

# Half Face Respirator

Equipped with Hepa Filters, Fit Test and Maintenance Procedures

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## Safe Work Procedure

- 1) A fit test record form shall be established and maintained and shall indicate the following:
  - a) The name of the person on whom the fit-test was performed.
  - b) The date and time of the test.
  - c) The specific make, model, style and size of the respirator.
  - d) The type of fit test and testing agent used.
  - e) Comments with respect to any difficulties encountered during the course of the test.
  - f) The name of the authorized person performing the test.
- 2) Persons required to wear respirators shall be clean shaven and shall be free of any facial hair which could interfere with the respirator to face seal.
- 3) Each employee shall ensure that the respirator is in proper operating condition prior to wearing the respirator. This will be done by performing a series of visual checks on the component parts of the respirator including the following:
  - a) Check the nose and mouth piece for wear.
  - b) Check the inhalation and exhalation valves
  - c) Check the filters for tightness
- 4) Upon determining that the respirator is complete and in operating condition two additional tests shall be performed by the employee prior to every use of the respirator:
  - a) While completely covering the filter cartridges with his hands the employee shall inhale deeply, the respirator face piece should collapse.
  - b) While completely covering the exhalation opening with his hands, the employee should exhale deeply; the respirator face piece should bulge.

If both conditions exist as outlined above then a good face to respirator seal has been achieved.

The above procedures shall be implemented for every employee required to wear a respirator, and immediately following these procedures the respirator shall be clearly marked to correspond to the employee that it was fit tested on.

Employees shall wear only the respirator on which they were fit tested.

All employees shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of their own respirator. Cleaning and a visual inspection of the respirator shall be performed before and after each use.

Please use the following **Safe Work Procedures** as a guideline to building your own safe work procedures.