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**New! Speedglas Welding Helmet with Graphics from 3M**

*– Simple-to-Use, High Quality Auto-Darkening Welding Filters –*

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – Feb. 2, 2009 –Today, 3M introduced the 3M™ Speedglas™ 100 Welding Helmet and Welding Filter Series. The new Speedglas 100 is available in a wide range of graphic patterns that will allow end-users a choice to express their personality. The Speedglas 100 helmet will also be available in the standard black version. The easy-to-use Speedglas 100 is an ideal auto-darkening welding helmet for hobby welders, farmers, DIY types, and maintenance or construction workers who weld occasionally and want quality when using an auto-darkening welding filter..

The Speedglas 100 helmet offers an extraordinary price/performance ratio from a leading manufacturer of auto-darkening welding helmets. The highly-affordable Speedglas 100 welding filter has excellent optical quality, reliable arc detection, and can be used with most arc welding processes, such as Stick, MIG, and many TIG applications.

The Speedglas 100 helmet is available with three different auto-darkening filters. The Speedglas 100V has five user-selectable dark shades, from shade 8 to shade 12, with a light shade of 3 and will be available with graphic patterns and standard black helmet offerings. The Speedglas 100V also has three sensitivity settings: a normal setting used for most types of welding (both indoors and outdoors), a setting for when other welders are working nearby, and a setting for stable arc (e.g. TIG) welding. The Speedglas 100S-10 and 100S-11 have fixed dark shades of 10 and 11, respectively, and a light shade of 3 and will only be available in the standard black helmet. Optional accessories for the Speedglas 100 include ear and neck protection, a magnifying lens holder, magnifying lenses in four strengths and a variety of sweatbands.

**About 3M**

A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M's core strength is applying its more than 40 distinct technology platforms – often in combination – to a wide array of customer needs. With \$24 billion in sales, 3M employs 79,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 60 countries. For more information, visit [www.3M.com](http://www.3M.com).

3M Occupational Health & Environmental Safety offers a wider variety of welding personal protective equipment than any other company. Its range of products includes Speedglas™ auto-darkening welding filters and Adflo™ respiratory protection equipment, as well as 3M's full spectrum of health and safety products. Additional information is available at [www.Speedglas.com](http://www.Speedglas.com). And [3M.com/occsafety](http://3M.com/occsafety)

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