

Market Conditions

Expect elevated prices and supply challenges well into 2021

Demand

- Disposable glove demand remains high
- Administering vaccines is requiring significant new glove use around the world
- Increased demand as Covid restrictions are lifted

Supply

- Continued raw material shortages and capacity constraints
- No quick-fix: Manufacturing lead times 6 months to 1 year
- Asia shipping container shortages/U.S. port congestion delaying inbound cargo; domestic trucking delays adding to lead times

| Outlook by material | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--|--------------|--------|-----------|--|--------|---|--------|
| Nitrile | | Latex | | Vinyl | | Hybrid | | Poly | |
| Supply | Shortages | Supply | Tight | Supply | Improving | Supply | Steady | Supply | Steady |
| Prices | Sharp increases | Prices | Upward trend | Prices | Elevated | Prices | Steady | Prices | Steady |
| Worst shortages & cost increases; capacity sold out through 2021 | | More availability starting Q2 2021; costs rising as latex demand increases | | | | More capacity in 2021; quality will vary by brand – gauge, grip, fit | | Capacity/prices stable; not ideal as form-fitting glove alternative | |

Know your options



versafit vinyl-nitrile hybrid

Alternative for:

Cost

nitrile

\$\$\$\$ = nitrile



natrufit

latex

Alternative for: nitrile

\$\$\$\$ = nitrile



prepfit

vinyl

Alternative for: nitrile | latex



\$\$\$\$ = nitrile



digifit

hybrid

Alternative for: vinyl

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