without unduly reducing the users' dexterity in operating the motorcycle's controls and switches. In addition, the gloves are intended to give mechanical protection to the hands and wrists in accidents. The particular hazards common to motorcycle accidents are impacts with the motorcycle, conflicting vehicles, road furniture, and/or the road surface.

The selection of the gloves by a rider depends on a variety of factors, such as the motorcycling discipline, the weather conditions, the frequency of putting on and taking off the gloves, and the duration that the gloves are typically worn. In order to encourage the adoption of certified protection by the highest possible number of users, two performance levels are specified for gloves. These are level 1 for gloves designed to give protection while having low ergonomic penalties associated with their use and level 2 for gloves providing increased protection with respect to level 1. There may be, however, weight and restriction penalties associated with level 2 protection.

### 1 Scope

This European Standard applies to protective gloves for motorcycle on-road use. It specifies the requirements for sizing, ergonomics, innocuousness, mechanical properties, impact protection, marking and information for users. It also describes the appropriate test methods.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 388, Protective gloves against mechanical risks

EN 420, Protective gloves - General requirements and test methods

EN 1621-1, Motorcyclists' protective clothing against mechanical impact - Part 1: Motorcyclists' limb joint impact protectors - Requirements and test methods

ISO 6344-2, Coated abrasives - Grain size analysis - Part 2: Determination of grain size distribution of macrogrits P12 to P220

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