# **Apron Care and Guidelines**

Congratulations on your choice of SHIELDING'S x-ray protective garment, the most comfortable, durable and reliable product in the market since 1958.

The following guidelines and tips will help maintain your garment's safe performance as well as keep your garment looking good for many years to come.

### Inspection

Please inspect your garment thoroughly upon receipt and at regular intervals.

During a plain film radiographic inspection you may observe:

- a. Light spots, small or large, may appear which indicate localized thicker attenuating content particles. This effect increases x-ray protection and should be of no concern.
- b. Darker shaded areas can appear which usually indicates a thickness variation in the material. If a sharp edge defines the darker area, this may be the result of damage to one or more of the garment's 2 to 5 plies of protective material. This is often caused by stress from the misuse and/or improper handling of these garments (i.e. folding, draping or creasing the garments).
- c. A small amount of dark spots, often referred to as pinholing can appear which is inherent to the manufacturing process. As long as there are no dark spots exceeding 5 mm in diameter health physicists have determined they are of no concern. This should not be interpreted as defective manufacturing. There should be concern if you find dark spots or holes larger than 5 mm or an area which shows many small spots clumped together.
- d. There should be concern if dark lines appear as they usually indicate possible cracks or severe thinning in the material. This is normally caused by one or more plies cracking or deteriorating as a result of misuse, mishandling, or age.
- Please inspect garments for any visible defects in workmanship and notify us immediately if your garment is not satisfactory.

## Guarantee & Warranty Disclaimer

SHIELDING INTERNATIONAL warrants all x-ray protection aprons from material defects and workmanship for a period of (2) years from date of purchase. Our warranty does not cover damage from misuse, accident or neglect. Seller's obligation is hereby limited exclusively to repair or replacement of any defective products. Seller hereby disclaims all other warranties, either expressed or implied including any implied warranty of merchantability. There are no warranties which extend beyond the description on the face hereof.

### Care of Aprons

- Storage: Don't fold, crease, drape or sit down tightly on you. SHIELDING garments. We strongly recommend that our aprons be hung on a SHIELDING heavy-duty chrome hanger (Item # 200H) or equivalent and not on a hook.
- b. Cleaning: Keep your SHIELDING garment clean by wiping away stains as soon as possible, using cold water and mild detergent. Do not autoclave.
- c. Velcro must be secured properly to avoid snagging or tearing of fabric. Always store apron with Velcro closed.

### **Questions?**

Please call SHIELDING'S customer service department.



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