BASIC RESPIRATOR CARE AND USE



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A MEDICAL EVALUATION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO A FIT TEST.

MEDICAL EVALUATION AND FIT TEST MUST BE CONDUCTED ANNUALLY.

RESPIRATOR SELECTION



CLEANING

CONSULT WITH RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY TO ENSURE YOUR RESPIRATOR IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE JOB.

FOLLOW MANUFACTURER APPROVED CLEANING PROCESS.



AVOID ALCOHOL BASED CLEANERS.

IF THE JOB INVOLVES SOLID PARTICULATE MATTER: WEAR A RESPIRATOR WITH A PARTICULATE FILTER



STORAGE

STORE IN A CLEAN, BREATHABLE CONTAINER (SUCH AS A PAPER BAG)

IF THE JOB INVOLVES GASES OR VAPORS: WEAR AN AIR PURIFYING RESPIRATOR OR AN ATMOSPHERE-SUPPLYING RESPIRATOR

STORE YOUR RESPIRATOR AWAY FROM

- SUNLIGHT
- DUST
- EXTREME TEMPERATURES
- MOISTURE
- DAMAGING CHEMICALS



IF THE JOB INVOLVES UNKNOWN HAZARDS: WEAR A SUPPLIED-AIR RESPIRATOR OR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS



CHECK SEAL BEFORE EACH USE



CHECK THAT YOUR RESPIRATOR IS PROPERLY SEALED TO YOUR FACE.



COVER THE INLET VALVES AND GENTLY INHALE
- THE MASK SHOULD COLLAPSE SLIGHTLY



CLOSE THE OUTLET VALVE AND GENTLY EXHALE
- THE MASK SHOULD BULGE SLIGHTLY



CHECK THAT THE RESPIRATOR STAYS IN PLACE WHEN MOVING YOUR HEAD OR TALKING



CHECK FOR PINCHING AROUND THE EARS AND NOSE AND KNOW HOW TO SECURE THE STRAPS CORRECTLY

INSPECT BEFORE EACH USE



- VALVES ARE SECURE, CLEAN,
 & OPERATIONAL.
- FACE PIECE, STRAPS, BREATHING TUBES
 & AIR HOSES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.
- FILTERS, CARTRIDGES, OR CANISTERS, ARE INTACT AND WITHIN SERVICE LIFE.

DO NOT USE A FAULTY RESPIRATOR!

