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Apple's iGlove patent revealed

For iPhoneers in cold climes

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Good news for iPhone owners in colder climes, it's been revealed that Apple has previously filed a patent for what's effectively a pair of "iGloves".

Originally filed a day before the original iPhone's launch, the patent covers a means of using a multi-touch device with gloves.

Capacitive touchscreens like those on the iPhone are described as "problematic" in colder weather as they depend on the electrical response from a user's fingertips, which is blocked off when the user wears gloves.

Apple's idea would give gloves a second, inner layer, exposed on the fingertips, that is said to simulate the electrical feedback of human fingers.

Just a patent application for now, there's no word on a launch for the iGloves as yet.