

SEX & HEALTH

# RUBBER MATCH

Condoms aren't a problem—they're a solution

**M**OST MEN see condoms as a necessary evil. We see them as a chance to dress for success. Rubbers can do more than just protect you from viruses and paternity suits. Here's how to solve sexual problems using condom sense.

**Problem:** CONDOMS ARE TOO TIGHT

**Condom:** *Trojan Magnum XL* (\$8 per box) Six percent of men require a bigger-than-average condom. Here's a test: Slide a toilet-paper tube over your erection. (Lock the bathroom door first.) If it doesn't go on easily, the Magnum XL is for you, big guy.

**Problem:** YOU EJACULATE TOO SOON

**Condom:** *Trojan Extended Pleasure* (\$8 per box) The inside is coated with benzocaine, which briefly dulls the nerves in your penis, keeping you from getting too excited. It could help your staying power, but expect to trade off some pleasure.

**Problem:** CONDOMS SLIP OFF

**Condom:** *Contempo Exotica Snugger Fit* (\$2.50 per 3-pack) It's the thickness—not the length—of your penis that determines how well slickers stick. The Exotica is the slimmest condom available—about 6 percent narrower than a regular one—so it's more likely to stay put.

**Problem:** PARTNER NEEDS EXTRA LUBRICANT

**Condom:** *Paradise Super-Sensitive with Astroglide* (\$10 per box) Astroglide is a wetter, slipperier lubricant that lasts longer than the stuff found on most condoms. The Paradise is the only condom that comes pre-slickened with it.

**Problem:** PARTNER DOESN'T HAVE ORGASMS

**Condom:** *inSpiral* (\$13 per box) "Of all the condoms I've sold, none has elicited a more positive response from women than the inSpiral," says Adam Glickman, president of Condomania.com. It's shaped like a soft-serve ice-cream cone, and the extra latex will bunch and fold near her clitoris, causing added stimulation.

**Problem:** YOU CAN'T OPEN FOIL PACKETS WITH WET FINGERS

**Condom:** *LifeStyles Discs* (\$3.50 for 6) These condoms are packaged in tiny sealed plastic cups, like the pats of butter they give you in all-night diners. Peel off the top and you're ready to go.

**Problem:** PARTNER CAN'T FIND PENIS IN THE DARK

**Condom:** *Global Protection Night Light* (\$4 for 3) Glow-in-the-dark condoms were invented ages ago (it was Edison, if memory serves). But this is the first that's government-approved as a contraceptive. Set the transparent package near a lamp and the condom will glow for about 15 minutes after lights out.