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Advisory Note -

Potential safety hazard with Trellchem VPS FLASH

Purpose

The purpose of this advisory note is

- To alert users of the Trellchem VPS FLASH suit of a potential hazard of visor separation from the suit due to improper bonding.
- To provide users/customers with guidance on measures to be taken.
- To provide users/customers with details of the corrective action that will be undertaken by Ansell Protective Solutions.

Immediate actions to be taken

Please note that this advisory note only applies to Trellchem VPS FLASH types CV and VP1 i.e. totally encapsulating suits with visors. No other Trellchem suits are affected. See images below to identify Trellchem VPS FLASH suits.

Suits for immediate response

- Identify and contain the suits.
- Inspect the suits according to the enclosed instruction (or contact Ansell Protective Solutions).
- Report the number of suits on site, serial no and the results of the inspection using the attached form and send it to Ansell Protective Solutions, contact details below. IMPORTANT: Report the number of suits and their serial numbers as soon as possible regardless if you carry out the inspection or not.
- All defective suits will be repaired by Ansell Protective Solutions.
- Contact Ansell Protective Solutions to deal with potentially defective suits or to schedule an on-site visit for inspection.

Suits in pods, warehouses, stock etc for potential use

- Identify and contain the suits.
- Report the number of suits and serial no for each suit, using the attached form, to Ansell Protective Solutions.
- Contact Ansell Protective Solutions to schedule an on-site visit for inspection.
- All defective suits will be repaired by Ansell Protective Solutions.









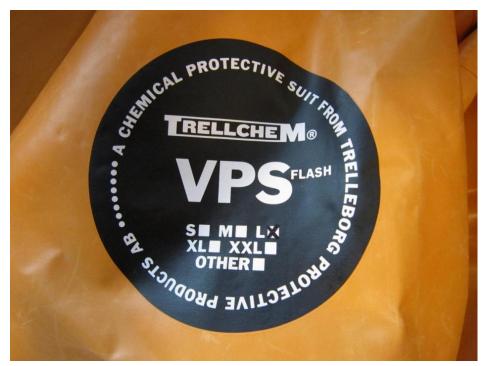






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Trellchem VPS FLASH suits can be identified using the left sleeve label.

Background

Ansell Protective Solutions markets the Trellchem VPS FLASH Suit. The suit is intended to provide chemical protection according to the requirements of NFPA 1991 including the optional chemical FLASH fire escape and liquefied gas protection.

Ansell Protective Solutions has detected a potential problem with visors separating from the suit material. The potential problem only concerns Trellchem VPS FLASH. So far, only a few suits have been found to actually exhibit the problem in the field. Root cause of the visor separation is due to the welding of a reinforcement tape around the visor, which does not appear to be sufficient. Although there have been no reported adverse incidents associated with these suits, Ansell Protective Solutions is exercising an abundance of caution to insure that any future hazard is mitigated.

Corrective action

- Ansell Protective Solutions has identified that a small portion of the VPS FLASH from a time frame of production may exhibit the described problem.
- Ansell has identified all customers who purchased the suits from the manufactured period.
- Ansell is providing instructions and will conduct customer site visitation to inspect the suits and fix the visor if necessary.
- Ansell has taken measures beyond the American and European standards in inspection and quality control for these suits and the production process has been improved. Consequently, no suits being shipped today are affected by the potential problem described above.













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Sincerely,

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Ansell Protective Solutions (formerly Trelleborg Protective Products)

This letter is addressed to you under reservation of all our rights and without any prejudicial acknowledgement.

Enclosures:

Response form.

Suit inner label with serial number.

Inspection instruction.













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RESPONSE FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE Please fax this completed form to +1 508-261-1449 or e-mail to aps.na@ansell.com

RESPONSE REQUIRED:

1.	Do you have a	ny of the prod	lucts in question on ha	ınd? (Please d	check inventories	s before answering)
	YES	NO	_ Inventory Remain	ning, number of	suits:	_pcs
2.	Have you insp	ected the suits	s as described here ar	nd, if so, found a	any signs of a po	oor bond between the
	visor and suit?	Potential prob	olems detected	YES	NO	
3.	Any adverse e	explain:	ted with the product in			
4.	If you have dis	-	roduct to other sites, pew and action.	olease forward a	a copy of this no	tification letter and
Your Na	ıme:					
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Address	3:					
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YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE IS APPRECIATED.













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RESPONSE FORM

Suit serial number	Problem detected / remarks			
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Inside label of Trellchem VPS FLASH suit with the serial number marked with a red ring.





NFPA 1991 CERTIFIED VAPOR PROTECTIVE SUIT

U.S. PATENT PENDING



SIZE __

DATE OF COMPLIANCE OF TESTING TO ASTM F 1052 / DATE OF MANUFACTURE

GARMENT MATERIAL:	TRELLCHEM® VPS FLASH
VISOR MATERIAL:	2 MM HIGH IMPACT PVC
GLOVE:	KEVLAR® OUTER GLOVE / RUBBER GLOVE / MULTILAYER INNER GLOVE
FOOTWEAR ITEM:	TRELLCHEM® VPS FLASH SOCK

THIS VAPOR-PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLE MEETS THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 1991, STANDARD ON VAPOR-PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLES FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES, 2005 EDITION, AND ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS NOTED BELOW.

THE TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE CONTAINS INFORMATION ON CHEMICALS AND SPECIFIC CHEMICAL MIXTURES FOR WHICH THIS ENSEMBLE IS CERTIFIED.

CONSULT TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE AND MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE.

DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
LIMITED CHEMICAL FLASH FIRE PROTECTION FOR	X	
ESCAPE ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A CHEMICAL FLASH FIRE		
LIQUEFIED GAS PROTECTION	X	

FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NFPA 1991, THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS MUST BE WORN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS VAPOR-PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLE:

GENPHILL MK30-4-XL KEVLAR® OVER GLOVE / RUBBER GLOVE #072 251 010 / ANSELL BARRIER® 02-100 INNER GLOVE OR NORTH SAFETY PRODUCTS SILVER SHIELD®/4H TINGLEY HAZPROOF BOOT #82330 OR #82331

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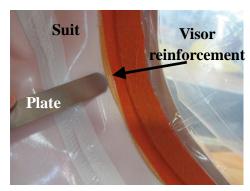
CHECKING OF VISOR TO SUIT BOND

Lay down the suit and unzip it. Check the suit serial number on the inner label and note it. (A larger image of the label can be found above.)

> This label is on the hump inside the suit.



2. Take a flat and blunt plate (no sharp edges, rough spots etc) and check if the bonding is proper between the suit and visor reinforcement by moving with this plate all around the visor:





If it is OK, the plate will not go inbetween suit and visor reinforcement.

- 3. Close the zipper and inflate the suit (as described in the user manual).
- 4. With the same flat and blunt plate check welding between reinforcement and suit by moving plate all around the visor outside the suit:





If this welding is OK, the plate will not go inbetween suit and visor reinforcement.

5. If any defective bonding or separation is detected take the suit of service and contact Ansell.











