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## HAND Paperwork 29 OF MAINTENANCE AND CARE

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Construction worker gloves are a mediating technology that substitutes fragile flesh for robust rubber, plastic and steel, allowing protection against "electricity," •¹ "chemicals," •² "heat," •³ and "cold climate," •⁴ while enabling "heavy-duty" •⁵ and "cleaning" •⁶ work. Here, the body's fundamental incompatibility with the forces it attempts to master in the process of building construction is rendered conspicuous by its necessary prosthetic, foregrounding properties around labor, risk assessment, maintenance, and care.