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FFP3 Particulate Respirator

Description

The FFP3 Particulate Respirator FFP3 Series provide effective respiratory protection for use in industries where workers will be exposed to dust particles and/or non-volatile liquid particles.

- Tested and CE Approved to EN 149:2001+A1:2009
- Foldable, easy to store, proprietary 3-panel design accommodates facial movement for wearer comfort
- Low breathing resistance filter technology gives effective filtration with low breathing resistance for consistent high quality performance
- Sculpted nose panel conforms to the nose and contours of the face and helps improve compatibility with eyewear
- Innovative chin tab designed for ease of donning and adjustment to help achieve a comfortable fit
- FFP3 exhalation valve offers improved comfort in hot humid environments and/or where work is hard and physical*
- Embossed top panel helps reduce fogging of eyewear
- Individual hygienic packaging helps protect the respirator from contamination before use
- Large, soft nose foam is comfortable on the skin

Approvals

These products meet the requirements of the European Community Directive 89/686/EEC (Personal Protective Equipment Directive) and are thus CE marked.

Standards

These products meet the requirements of recently amended European Standard EN 149:2001 + A1:2009, filtering facepiece respirators for use against particles. They should be used to protect the wearer from solid and non-volatile liquid particles only.

Products are classified by filtering efficiency and maximum total inward leakage performance, also by usability and clogging resistance.

Performance tests in this standard include filter penetration; extended exposure (loading) test; flammability; breathing resistance and total inward leakage. Reusable products are also subjected to cleaning, storage and mandatory clogging resistance tests (clogging is optional for non reusable products). A full copy of EN 149:2001+A1:2009 can be purchased from your national standards body.



FFP3 WITHOUT VALVE

Functions

		FFP3
Painting, Varnishing, Spraying, Coating, Mixing	Solvent-Based - brush / roller applied	•
	Solvent-Based - spray applied	
	Water-Based - brush / roller / spray applied	•
	Wood Preservatives	•
	Powder Coating	•
Sanding, Stripping, Grinding, Cutting, Drilling	Rust, most Metals, Filler, Concrete, Stone	
	Cement, Wood, Steel,	
	Paints, Varnish, Anti-rust coating	
	Stainless Steel, Anti-fouling varnish	•
	Resins, Reinforced plastics (carbon / glass fibre)	•
Construction / Maintenance	Scabbling, Shot-creting (concrete dust)	•
	Plastering, Rendering, Cement mixing	•
	Demolition	
	Groundwork, Earth moving, Piling, Underpinning	•
	Spray foam, Loft Insulation	•
Metal working / Foundries	Welding, Soldering	•
	Electro-plating	•
	Finishing, Slotting, Drilling, Riveting, Machining	•
	Oxyacetylene cutting	•
	Molten metal handling, Smelting	•
Cleaning / Waste Removal	Disinfection, Cleaning	•
	Waste removal	•
	Asbestos handling	•
	Asbestos removal	
Allergens / Biohazards	Pollen, Animal dander	
	Mould / Fungus, Bacteria**, Viruses	•
	**Tuberculosis	•
	Diesel exhaust / Smoke	
Agriculture / Forestry	Handling infected animals, Culling	•
	Feeding livestock, Cleaning sheds / harvesters	•
	Straw chopping, Composting, Harvesting	•
	Pesticides, Insecticides (crop spraying)	•
Mining / Quarrying	Tunnelling, Drilling, Grinding, Excavation	•
	Pumping, Dredging, Washing	•
	Cutting, Sawing	•
	Changing Filters	•
Other Industrial Applications	Inks, Dyes, Solvents, Chemicals	•
	Powdered Additives / Chemicals	•
	Pharmaceuticals	•
	Rubber / Plastics processing	•
	Oil and Gas Extraction / Processing	•
	Pottery, Ceramics	•
	Wood / Paper Mills	•

Materials

The following materials are used in the production of the FFP3 Particulate Respirator FFP3 Series:

• Strap	Polyisoprene
• Staples	Steel
• Nose Foam	Polyurethane
• Nose Clip	Aluminium
• Filter	Polypropylene
• Valve*	Polypropylene
• Valve diaphragm*	Polyisoprene

Fitting Instructions

See Figure 1.

Before fitting device, ensure hands are clean. All respirator components should be inspected for damage prior to each use.

1. With reverse side up and using the tab, separate top and bottom panels to form a cup shape. Bend slightly at centre of the noseclip.
2. Ensure both panels are fully unfolded.
3. Cup respirator in one hand with open side towards face. Take both straps in other hand. Hold respirator under chin, with nosepiece up, and pull straps over head.
4. Locate the upper strap across the crown of the head and the lower strap below the ears. Straps must not be twisted. Adjust top and bottom panels for a comfortable fit, ensuring panels and chin tab are not folded in.
5. Using both hands, mould noseclip to the shape of the lower part of the nose to ensure a close fit and good seal. Pinching the noseclip using only one hand may result in less effective respirator performance.
6. The seal of the respirator on the face should be fit-checked before entering the workplace.

Fit Check

1. Cover the front of the respirator with both hands being careful not to disturb the fit of the respirator.
2. (a) UNVALVED respirator - EXHALE sharply;
(b) VALVED respirator - INHALE sharply.
3. If air leaks around the nose, re-adjust the noseclip to eliminate leakage. Repeat the above fit check.
4. If air leaks at the respirator edges, work the straps back along the sides of the head to eliminate leakage. Repeat the above fit check.

If you CANNOT achieve a proper fit DO NOT enter the hazardous area. See your supervisor.

Storage and Transportation

The FFP3 Particulate Respirators FFP3 Series have a shelf life of 5 years. End of shelf life is marked on the product packaging. Product should be stored in clean, dry conditions within the temperature range: – 10°C to + 25°C with a maximum relative humidity of <80%. When storing or transporting this product use original packaging provided.

Disposal

Contaminated products should be disposed as hazardous waste in accordance with national regulations.

Warnings and Use Limitations

- Always be sure that the complete product is:
 - Suitable for the application;
 - Fitted correctly;
 - Worn during all periods of exposure;
 - Replaced when necessary.
- Proper selection, training, use and appropriate maintenance are essential in order for the product to help protect the wearer from certain airborne contaminants.
- Failure to follow all instructions on the use of these respiratory protection products and/or failure to properly wear the complete product during all periods of exposure may adversely affect the wearer's health, lead to severe or life threatening illness or permanent disability.
- For suitability and proper use follow local regulations, refer to all information supplied or contact a safety professional/ representative.

Before use, the wearer must be trained in use of the complete product in accordance with applicable Health and Safety standards/guidance.

- These products do not contain components made from natural rubber latex.
- These products do not protect against gases/vapours.
- Do not use in atmospheres containing less than 19.5% oxygen. (definition. Individual countries may apply their own limits on oxygen deficiency. Seek advice if in doubt).
- Do not use for respiratory protection against atmospheric contaminants/concentrations which are unknown or immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH).
- Do not use with beards or other facial hair that may inhibit contact between the face and the product thus preventing a good seal.
- Leave the contaminated area immediately if:
 - a) Breathing becomes difficult.
 - b) Dizziness or other distress occurs.
- Discard and replace the respirator if it becomes damaged, breathing resistance becomes excessive or at the end of the shift.
- Do not alter, modify, clean or repair this respirator.