

HMB Rules and Regulations – Hand Protection

Recommended Hand protection

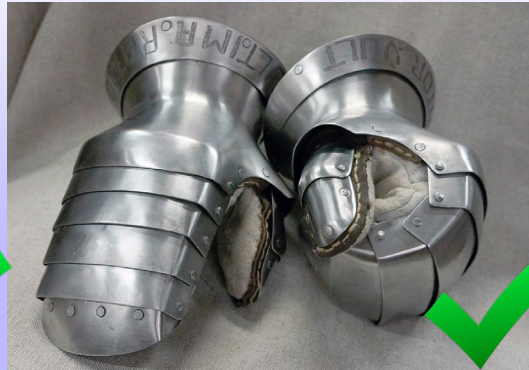
- Segmented plate mitten “George”
- Plate mitten
- Hourglass (and stylization)
- Milanese mitten
- Scale mitten
- Gauntlet “ $\frac{3}{4}$ ”
- Eastern gauntlets
- Late gauntlets 1450-1600



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Segmented plate mitten “George”

Recommended for the late 14 - early
15 century European armor



HMB Rules and Regulations – Hand Protection Plate Mitten

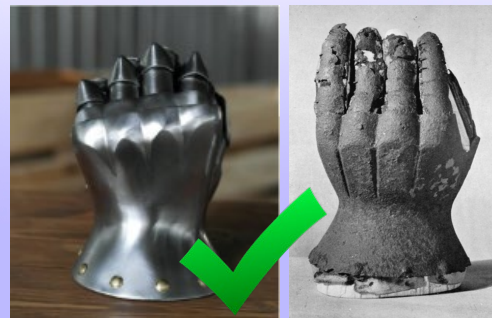


This piece of armor is not fully historically accurate, but it's well protective, therefore will be allowed for use.



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- This piece of armor is not well protective. There is a high risk of broken fingers.
- It is recommended to use rondels for additional protection, but it is not historically accurate.
- It is allowed to use segments which imitate separated fingers.

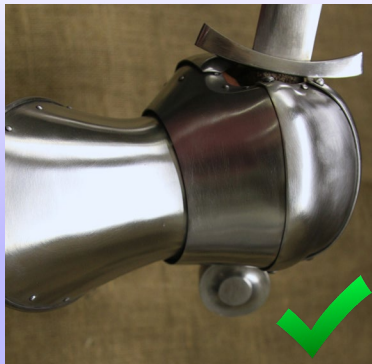


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Early Milanese

For the standard HMB armor of 1380 on, early Milanese mitten is allowed.

The main feature of it is a short cuff vs the long cuff found in later versions of this gauntlet.



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Scale Mitten

- Acceptable for first half of 14th century.
- The mitten must be in the shape of an hourglass.
- The cuff of the mitten must be of 3 rows of plates.
- The hand protection must be of 5 rows of plates



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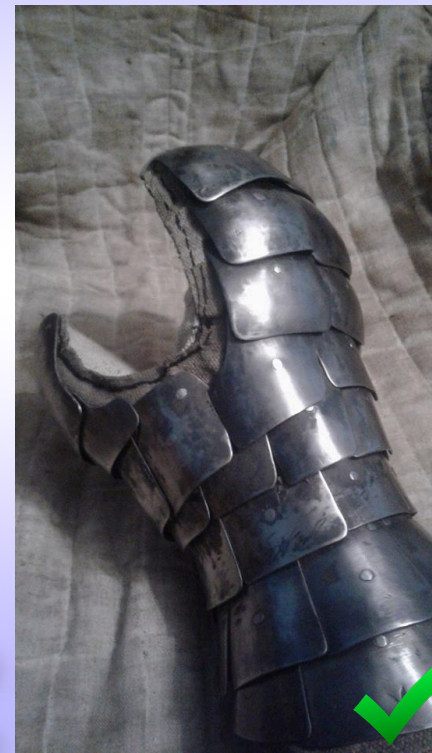
Scale Mittens

Forbidden types of scale mittens

The ban takes effect for **Buhurt Prime 2021**

The ban takes effect for **Masters and Open 2023**

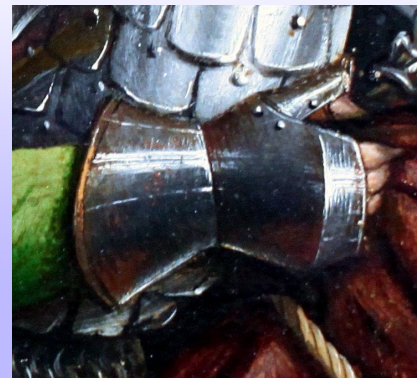
These mittens are acceptable for eastern style armors due to matching aesthetic.



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This gauntlet perfectly protects the wrist and proximal phalanx, but poorly protects the middle and distal phalanx, so there must be an additional hidden or stylized finger protection.

Under the chain mail there is a hidden plate or brigandine imitation of the fingers.



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Eastern protection

Since the lack of historical sources for Eastern hand protection, it will be allowed the use hand protections from other regions combined with Eastern armor until BotN 2023 (Prime 2021).

It is allowed to use stylization of European mittens for eastern armor, if chain inserts and eastern patterns are used as decorative elements.



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Hand protection for late armor 1450-1600

All hand protection for sets dating from the middle of the 15th to the 17th century and fewer represented regions (Turkey, China, Japan, India...) must be approved separately, together with the entire set of armor and weapons!



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Hourglass shape and size of the gauntlet

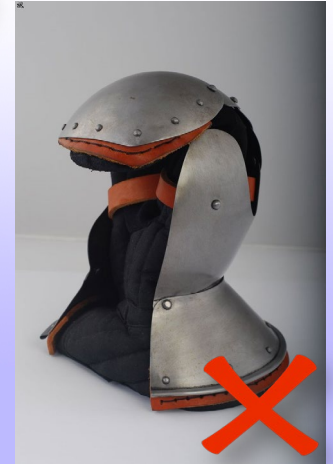
- The hand protection should not be unproportionally large.
- The hand protection should be in the shape of an hourglass.
- The hand protection should be neatly made, be polished and have fitted segments.



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Shape of the segment for plate gauntlets

- Must not be rounded
- Segments must repeat or imitate original segments
- The thumb must have a minimum of 2 segments or anatomical shape



HMB Rules and Regulations – Hand Protection Length and connection of the cuff

- Hand protection cuff should not be too long
- The cuff should start from the waist (the narrowest point of the gauntlet)
- The cuff should have a hem
- The cuff should be solid, but may have decorative lining
- The mitten can have a decorative "belt" at the waist



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Forbidden armor

- Sport fist 2020
- Brigandine gloves **Dynamo Cup 2020**
- Fantasy gloves
- Pieces without historical credibility



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Not Recommended Hand protection

- 1) Brigandine Gloves
- 2) Chain Mittens
- 3) Small-Plate Gloves
- 4) Chain Gloves
- 5) Bakhtar Gauntlet

These types of hand protection were not analyzed in this document, and the HMBIA does not recommend using them as protection of the hand due safety issues and possible serious injuries!



HMB Rules and Regulations – Hand Protection Under shield glove

- It's necessary for leather or fabric gloves to be worn on a shield hand.
- Due safety reasons it is recommended to wear paired gloves.
- It is allowed to use stylized undershield gloves with additional protection.

