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Dr. James M. Kleinert is a nationally published orthopedic hand surgeon who has become the driving force in using his vast knowledge of anatomy and hand function to design better gloves of all kinds.

Kleinert, 48, performed some 10,000 hand surgeries before giving up his successful career to join Bionic™ Glove Technology, where his passion for better gloves has already earned him the nickname "Dr. Strangeglove."

Bionic is a new division of Hillerich & Bradsby Co., the manufacturer of the legendary Louisville Slugger® baseball bats. It was created after Kleinert was first hired as a consultant and helped to dramatically improve gloves produced by the company's hockey and baseball divisions.

His first challenge as a member of the Bionic team was the research and development of the Bionic Gardening Glove, which entered the marketplace in October 2002. He already has other kinds of gloves in development, all focused on achieving his goal of improved comfort, fit and performance.

Kleinert is a graduate of the University of Louisville and the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He was a partner in Kleinert, Kutz & Associates Hand Care Center from 1985 until 1997, when he left to begin his independent hand technology research.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and a member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, among other professional organizations. He has served as a reviewer of articles for four national medical publications, including the Journal of Hand Surgery.

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Kleinert, his wife Tori and their four children, live on a farm outside Louisville, where they do a little gardening and raise a few sheep. In those rare times he is not absorbed with his hand research, he can be found hiking, biking or doing some photography.

An avowed environmental recycler, Kleinert makes his daily commute to the office in his hybrid gas-and-electric-powered auto.