

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION SELECTION GUIDE

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RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

Respirators are normally defined as filtering Respiratory Protective Devices (which remove contaminants from an otherwise breathable atmosphere).

Because of the diversity of applications, there are many different types of respirators in service, ranging from simple disposable filtering facepieces, to fully self-contained breathing apparatus. This diversity is reflected in the many European and international product standards to which these devices are designed.

Generally, these standards can be regarded as statutory in that all devices being sold must comply with the most appropriate standard.

In Europe, all RPE (Respiratory Protective Equipment) must be CE approved and marked before it can be sold. The CE mark only signifies that the product and its manufacture have been independently examined against the basic safety requirements of the PPE directive - 89/686/EEC, and, therefore, offers no clues as to the suitability or performance of a particular piece of equipment. It is, therefore, necessary to look to the product standard in order to understand the performance requirements.

EN149

Disposable filtering facepiece respirators for particulates only. These devices are substantially constructed from the filter media itself, and are disposed of after each shift. There are three protection classes in this standard: FFP1, FFP2 and FFP3. These devices cover only the nose, mouth and chin.

EN 405 HALF MASK

Disposable half mask respirators which incorporate a gas filtering element as well as a particulate filtering element. They cover the nose, mouth and chin and usually have an adjustable head harness.

These devices are re-usable to a degree, although, since the gas filter elements are not replaceable, the complete mask must be replaced when the filters are exhausted. There are several classifications of device in this standard depending on the particulate filtration efficiency and gas filtration capacity (life before saturation).

EN140

Half or quarter masks which cover the nose, mouth and chin, or just the nose and mouth. The facepiece is, generally, a flexible rubber or silicone rubber material, and masks can usually be fitted with a range of replaceable filters which conform to the separate standards EN141, 143, 371, 372 (see below). The maximum weight of filters to be fitted to half masks is 300 grams, since heavy filters are liable to disturb the faceseal and prove uncomfortable. Half masks may be fitted with the EN148/1 standard thread fitting which allows the use of standard thread canisters.

EN136

Full facemasks that cover the whole face. They have a flexible rubber or silicone rubber faceseal and are fitted with a transparent visor. Full facemasks are usually fitted with replaceable filters conforming to the separate standards EN141, 143, 371, 372. The maximum weight of filters to be fitted directly to full facemasks is 500 grams. Full facemasks today commonly have the EN148-1 standard thread to take the full range of standard filter canisters, although use of twin filter full facemasks with dedicated filter fittings is becoming more common, since standard thread filters tend to be heavy with high breathing resistance.

Within EN136 there are three Classes. Class 1 is a light duty full facemask which is maintenance-free and cannot be fitted with standard canisters, Class 2 is a fully maintainable general duty respirator and Class 3 is a fire fighting mask which has passed a strict radiant heat test. All three Classes provide the same level of respiratory protection.

EN148

Describes various standard thread connections frequently used in RPE. Most common is EN148-1, which is the 40mm-thread connection known more commonly as DIN40 or NATO standard, and this is often used with full facemasks and filter canisters. If a mask is approved with a standard EN148-1 thread, it can be fitted with any approved standard thread filter, subject to the filter weight restrictions. However, this "mix and match" approach does not extend to powered respirator systems, which must be approved with manufacturer specific filters in order to assure correct flow rates and filter life.

EN143

Particulate filters which are effective against all dusts and fibres. Most are also effective against metal (e.g. welding) fume, liquid mists, bacteria and virus, although this should always be checked with the supplier of any individual filter. This standard describes only those filters to be fitted to EN140 half masks and EN136 full facemasks; the requirements for powered respirator filters are separately contained within the powered RPD standards. There are three classes of particulate filter, P1: low efficiency, P2: medium efficiency and P3: high efficiency. Since the relative performance difference between these filters is rather large, it is very important that the correct filter class is chosen for any given application.

EN141

Gas/vapour or combination filters. A combination filter is one that combines a gas filtering element with a particulate filtering element conforming to EN143 above. Gas/vapour filters are classified according to type and class.

GAS/VAPOUR FILTER TYPES

TYPE	COLOUR CODE	APPLICATION
A	Brown	Certain organic compounds with a boiling point above 65°C, as specified by the manufacturer
B	Grey	Certain inorganic substances e.g. Chlorine, Hydrogen sulphide, Hydrogen cyanide (excluding Carbon monoxide)
E	Yellow	Certain acid gases e.g. Sulphur dioxide
K	Green	Ammonia and certain organic ammonia derivatives
No_xP3	Blue/White	Oxides of Nitrogen (single use only)
HgP3	Red/White	Mercury and compounds

Since the filter adsorbent materials are usually different for each of these types, it is clearly vital the correct filter is used for any given substance.

EN141 also classifies filters by capacity, with classes 1 - 3 being low, medium and high capacity, respectively.

EN371

Filters for use against certain low boiling point organic vapours as specified by the manufacturer. Organic vapours with boiling points below 65°C are rather volatile, and, therefore, less readily adsorbed by filter charcoals. In addition, once adsorbed, there can be a marked tendency for the contaminant to desorb back into the air stream whilst the filter is being used. For this reason, these filters are single use only and must be replaced after each shift. The filters are marked AX and have a brown label.

EN372

This standard allows a filter to be specifically approved against a given substance. They are not common, as most applications are adequately covered by the other standards. The filters are marked SX and have a violet label, and will be marked with the substance of application.

EN146

This is the original standard for powered hoods and helmets for protection against particulates only. Three levels of protection are available: THP1, THP2 and THP3, the latter being the highest. This standard has now been superseded by EN12941.

EN12941

This is the standard for powered hoods and helmets and includes provision for protection against both particulates and gases/vapours. There are three protection classes - TH1, TH2, TH3. These devices rely, for their protection, on a constant flow of filtered air, provided by a battery powered fan, and offer no protection if the fan is not working. Filter types available, and combinations thereof, are P (particulate), A, B, E, K, AX, SX, Nox, HgP. It should be noted that not all combinations are available commercially (e.g. AX). The particulate filter efficiency is required to match the total protection of the system, so, filters will be marked TH1 P, TH2 P, TH3 P etc depending on which level of device they are approved with.

EN12942

The latest standard for power assisted facemask respirators. It includes provision for protection against both particulates and gases/vapours. The three protection classes are TM1, TM2 and TM3. These devices, which may include half masks or full facemasks, are termed "power assisted" since they will still offer protection equivalent to a standard negative pressure respirator if the power fails. Filter classifications follow the same pattern as for EN12941.

RISK ASSESSMENT

(1) PARTICULATES

Particulates include dusts (finely divided solid materials including fibres), mists (liquid droplets, aerosols), fumes (thermally generated solid particles generated in extreme high heat e.g. welding and certain combustion and chemical processes), bacteria and virus.

(2) GASES AND VAPOURS

Materials in the atmosphere in the molecular state. Vapour is the gaseous phase of a material normally liquid at room temperature. Some gases and vapours can enter the body through the skin in sufficient quantities to be toxic. However, usually the most important route of entry into the body is through the lungs, whose delicate lining can be permeated or temporarily or permanently damaged by toxic materials.

A risk assessment is normally a legal requirement, for instance under COSHH or other UK regulations or their international equivalents, where a hazard to health is likely. A risk assessment should always be written and kept on file and should show:

i. What is the hazard and what are its likely health effects?

Identify hazardous substances by scientific name and physical state.

ii. What risk is associated with this hazard?

This will entail assessing, and preferably measuring, airborne contamination levels, and comparing the results with acceptable limits. Acceptable limits may be set by statutory bodies (e.g. OES, MAK, TLV) or arrived at by considering likely health effects of exposure. Material safety data sheets should be consulted, paying particular attention to the assigned 'R' (Risk) phrases. Where the substance is gaseous, the volatility can be used to help with crude estimates of likely concentration. For dusty environments, a qualitative assessment of dustiness may be possible and helpful in identifying adequate RPDs.

iii. How do you control the risk to an acceptable level?

Options such as removing the source of hazard from the work area or applying engineering controls should always be implemented before resorting to an RPD.

If a respiratory device is chosen, it must:

- (a)** Fit
- (b)** Be compatible with the task
- (c)** Be compatible with other PPE worn
- (d)** Be suitable and adequate to control the risk (e.g. have sufficient protection, correct filters etc.)
- (e)** Be approved (e.g. CE marked)
- (f)** Be properly cleaned and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

These are legal requirements and all should be considered as part of the written assessment.

They are the responsibility of the employer, who must manage the respiratory protection programme. Of course, it is unlikely that an employer will have the necessary expertise to carry out these tasks and they will be seeking advice from Occupational Hygiene Consultants (particularly for workplace monitoring) and suppliers of chemicals, as well as safety equipment suppliers. Equipment suppliers must ensure that information they give on their products is accurate and assists users in making an informed choice in selecting appropriate products, but employers must realise the ultimate responsibility is with them.

HOW TO DECIDE IF A RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICE IS BOTH SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE FOR A GIVEN APPLICATION

A. SUITABILITY

A device is suitable if it provides appropriate protection for a given application. To do this it must:

- i. Fit the person to whom it is issued, taking into account, for instance whether they have a beard, spectacles etc.
- ii. Be capable of providing the appropriate protection (e.g. fitted with correct filters or be to the appropriate standard etc).
- iii. Be matched to the task, e.g. not hinder mobility or vision unduly, not impose undue physiological burden (particularly relevant for wearers with medical conditions, some of whom may not be capable of safely wearing RPE). The wearer must be capable of doing their job with minimum impedance from the device worn.
- iv. Be compatible with any other items of PPE worn, e.g. eye, face, hearing or skin protection, and not degrade the protection offered by any of these devices.
- v. Be not likely to cause or exacerbate heat strain – this is a significant risk where protective clothing is used in combination with respiratory protection.
- vi. Give sufficient duration for the application.

B. ADEQUACY

A Respiratory Protective Device is adequate if it provides a sufficient level of protection to reduce the exposure of the wearer to an acceptable level. To determine this, it is necessary to know the expected concentration of contaminant in the workplace, and calculate the minimum factor by which it must be reduced to reach an acceptable level.

It would be a matter of assessment in any given situation what constituted an acceptable level, but, in any case, this must be well below any applicable Exposure Limit (e.g. OES, MEL, MAK, TLV).

This minimum factor defines the minimum required Protection Factor of the RPD. Protection Factor is defined as:

$$\text{PF} = \frac{\text{Contaminant Concentration Outside The Mask}}{\text{Contaminant Concentration Inside The Mask}}$$

The Protection Factor of any given device is very much dependent on the level of leakage. Leakage can vary greatly depending on fit, flow rate (if applicable), training and motivation of wearer, temperature and humidity, application and many other influences. Historically, a Nominal Protection Factor (NPF) has been quoted for a given class of respirator, this being based on the minimum acceptable performance in laboratory tests.

It was thought that, since the laboratory tests were designed to provide a realistic assessment of the respirator leakage on actual human test subjects, and the number quoted was based on the minimum allowed performance, the NPF was a reasonable indicator of workplace performance. More recently, however, an increasing number of Workplace Protection Factor (WPF) Studies, carried out in real workplace situations, have indicated that, in many cases, this is not a realistic approach. Instead, a new system has been adopted in the UK whereby safer Assigned Protection Factors have been set. These APFs, contained in the revised standard BS4275, allow safety professionals to make a much safer assumption about the level of protection offered by a respirator.

The Assigned Protection Factors given overleaf are those which are used in the United Kingdom. The approach is a cautious one, and it would, therefore, seem appropriate that users outside the UK follow these guidelines also. The revision of European Guideline document CR529 is likely to follow a similar approach, although, to date, no European APFs have been set. There are, however, different Assigned Protection Factors published in Germany - ZH1/701 - Regeln für den Einsatz von Atemschutzgeräten by HVBG, and by NIOSH in the United States.

In all cases, to decide if a given respirator is adequate:

$$\text{Minimum required APF} = \frac{\text{Workplace Concentration}}{\text{Maximum Acceptable Exposure Concentration}}$$

PROTECTION FACTORS FOR COMMON RPD TYPES

Standard	Description	Class or Filter	Nominal PF	Assigned PF*
EN 149	Filtering facepieces for particulates	FFP1	4	4
		FFP2	12.5	10
		FFP3	50	20
EN 405	Filtering half masks for gases or particulates	FFGASxP1(*)	4	4
		FFGASxP2 (*)	12.5	10
		FFGASxP3 (*)	50	20
		(* for particulates) All, for gases	50	10
EN 140	Half mask	P1	4	4
		P2	12.5	10
		P3	50	20
		GAS	50	10
EN 136	Full facemask (all classes)	P2	17	10
		P3	1000	40
		GAS	2000	20
EN 12941	Powered hoods or helmets	TH1	10	10
		TH2	50	20
		TH3	500	40
EN 12942	Power assisted masks	TM1	20	10
		TM2	200	20
		TM3	2000	40
EN 1835	Light duty airline hood or helmet	LDH1	10	10
		LDH2	50	20
		LDH3	200	40
EN 12419	Light duty airline, full or half mask	LDM1	20	20
		LDM2	200	20
		LDM3	2000	40
EN 139	Compressed airline, full or half mask	C/w half mask	50	20
		C/w full mask Constant Flow	2000	40
		C/w full mask Negative pressure demand	2000	40
		C/w full mask Positive pressure demand	2000	2000
EN 270	Compressed airline breathing apparatus, c/w hood		200	40
	Compressed airline suit			200
EN	Fresh air hose breathing apparatus, c/w full			40
EN 137	Self-contained open circuit breathing apparatus	Negative pressure demand	2000	40
		Positive pressure demand	2000	2000

* According to BS4275 : 1997 and Revised

SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION DEVICE SELECTION

Some applications, by their nature, require special consideration to be given to Respiratory Selection. Some examples are discussed below.

A. BACTERIA AND VIRUS

Safe exposure standards have not been established for bacteria and virus and this gives rise to difficulty in deciding what level of protection is required. In general, high efficiency particle filters are required and these should be of a type approved for liquid aerosols.

Furthermore, to decide what class of respirator is appropriate, it is necessary to consider at least the following:

- (1) Proximity to contamination source
- (2) Level of ventilation/ dilution
- (3) Risk of contamination (e.g. by splash, from coughing etc)
- (4) Infectious dose of the organism, for example TB is very infectious, whereas HIV virus is much more difficult to transfer

If risk from all of these factors is ranked low, it is likely that an FFP3SL disposable or half mask with P3 filter would be adequate. For progressively higher risks, higher levels of RPD would be required. If the level of risk cannot be identified at least qualitatively, it would be unwise to consider using anything less than TH3 or TM3 powered respirators against bacteria and virus.

Products that are used against bacteria/virus must be effectively decontaminated after each use and filters etc must be disposed of as controlled waste after each use. Measures to control exposure at source should always be used in addition to RPE

B. ASBESTOS AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Deaths from asbestos related diseases are rising rapidly in most countries and it is probably the single largest respiratory killer after tobacco smoke. Asbestos exposure potentially affects many tradespeople in construction and maintenance industries e.g. plumbers, plasterers, joiners and electricians, as the use of asbestos in construction materials is not usually obvious to the untrained eye. Use of RPE fitted with effective particle filters is essential when working with asbestos-containing materials, and even this will not be adequate unless suitable measures are taken to ensure dust levels are minimised, e.g. damping down, isolation of the work area, and avoiding drilling, sawing and breaking asbestos based materials, where possible. In the UK, only licensed contractors who are properly trained and equipped for this specialised work, can carry out significant tasks with asbestos.

Where work (e.g. removal, demolition, construction) which is likely to give rise to asbestos dust is contemplated, minimum TM3 power assisted respirator or EN139 positive pressure demand breathing apparatus should be worn. According to national legislation, full measures for controlling dust at source should be used in combination with appropriate work enclosures and decontamination procedures.

The RPD maximum use concentrations advised are as follows (for all types of asbestos):

Suitable TM3 power assisted full facemask - 8 fibres/ml.

Suitable positive pressure demand full facemask Breathing Apparatus – 40 fibres/ml.*

**Note: No data showing the workplace protection factors for this type of device were available at the time of going to press. A cautious protection level has, therefore, been assigned.*

C. ISOCYANATES

There are several organic chemicals within the Isocyanates family and they are found in many industrial applications where two liquid components react to form a solid material. Examples are two-pack paints, insulation materials (e.g. cavity wall), polyurethanes and various coatings. Most of these materials are toxic and can provoke severe allergic reaction in sensitised individuals. Occupational Asthma is common in workers who have been exposed even to very low levels and there is a possibility some may be carcinogenic. For this reason Isocyanates have a very low exposure limit, and it is vital that exposures are kept as far as possible below this limit.

Although Isocyanate particulate and vapour is readily filtered by AP3 class filters, the substances have very poor warning properties, therefore, a worker may be unaware that their filter is exhausted and omit to replace it when necessary. For this reason, the only filtering respirators likely to be suitable for protection against Isocyanates are full facemasks with A2P3 canisters. These should only be used either for short term escape from a limited spillage or leak, or for short periods where the contaminant concentration is known to be less than 10 X the Exposure Limit (MEL in UK). For general exposures less than 10 X the Exposure Limit, suitable air fed equipment with an APF of at least 40 is generally preferred. For general exposures greater than this, positive pressure demand breathing apparatus should be used, possibly with an auxiliary A2P3 filter to allow transit to the airline connection point (if applicable).

Disposable filtering facepieces, half mask respirators and powered respirator systems are not ideally suited for the control of Isocyanate exposure, therefore, should not be used unless exposure levels have already been controlled at source to well below the control limit.

D. SOLVENTS

The term "solvent" includes a huge variety of organic liquids used in many applications, particularly paints, coatings, agricultural sprays and cleaning materials. Some are relatively innocuous, albeit sometimes with a fairly strong odour, while others are toxic, with possibility of permanent organ damage or carcinogenicity. Many solvents are relatively volatile organic liquids which can be filtered with A type filters. However, there are several commonly found substances, e.g. Acetone, Dichloromethane and Diethyl Ether which are so volatile they may require either an AX type single use filter or indeed may not be filterable at all.

It is vital in the assessment that the airborne concentrations of all solvents in any mix be determined and that the filter types are individually checked.

Because solvents are usually physically absorbed by charcoal filters rather than chemically absorbed, the volatility has a major effect on the filter performance. Also, being volatile, solvents can often be found in surprisingly high concentrations in a work area, meaning that filter life will be correspondingly short. For example, during a painting operation with a toluene based paint in a relatively small, poorly ventilated room, levels of toluene vapour were measured in excess of 500 ppm, meaning that a typical A1 filter cartridge would be unlikely to last more than 2 or 3 hours before saturation. The level of ventilation is vitally important here, since it is relatively easy with even very simple extraction or air management to reduce contaminant concentrations very significantly. Again, it is important that this is all properly assessed, as relying on taste or smell to determine filter life may not be safe. This is doubly important if powered respirators are being considered; although they are usually available with efficient vapour filters, the life of powered respirators is rather shorter, owing to the high airflow.

E. MATERIALS WITH NO SET EXPOSURE LIMIT

There may be substances for which there is not a statutory exposure limit; this is, for example, increasingly true of carcinogens. In these cases, it is usually necessary to set an internal control level, and unless there is good reason to do otherwise, this level will usually be the lowest detectable concentration using modern detection equipment. Some substances may not be easy to detect, and in these cases, the philosophy should always be to reduce exposure as far as is practical.

Generally, control at source of carcinogenic substances should be designed to achieve these low levels, with RPD used solely as a last resort. However, in this situation, it would still be advisable to select the highest protection RPD compatible with the task and the wearer(s).

F. WORKING IN CONFINED SPACES

Working in confined spaces requires special care and procedures.

Confined spaces are many and varied and commonly include spaces which:

- have restricted means of entry or exit;
- are not intended as a regular workplace;
- are at atmospheric pressure during occupancy;
- could have inadequate ventilation and/or an atmosphere which may become contaminated or oxygen deficient.

Hundreds of workers die worldwide every year working in confined spaces, pointing to the fact that this is an area that requires special care and training. Courses on working in confined spaces are run by many reputable training organisations. These, typically, last a week and cover the full spectrum of working in confined spaces; these notes are intended as an aide memo to fully trained operatives and do not represent a full and formal working protocol.

There are basically four types of risk when working in confined spaces; oxygen deficiency, explosive atmospheres, toxic vapours and gases and physical hazards.

Confined spaces occur in almost every industry. Examples include storage tanks, sewers, cold store rooms, vaults, ducts, boilers, basements, manholes and ships holds. An open ditch or open topped vault can become a "confined space" if air circulation is poor and gases, heavier than air, can accumulate at the bottom. A structure of irregular shape becomes a confined space if pockets of gas or vapour accumulate where air does not circulate.

THE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAMME

This guide is principally about selecting the correct Respiratory Protective Device for a given application. However, device selection is only one element of the total programme, which has little value unless it is properly managed.

The key elements of a successful respiratory programme are:

- (1) Risk Assessment
- (2) Control at Source
- (3) Device Selection, including fitting of devices to workers
- (4) Worker Training
- (5) Hygiene Facilities (e.g. decontamination)
- (6) Maintenance and checking of equipment
- (7) Monitoring, reassessing and corrective actions for programme shortcomings

Note that all the above also apply to engineering controls, where assessment, training, maintenance and monitoring are equally important in assuring programme success.

WORKER TRAINING

The following, as a minimum, should be covered as part of worker training:

- (1) Nature of the hazard, possible health effects, and the control measures to be used.
- (2) How to recognise faults in their respirator, where to report them, and where and how to obtain spares (if applicable).
- (3) If applicable, how to maintain the RPD, although it is nearly always preferable, except in very small companies, to have one person specially trained to maintain devices.
- (4) How to perform checks prior to use.
- (5) How to put the device on.
- (6) Any limitations to the use of the device which may be applicable (e.g. work areas, tasks etc where the device is not suitable).
- (7) How to take the device off, including any applicable decontamination procedures.
- (8) How and where to clean it.
- (9) Where to store it.
- (10) Practical exercises to ensure that the device is used correctly.

Training should be revised regularly in order to ensure workers remain proficient, and retraining may also be necessary where audits show incorrect worker practices.

SELECTING AND USING FILTERS

1. Fully identify the prevailing workplace hazards, checking the scientific names of the chemicals. Ensure that the state of the substance is known - Is it a gas, vapour or particle or, a mixture of these?
Special attention is needed if there are several substances that may interact, either by reacting chemically, or by having synergistic adverse health effects.
2. Check the filter type.
3. Estimate the likely atmospheric concentration. This is best done by measurement, and where this is possible, it is strongly recommended that a workplace survey is carried out. This is particularly important if the substance has long term health effects e.g. carcinogens, respiratory sensitisers, toxic metals.
Where measurement is not possible, an estimate should be made of the maximum likely concentration. Qualitative evaluation of dustiness, vapour volatility and the amount of material present can be very helpful if measurements are not available.

For Particulate hazards

- i. Choose a particle filter.
- ii. Ensure that it has the correct efficiency for the application and that it is correctly marked for the respirator (powered systems).
- iii. Ensure that the filter is new and undamaged. Check that it is suitable for liquid / mists / bacteria / virus / metal fume, as applicable.
- iv. Mark date and time of first use on the filter label or record separately if this is not convenient.
- v. Replace the filter when breathing resistance becomes noticeably higher or when a powered respirator fails the flow test.
- vi. If the filter has been used against toxic dusts, bacteria or virus, it is usual to dispose of it as controlled waste after each use.
- vii. Always replace a particulate filter after 6 months of use regardless of any of the above.

For Gas/Vapour Hazards

- i.** Choose the correct filter type.
- ii.** Ensure that it is new and undamaged and not time expired.
- iii.** Mark date and time of first use on the filter label or record separately if this is not convenient.
- iv.** Check duration with the manufacturer. This will require the atmospheric concentration to be known. Bear in mind that mixtures of substances can severely reduce filter life. Concentrations of all substances in the mix must be known.
- v.** Replace filters when calculated duration is reached.
- vi.** If the duration is not known, extreme caution should be exercised when using filters.
- vii.** If the substance is tasted or smelt, the filter must be replaced immediately. Subsequent filters should be used for no more than half the duration of the initial filter. Taste/Smell must not generally be used as an end of life indication.
- viii.** If the substance has poor warning properties (taste/smell) and the concentration is not known, then gas filters should not be used. Consider air supplied equipment.
- ix.** Do not use a gas filter which has been out of its packaging for more than six months, regardless of any of the above.

The above requirements should be read together for applications which require combination filters.

Chemical Name	Gross Chemical Formula	CAS Number	Normal State	Carcinogen	Unit of Measurement	OECD (8 hour TWA)	MEL (8 hour TWA)	KCL/H	Boling Point	Melting Point	Flash Point	Eye Irritant	Skin Irritant	Gas Filter	Particle Filter	Filter Colour
COAL TAR PITCH VOLATILES (AS CYCLOHEXANE SOLUBLES)	n/a		Solid	n/o	mg/m³						n/o	n/o	A	P3		
COBALT AND COMPOUNDS (AS CO)	Co	7440-48-4	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	MEL	0.10	20.0	2670.0	1455.0	n/o	n/o	A	P3	P	
COKE (COAL TAR)				YES									A	P		
MIXED COAL - HIGH TEMPERATURE PITCH				YES									A	P		
LOW TEMPERATURE NATURE HIGH TEMPERATURE PITCH				YES									A	P		
COPHORIC	as Robin's red solder (aromatic)												A	P		
COPPER, DUSTS AND MISTS	Cu	7440-50-8	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	1.00		100.0	256/0.7	1083.0	n/o	n/o	A	P3		
COPPER FLUKE	Cu	7440-50-8	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	0.20		100.0	267/0.7	1083.0	n/o	n/o	P3			
COTTON DUST	n/a		Solid	n/o	mg/m³	MEL	2.60/0	100.0			n/o	n/o	P2/P3			
CPE BOL'S (ALL ISOMERS)	C7 H8 O	1319-73-2	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	5.00		260.0	191.0	12.0	YES	YES	A	P3		
CPFS-STOBALITE	C7 Si	14828-60-7	Solid	YES	mg/m³	0.30		1000.0	1000.0	220.0	1723.0	n/o	n/o			
CRYOFLOURANE (INN)	C7 C2 F4	76-14-2	Gas	n/o	Bppm	1000.0	0.00	1500.0		54.0	n/o	n/o				
CRYSTALLINE SILICA, RESPIRABLE	as Cristobalite	14540-60-7	Solid	YES	mg/m³	0.30		1000.0	1000.0	1723.0	n/o	n/o	P		Use Airliner	
CUBANE	C9 H12	98-82-8	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	25.00		900.0	153.0	-96.0	35.50	YES	YES	A		
CYANAMIDE	C H2 N2	470-04-2	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	2.00			-140.0	42.0		YES	YES	A	P	
CYANIDES, EXCEPT HYDROGEN CYANIDE, CYANOGEN & CYANOGEN CHLORIDE (AS CN)	C-N	67-12-6	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	6.00					n/o	YES	B	P		
CYANOGEN	as Oxalocyanine															
CYANOGEN CHLORIDE	C Cl N	508-77-4	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	0.30		10.00	12.7	-5.0	n/o	n/o				
CYCLOHEXANE	C6 H12	110-80-7	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	100.00		1200.0	80.7	6.5	YES	YES				
CYCLOHEXANOL	C6 H10 O	108-63-0	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	50.00		400.0	161.1	26.1	n/o	n/o	A			
CYCLOHEXANONE	C6 H10 O	108-84-1	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	25.00		700.0	155.6	-45.0	43.00	NO	YES	A		
CYCLOHEXENE	C6 H10	110-33-6	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	300.00		2000.0	85.0	-103.5	20.00	NO	NO	A		
CYCLOHEXYLAMINE	C6 H15 N	108-61-8	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	10.00		300.0	134.5	-17.7	32.00	NO	YES	A		
CYCLONITE (RDX)	as Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine	121-82-4	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	1.50					n/o	YES	YES	P		
CYHEXATHI (TSO)	C18 H34 O S4	13121-70-5	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	5.00		80.0	277.3	195.0	n/o	n/o	n/o	P		
2,4-D (ISOC)																
DALE	as 2,7-dicyanovinylbenzene	2239-07-6	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	10.00		100.0	160.0	138.0	n/o	YES	YES	P3		
DCA	as 4,4'-Methylenediamine	131-27-0	Solid	YES	mg/m³	0.10		200.0	90.0	63.0	YES	YES	A	P3		
DCT	as 1,3,1,1-tetraoxo-1,3-butanediyl ethane	59-29-3	Solid	YES	mg/m³	100		110.0	109.0	72.2	YES	YES	A	P		
DNVP																
DODS	as Dodecaoxane	62-73-7	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	0.10		100.0	140.0	>25.4	n/o	YES	A	P3		
DRIFT	C8 H7 Cl O S Na		Solid	n/o	mg/m³	10.00					n/o	YES	YES	P		
DEBRIS, COMMERCIAL	as Methoxybuter	72-43-5	Solid	YES	mg/m³	10.00					n/o	NO	NO	P		
DIACETONE ALCOHOL	as Butanone	82-79-4	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	5.00		2500.0	246.0	165.0	YES	YES	A	P		
DI-ALKYL BI-PHTHALATE	as 4-Hydroxy-4-methylpentan-2-one	123-42-2	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	50.00		1800.0	164.0	-44.0	52.8	NO	NO	A		
DIAULITH PHthalate	C22-26 H34 O8-04	59-28-0	Gas	n/o	mg/m³	5.00					n/o	NO	NO	P3		
2,2-DIAMINODIETHYLAMINE	C14 H18 O4	131-17-9	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	1.00					n/o	NO	NO	P3		
4,4-DIAMINODIETHYLIMIDAMINE	C14 H16 N2 O2 Cl H7	120-57-0	Solid	YES	mg/m³	MEL	0.10									
1,2-DIAMINOETHANE	N2 H6 C2	102-15-3	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	10.00		1000.0	116.0							
DIAMMONIUM PEROXODISULFATE (MEASURED AS HS2-08)	N2 H8 S2 Cr	7277-54-0	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	1.00								P3		
o-DIANISIDINE	2,2'-C6H4-C6H4-N2	192-30-4	Solid	YES												
o-DIANISIDINE SALTS	Various		Solid	YES												
DIASSENE TRIOXIDE	A-53-00		Solid	n/o	mg/m³	1.20		3000.0	2200.0	1700.0	NO	NO	NO	P		
DIATOMACEOUS EARTH, NATURAL RESPIRABLE DUST	S-02	60886-64-9	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	0.10										
DIACONEPTHEXANE	C12 H21 N2 O3 P S	333-41-5	Liquid	n/o	mg/m³	5.00										
DI-BENZENANTHRAcene	C22 H14	68866-93-2	Solid	YES	mg/m³	5.00										
DI-BENZOYL FEBONIC ACID	C14 H16 O4	54-35-0	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	5.00		1500.0	104.0	80	YES	YES	A	P		
DI-BIS(MUTTHITELLURIDE), SELENIUM DOPED	Bi2 Te3	1924-82-1	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	1.00					573.0	YES	YES	P3		
DI-CBANE	Hg B2	7227-48-7	Gas	n/o	Bppm	0.10										
DI-CHIRON TRICLODE	Bd O3	1308-00-2	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	10.00		2000.0	1800.0	450.0	NO	NO	NO	P3		
DI-BROMOM	as Naled	200-76-5	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	3.00		200.0		27.0	YES	YES	A	P3		
1,1-DIBROMOMETHYL DIBROMOSILANE	Bz C3 H5 Cl	56-13-8	Liquid	YES	mg/m³	0.10										
1,2-DIBROMO-2-ZINCCHLORIDE THIYLIC ETHYL PHOSPHATE	C4 H7 Br2 Cl4 P	300-76-5	Solid	n/o	mg/m³	3.00		200.0	200.0	27.0	YES	YES	A	P		
1,2-DIBROMOFLUOROMETHANE	C Br2 F2	75-61-6	Liquid	n/o	Bppm	100.00										
1,2-DIBROMOCYCLOPENTANE, ETHER-LIKE (DIBROMOCYCLOPENTANE)	Bz C3 H5 Cl4	196-53-4	Liquid	YES	mg/m³	MEL	0.50									

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2,4,6-TRINITROTOLUENE	C7 H8 N3 O6	113-86-7	Solid	No	mg/m3	0.50	500.0	240.0	80.1	yes	no	yes	yes	P		
TRIPHENYL PHOSPHATE	C18 H15 O4 P	115-26-6	Solid	No	mg/m3	3.00	1000.0	413.3	46.0	220	no	no	A	P	Brown	
TRIPOLY PHOSPHATE DUST	Si O2		Solid	No	mg/m3	MEL	@300C			no	no	no	A	P3	Brown	
TRI-O-TOVAL PHOSPHATE	C21 H21 O4 P	78-39-8	Liquid	No	mg/m3	0.10	40.0	410.0	11.0	225	no	no	A	P3	Brown	
TUNGSTEN & COMPOUNDS (AS W) (SOLUBLE)	C21 H21 O4 W	7460-33-7	Solid	No	mg/m3	100	500.0	500.0	3410.0	yes	yes	yes	P			
TURPENTINE	C10 H16 (Liquor)	3006-64-2	Liquid	No	ppm	100.00	900.0	160.0	-50.0	35.00	yes	yes	A	P		
URANIUM COMPOUNDS, NATURAL, SOLUBLE (AS U)	U	240-61-1	Solid	Yes	mg/m3	0.20			3618.0	1132.5	yes	yes	yes	P2		
URETHANE (HN)	H2-nH2C2O2		Solid	Yes	mg/m3				46.0				A	P3	Brown	
VANADYL PENTOXIDE	Bis-Diethyldiamine pentoxide	121-46-1	Solid	No	mg/m3	MEL	0.05	35.0	1750.0	690.0	yes	yes	yes	P		
VINYL ACETATE	C4 H6 D2	108-05-4	Liquid	No	ppm	10.00			25.0	-93.0	-8.00	yes	yes	A		
VINYL BENZENE	Ba S2r-one	100-42-6	Liquid	No	ppm	MEL	100,000	700.0	145.2	-30.6	31.00	yes	yes	A		
VINYLYL CHLORIDE (CHLORO-1-PHENYLENE)	C2 H3 Cl	75-61-4	Gaseous	Yes	ppm	MEL	7000		-1.8	no	no	yes	yes	MX		
VINYLYL CHLORIDE	C1 H2 Cl2	25-35-4	Liquid	Yes	ppm	MEL	10,000		31.7	-110.3	-110.3	yes	yes	MX	P2	
VINYL TOLUENES, ALL ISOMERS	as Methylbenzenes	25010-15-4	Liquid	No	ppm	100.00	400.0	170.6	-26.2	52.8	yes	yes	A			
WATERFALL (HSI)																
WELDING FLAME		C18 H16 O4	81-81-2	Solid	No	mg/m3	0.10		100.0	Dust	161.0	no	no	no	P	
WHITE SPURIT		n/a	8002-41-3	Liquid	No	mg/m3	5.00				no	no	no	P2		
WOOD DUST (NATURAL WOOD)		n/a		Solid	No	ppm	100.00		140-180	<-40	25-22	yes	yes	A		
WOOD DUST (SOFT WOOD)		n/a		Solid	No	mg/m3	MEL	5,000			yes	yes	yes	P		
WOOL PROCESS DUST		n/a		Solid	No	mg/m3	MEL	10,000			yes	yes	yes	P2/P3		
XYLOENE (ALL ISOMERS)	C8 H10	1230-20-7	Liquid	No	ppm	100.00			130.0	-48.0	yes	yes	A	AK		
XYLOLINE, ALL ISOMERS	C8 H11 N	1360-73-8	Liquid	No	ppm	2.00			50.0	211.0	-36.0	96.7	no	no	AK	
YTTRIUM	Y	7440-65-5	Solid	No	mg/m3	1.00			500.0	29210	1500.0	yes	no	P		
ZINC CHLORIDE FUME		C12 Zn	7946-86-7	Solid	No	mg/m3	1.00		50.0	731.0	223.9	yes	yes	P		
ZINC CHROMATES (INC. ZINC POTASSIUM CHROMATE)		Zn Cr O4 , Zn Cr2 O4 , Zn Cr2 O7		YES											R	
ZINC DISTEARATE (FISH OIL DUST)		C36 H59 O4 2n	1557-05-1	Solid	No	mg/m3	4.00				130.0	276.3	yes	yes	P	
ZINC OXIDE FLAME		Zn O	1514-19-2	Solid	No	mg/m3	5.00				1935.0	no	no	P		
ZIRCONIUM COMPOUNDS (AS Zr)		Zr	2440-63-7	Solid	No	mg/m3	5.00				18510	35732	yes	yes	P	

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