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IRONCLAD PERFORMANCE WEAR WINS PRO TOOL INNOVATION AWARD FOR NEW KONG® PRO GLOVE MADE WITH DUPONT™ KEVLAR®

Grand Prairie, TX, September 15, 2020 – For the second year in a row, Ironclad Performance Wear has won the Pro Tool Innovation Award, this year for the All New KONG PRO A6 Glove in the Cut-Resistant Gloves Category.

Here's what the Pro Tool Innovation Awards judges said about the *KONG PRO*:

Ironclad's Kong Pro A6 is a full-featured, cut-resistant glove that's a worthy heir to the original Kong. The cut resistant palm features two layers: a high-dexterity, PVC/PU dotted outer layer that provides grip and an ANSI level A6 inner liner made with DuPont™ Kevlar® and UHMWPE fibers (Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene). If that's not enough to impress you, then flip the glove over. The reverse side has impact protection built-in along the fingers and down to your wrist. And that color scheme? It's not a fashion statement, it's designed to help your hands stand out so they're visible to others while you're working.

"In 2008 we partnered with the international Oil and Gas Safety committee to create a hand safety solution for rig workers across the globe, many of whom suffered lacerations, broken bones, and even finger amputations. The result of that collaboration was the patented KONG Original glove, which sparked a revolution in heavy-impact hand protection and has won multiple awards since its inception", according to Eric Jaeger, biomedical engineer and Ironclad Performance Wear's General Manager. "Our R&D team has learned a tremendous amount since then, after spending countless hours embedded with rig workers. We've developed new material technologies in the fields of visual engineering, impact protection, and fabric science, thanks in part to our partnership with DuPont's Personal Protection scientists. We put all of this knowledge together and created the KONG Pro glove. This glove is lighter, tougher, stronger, and has superior visibility. It is the next revolution in hand impact protection."

The new KONG PRO. No Compromises.

The 2020 Pro Tool Innovation Awards recognize best-in-class products that are truly ahead of their time. This year, 78 different manufacturers and brands submitted over 320 products in dozens categories for a chance to take home a 2020 Pro Tool Innovation Award. "Brands really innovated and improved their products this year to achieve improvements in job site efficiency, safety, and productivity. While average products see incremental advancements, Pro Tool Innovation Award winners truly distinguish themselves in the industry and deserve particular recognition." said Clint DeBoer, Executive Director of the Pro Tool Innovation Awards.

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About Ironclad Performance Wear

Ironclad Performance Wear, a Brighton-Best International Company, is the leader in high-performance, task-specific work gloves. They created the performance work glove category, and continue to leverage its leadership position in the safety, construction and industrial markets through the design, development and distribution of specialized, task-specific gloves. Ironclad engineers and manufactures its products with a focus on innovation, design, advanced material science, dexterity and durability.

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