PUTTING ON THE RESPIRATOR

Only put on your respirator in an area with uncontaminated air. 

Always check the respirator to make sure no loose parts are in place and in working condition. First, check the component parts and/or there are taking in or any accessory attached to the facepiece. Use a mirror to ensure the respirator is positioned on your face. Remove any eyewear, hard hat or any head gear before putting on the respirator. 

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1. Remove the respirator from its storage case, fresh facepiece and cartridges, if any. 

2. Adjust the respirator head straps and clips to fit your subcutaneous structure (Photo 1). 

3. Securely snap the cover onto the cartridge or filter holder (Photo 2). 

4. The facepiece should be positioned correctly on your face. Remove eyewear, hard hat or other head gear before putting on the respirator. 

5. With one hand holding the respirator, place your chin inside the chin cup and the top of the respirator over your nose (Photo 3). 

6. If using a Respirator Adapter, the breathing tubes will go over your neck and rest on your shoulders. 

7. With the other hand, adjust the plastic straps on your face and secure them under your chin (Photo 4). 

8. Ensure the facepiece is positioned correctly on your face and under your nose (Photo 5). 

9. To test its facepiece-to-face seal and wear it in an area with uncontaminated air while becoming familiar with it. You must consult your supervisor about these fit tests. 

10. Perform the respirator fit test in a room with air quality; preferably in a laboratory. 

11. After the proper fit test, the respirator is ready for use in a hazardous environment. 

WARNING

The tightness of the respirator will vary depending on the characteristics of the cartridges or filter and the user's level of activity while the respirator is being used. When using combination cartridges and/or filters, the user must check the tightness of the respirator against the face. Before putting on the respirator, ensure that the respirator is positioned on your face. 

NOTE

If you perform a fit test successfully, you will notice that the respirator is secure and comfortable. 

FIT TESTING

These brief written instructions cannot substitute for a formal Respirator Testing Program. Testing should be performed by a Safety Manager to ensure you are familiar with the proper use of respirators, including putting on and removing them. You must check your respirator before and after each use to make sure it is in good working condition. 

TRAINING PROGRAM

Testing in the U.S. should be based on AWSA 2.05.00, OSHA Respirator Section 1209.013, CSA and other regulations published by various Regulatory Authorities. In Canada, the training program should be based on CSA Standard Z94.4-93. 

A WARNING

Improper Use of Your Respirator Can Be Harmful or Deadly!

CAUTIONS

• Head or face coverings, jewelry or other accessories that interfere with sealing area; or

• Facial hair;

• Breathing becomes difficult;

• In atmospheres where contaminants and/or concentrations are unknown or pose immediate danger from lethal concentrations of oxygen, you must follow a change-out schedule that is based on the NIOSH Approved Change-Out Schedule.

• Do not use respirators or air-purifying cartridges or filters without replacement.