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USER ADVISORY NOTICE

3M™ GVP Cartridges:

GVP-401, GVP-402, GVP-403, GVP-404, GVP-405, GVP-441/07196, GVP-442, GVP-443, GVP-444 and GVP-445

Dear Valued 3M Customer:

Isolated incidents of carbon particles leaking out of new and used GVP cartridges have been reported recently in the field. In response to these reports, 3M performed an audit of the manufacturing process. Results of this audit revealed a small percentage of inadequate sonic welds on the retaining web in GVP cartridges. Production procedures have been modified to address this situation.

To ensure our customers are provided with the highest quality product we recommend the following;

Inspection Procedure:

1. Prior to use, visually inspect the top inlet slots and bottom threaded area of the cartridges for carbon particles.
2. Shake the cartridge and listen for anything loose inside the cartridge.
3. Gently tap the cartridge on a firm surface and then shake the cartridge over a light colored surface.

If you hear anything during the shaking or see any loose dark particles inside or falling out of the cartridge, do not use it and contact 3M Occupational Health & Environmental Safety Technical Service at 1-800-243-4630..

3M regrets any inconvenience this may cause, and remains committed to providing only the highest quality products for our customers. Please contact our Technical Service representatives at the number provided above if you have any questions or require further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Martinez".

Mike Martinez
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