Fitting Instructions for 3M™ Filtering Facepiece Respirators

Wearing your filtering facepiece respirator

1. Place the respirator over your nose and mouth. Be sure the metal nose clip is on top. With model 8210, pre-stretch the straps before wearing.

2. Pull the top strap over your head until it rests on the crown of your head above your ears.

3. Pull the bottom strap over your head until it rests just below your ears.

4. Using both hands starting at the top, mold the metal nose clip around your nose to achieve a secure seal. Note: Pinching the nosepiece using one hand may result in improper fit and less effective respirator performance. Use two hands.

Check the seal of your filtering facepiece respirator each time you don the respirator.

1a. For non-valved respirators Place both hands completely over the respirator and exhale. The respirator should bulge slightly. If air leaks between the face and faceseal of the respirator, reposition it and readjust the nose clip for a more secure seal. If you cannot achieve a proper seal, do not enter the contaminated area. See your supervisor.

1b. For valved respirators Place both hands over the respirator and inhale sharply. The respirator should collapse slightly. If air leaks between the face and faceseal of the respirator, reposition it and readjust the nose clip for a more secure seal. If you cannot achieve a proper seal, do not enter the contaminated area. See your supervisor.
Important

Before using these respirators, you must determine the following:

1. The type of contaminant(s) for which the respirator is being selected.
2. The concentration level of contaminant(s).
3. Whether the respirator can be properly fitted on the wearer’s face. Do not use with beards, on other facial hair, or other conditions that prevent a good seal between the face and the face seal of the respirator.
4. Before use of these respirators, a written respiratory protection program must be implemented, meeting all the requirements of OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134, including training, medical evaluation and fit testing.

WARNING

These respirators help reduce exposure to certain particles. Misuse may result in sickness or death. Before use, the wearer must read and understand User Instructions provided as a part of product packaging. Time use limitations may apply. For proper use, see package instructions, supervisor or call 3M OH&ESD Technical Service in U.S.A., 1-800-243-4630. In Canada, call 1-800-267-4414.

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