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### **Uvex Protégé™ Safety Eyewear Combines Sports Styling with Lightweight Comfort**

- Ultra lightweight Uvex Protégé weighs less than one ounce**
- Proprietary Floating Lens™ design provides increased flexibility in fit**

**SMITHFIELD, RI: November 28, 2005** – Uvex®, world leader in Safety eyewear, has introduced the new Uvex Protégé™, a line of safety eyewear designed to offer workers the ultimate in lightweight comfort and sports-styling innovation while providing the protection they need.

Uvex Protégé safety eyewear weighs in at 27.5 grams, less than one ounce. A secure, wrap-around brow expands to accommodate a wide range of users, while Uvex's proprietary Floating Lens™ technology increases flexibility for a better fit. Soft temple tips and nose pad provide added comfort and ensure a secure fit.



Uvex Protégé lenses are available in clear, gray and SCT-Reflect 50 mirrored tints with a choice of Ultra-dura® anti-scratch coating or Uvextra™ anti-fog coating. Frames are available in gloss black or sandstone. Uvex Protégé safety eyewear meets not only the ANSI Z87+ standards for high impact protection, but also the Military V<sub>0</sub> standard. This means the Uvex Protégé can withstand an impact of 650 feet per second.

The world's top-selling protective eyewear brand, Uvex has been an acknowledged leader in safety eyewear innovation for over fifty years. The pioneer of many groundbreaking innovations such as Flex Seal® a cost effective silicone goggle body, and MMT – Multi-Material Technology® used on the Uvex Genesis® and XC®, Uvex is a leading brand of the Bacou-Dalloz Group.

Bacou-Dalloz is the world leader in the design, manufacture and sale of personal protective equipment, offering a comprehensive range of safety products designed to protect people from hazards in the workplace. The Group specializes in head protection equipment (eye and face, respiratory and hearing protection), body protection equipment (clothing, gloves and footwear) and fall protection equipment. With a worldwide presence and over 6,000 employees, Bacou-Dalloz endeavors to contribute to ongoing improvements in workplace health and safety by providing innovative, comfort-engineered products that workers want to wear. The Group's products are sold through a worldwide network of distributor partners for use in all sectors of activity (construction, manufacturing, telecommunications, homeland security, petrochemicals, medical, public services, etc.). Bacou-Dalloz is listed on the Premier Marché of the Euronext stock exchange in Paris, and is part of the SBF 120 index.

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