

RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Disposable Respirators -- Check for:

- holes in filter (obtain new respirator)
- deterioration or loss of elasticity in straps (obtain new respirator)
- deterioration of metal nose clip (obtain new respirator)

Air-Purifying Respirators (half mask, full face piece, hood or helmet)

Rubber Face Piece -- Check for:

- Excessive dirt (clean all dirt from face piece)
- Cracks, tears, or holes (obtain new respirator)
- Full face respirators cracked, scratched, or loose fitting lenses (obtain new respirator)

Head Straps -- Check for:

- Breaks or tears (replace head straps)
- Loss of elasticity (replace head straps)
- Broken or malfunctioning buckles (obtain new straps & buckles or respirator)

Inhalation Valve and Exhalation Valve -- Check for:

- Detergent residue, dust particles, or dirt on valve or valve seat (clean with water or a weak solution of Clorox and water -- one cup of bleach per gallon of water).
- Cracks, tears, or lack of flexibility in the valve material (obtain new valve)
- Cracks and flexibility of valve seats (obtain new respirator)

Filter Element -- Check for:

- Proper filter for the hazard
- Worn threads; both in filter and face piece (replace filter or face, as applicable)
- Cracks or dents in filter housing A (replace filter)
- Cartridge gaskets in place (if applicable)

Atmosphere Supplying Respirators

Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

- Consult manufacturer's literature