

**PRODUCT DISCONTINUATION NOTICE  
And  
PRODUCT REPLACEMENT NOTICE**

September 18, 2015

Dear Valued Customer:

Over the past five years, we have been pleased to introduce you to a new range of Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) headtops, breathing tubes and motor/blower assemblies under our 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator Systems brand. We believe that these new products provide enhanced performance and comfort when compared to the products they are intended to replace. Now that 3M has new products available, we are proceeding to discontinue some older, redundant products.

Please note that 3M continues to support our valued, existing PAPR customers by providing many key PAPR consumable items for up to 3 years. Details are provided in the following pages, regarding which components remain available.

3M's team of sales and technical service professionals stand ready to assist your exploration and discovery of the many benefits of our new products. The following pages also highlight specific 3M Versaflo PAPRs that may be appropriate as a direct replacement for your existing 3M PAPR system, depending on your application. Our team is ready to help you discover and implement use of the Versaflo products that best meet your business objectives.

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## Section 1: Summary of Changes

This page provides a quick summary of highlights; please refer to the main body of this letter for details.

- 1) 3M Versaflo TR-600 Series PAPRs were launched in January 2015. The TR-600 series products replace the non-intrinsically safe configurations of GVP and Breathe Easy PAPRs. Please refer to sections 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b for details.
- 2) 3M GVP Series PAPRs
  - a) GVP PAPR Assemblies (Non-intrinsically safe) are discontinued immediately.
    - i) Discontinued assemblies include: GVP-1NiMH, GVP-CBNiMH and GVP-1UNiMH
    - ii) The discontinued assemblies are those that include Battery BP-15 and Charger BC-210.
    - iii) Customers who have GVP systems can continue to use them.
    - iv) Please refer to section 2a.
  - b) GVP PAPR Assemblies (Intrinsically safe) remain available.
    - i) Available assemblies include: GVP-1, GVP-CB and GVP-1U.
    - ii) Available assemblies are those that utilize Battery GVP-111 and Charger GVP-112.
    - iii) Please refer to section 2b.
  - c) Battery Charger BC-210 is discontinued immediately due to an unforeseen and irrecoverable interruption with our supplier. Please refer to sections 2a, 2c and 3a for details.
  - d) Customers who already own a GVP PAPR can continue to use them. Many GVP PAPR key consumables remain available to support ongoing use of existing GVP systems. Details are provided in Section 2d.
- 3) 3M Breathe Easy Series PAPRs
  - a) Breathe Easy PAPR Assembly 520-15-00 is discontinued. Please refer to Section 3a.
  - b) Breathe Easy PAPR Assembly 520-17-00 remains available. Please refer to Section 3b.

**Section 2a: 3M GVP – Series Non-Intrinsically Safe, Industrial PAPR Systems**

3M GVP series PAPRs may be described in many ways based on various attributes and components. One common way of segmenting this product range, is according to their rating for use in areas that have the potential for fire or explosion based on the presence of flammable or combustible gases, vapors or dusts. From this perspective, GVP systems have been sold in two configurations:

- a) Non-intrinsically safe systems and
- b) Intrinsically safe systems.




This section refers specifically to the non-intrinsically safe versions of GVP series PAPRs; section 1b of this notice will address the intrinsically safe configurations of the GVP series PAPRs.

3M’s Versaflo TR-600 series PAPRs are a direct replacement for GVP series PAPRs that are non-intrinsically safe. The TR-600 series PAPR product range was launched in January, 2015 and now, 9 months later, it is time to initiate the discontinuation of the older, non-intrinsically safe, GVP products.

As noted earlier, 3M appreciates and continues to support existing customers who are using the affected PAPRs by making key consumable parts available for up to 3 years. Please refer to section 1d for confirmation of available GVP system components.

The following GVP Series, non-intrinsically safe PAPR systems are discontinued immediately.

Table 1: Discontinued 3M GVP Series PAPR Assemblies

3M SKU/ UPC	3M Part Number	Key Components	Image
70-0714-0186-6 00051131985322	GVP-1NiMH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor Blower GVP-100,</li> <li>• Battery Pack BP-15,</li> <li>• Battery Charger BC-210,</li> <li>• Power Cord GVP-210,</li> <li>• Waist Belt GVP-127</li> </ul>	
70-0714-0187-4 00051131985339	GVP-1UNiMH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor Blower GVP-100,</li> <li>• Battery Pack BP-15,</li> <li>• Battery Charger BC-210,</li> <li>• Power Cord GVP-210,</li> <li>• ‘Easy Clean’ Belt GVP-117,</li> </ul>	
70-0714-0188-2 00051131985346	GVP-CBNiMH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor Blower GVP-100,</li> <li>• Battery Pack BP-15,</li> <li>• Battery Charger BC-210,</li> <li>• Power Cord GVP-210,</li> <li>• Comfort Belt GVP-CB</li> </ul>	

Section 2a: 3M GVP – Series Non-Intrinsically Safe, Industrial PAPR Systems (continued)

The TR-600 PAPR assembly that most closely replaces a GVP system depends on whether the PAPR is being used with a particulate filter or a cartridge, and the type of belt. Table 2 highlights the TR-600 series PAPR assembly that best replaces GVP systems, when those GVP PAPRs were used with particulate filter GVP-440. These systems feature the smaller, lighter and less expensive ‘standard capacity’ battery TR-630.

Table 2: Alternative Systems for GVP PAPRs used with Particulate Filter GVP-440













Current Configuration		Recommended Alternative Configuration	
	GVP-1NiMH	3M™ Versaflo™ TR-613N PAPR Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Capacity Battery,</li> <li>• BT-30 Breathing Tube,</li> <li>• ‘Heavy Duty’ Belt</li> </ul>	
	GVP-CBNiMH	Also required: 3M™ Versaflo™ Single Station Battery Charger TR-641N/37350 (AAD)	
	GVP-1UNiMH	3M™ Versaflo™ TR-614N PAPR Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Capacity Battery,</li> <li>• BT-30 Breathing Tube,</li> <li>• ‘Easy Clean’ Belt</li> </ul> Also required: 3M™ Versaflo™ Single Station Battery Charger TR-641N/37350 (AAD)	

Table 3 highlights TR-600 series PAPRs that best replace a GVP PAPR assembly that is used with a combination particulate filter with gas/vapor cartridge, such as GVP-441 or GVP-443. Please note that the TR-600 PAPR assemblies shown in Table 3 may also be used in place of the GVP systems shown in Table 2 if the high capacity battery is preferred.

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Table 3: Alternative Systems for GVP PAPRs used with Combination Cartridges




Current Configuration		Recommended Alternative Configuration	
	GVP-1NiMH	3M™ Versaflo™ TR-616N PAPR Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Capacity Battery,</li> <li>• BT-30 Breathing Tube,</li> <li>• ‘Heavy Duty’ Belt</li> </ul>	
	GVP-CBNiMH	Also required: 3M™ Versaflo™ Single Station Battery Charger TR-641N/37350 (AAD)	
	GVP-1UNiMH	3M™ Versaflo™ TR-617N/37342(AAD) PAPR Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Capacity Battery,</li> <li>• BT-30 Breathing Tube,</li> <li>• ‘Easy Clean’ Belt</li> </ul> Also required: 3M™ Versaflo™ Single Station Battery Charger TR-641N/37350 (AAD)	

Section 2b: 3M GVP – Intrinsically Safe, Industrial PAPR Systems

3M GVP series PAPRs may be described in many ways based on various attributes and components. One common way of segmenting this product range, is according to their rating for use in areas that have the potential for fire or explosion based on the presence of flammable or combustible gases, vapors or dusts. From this perspective, GVP systems have been sold in two configurations: a) Non-intrinsically safe systems and b) Intrinsically safe systems. This section (2) refers specifically to the intrinsically safe versions of GVP series PAPRs; section 1 of this notice addressed the non-intrinsically safe configurations of the GVP series PAPRs.

The following GVP Series, intrinsically safe PAPR systems remain available.

Table 4: GVP Series PAPRs that Remain Available

3M SKU/ UPC	3M Part Number	3M Description	Image
70-0705-1555-9 00051138291969	GVP-1	Key components in this assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor Blower GVP-100,</li> <li>• Battery Pack GVP-111,</li> <li>• Battery Charger GVP-112,</li> <li>• Power Cord GVP-110</li> <li>• Waist Belt GVP-127,</li> <li>• Flow Meter GVP-113,</li> <li>• Blower Plug GVP-115</li> </ul>	
70-0706-1129-1 00051138462277	GVP-1U	Key components in this assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor Blower GVP-100,</li> <li>• Battery Pack GVP-111,</li> <li>• Battery Charger GVP-112,</li> <li>• Power Cord GVP-110</li> <li>• ‘Easy Clean’ Belt GVP-117,</li> <li>• Flow Meter GVP-113,</li> <li>• Blower Plug GVP-115</li> </ul>	
70-0710-4291-8 00051131527720	GVP-CB	Key components in this assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor Blower GVP-100,</li> <li>• Battery Pack GVP-111,</li> <li>• Battery Charger GVP-112,</li> <li>• Power Cord GVP-110</li> <li>• Comfort Belt GVP-CB,</li> <li>• Flow Meter GVP-113,</li> <li>• Blower Plug GVP-115</li> </ul>	

Section 2c: 3M GVP – Specific Component Discontinuations

Earlier this summer, we experienced a unforeseen supply disruption of the 3M™ Smart Battery Charger BC-210. We have worked with the supplier and sought to qualify an alternative – to no avail. Therefore, 3M is not able to provide BC-210 Battery Chargers moving forward.

Due to the discontinuation of Battery Charger BC-210 and related PAPR assemblies (Section 1 of this message), 3M is pre-announcing the availability timeline for Power Cord GVP-210 as shown in Table 5

Certain cartridges, listed in Table 5, are discontinued due to low demand.

Table 5: Specific GVP Series PAPR Component Discontinuations

SAP SKU	Legacy SKU / UPC Number	Part Number	Description	Discontinuation Timeline*
7000126947	70071401890 00051131985353	GVP-200	Upgrade Kit	Discontinued Immediately
7000126552	70071094695 00051131917149	BC-210	Battery charger for Battery BP-15	Discontinued Immediately
7000126097	70070515658 50051138292169	GVP-401	Organic Vapor Cartridge	January 29th, 2016
7000126098	70070515666 50051138292176	GVP-402	Acid Gas Cartridge	January 29th, 2016
7000126099	70070515674 50051138292183	GVP-403	Organic Vapor / Acid Gas Cartridge	January 29th, 2016
7000126104	70070517928 50051138293500	GVP-404	Ammonia Cartridge	January 29th, 2016
7000126105	70070517936 50051138293517	GVP-405	Formaldehyde Cartridge	January 29th, 2016
7000126948	70071401908 000511331985360	GVP-210	Power Cord for GVP/BP-15	December 31st, 2017

\*3M reserves the right to alter product availability timelines for reasons including, but not limited to, supply disruptions or significantly reduced market demand.

Section 2d: Confirmation of Component Availability

We appreciate our customers and want to reassure you that key assemblies, consumable items such as our most popular cartridges, and key repair parts remain available\*.

Table 6: GVP Series Assemblies and Components that Remain Available\*

Category	Part Number	Description	Legacy SKU	SAP SKU
PAPR Assembly	GVP-1	GVP-1 PAPR ASSEMBLY	70070515450	7000042863
PAPR Assembly	GVP-1U	GVP-1U PAPR ASSEMBLY	70070611291	7000126157
PAPR Assembly	GVP-CB	GVP-CB PAPR ASSEMBLY	70071042918	7000126511
PAPR Assembly	GVP-PSK2	GVP-PSK2/37335(AAD) PAPR ASSEMBLY	70071562303	7000127695
PAPR Component	BP-15	BP-15 BATTERY PACK, NiMH	70071094182	7000126551
PAPR Component	GVP-110	GVP-110 POWER CORD	70070515567	7000126092
PAPR Component	GVP-111	GVP-111 BATTERY PACK, NiCD	70070515575	7000029616
PAPR Component	GVP-112	GVP-112 BATTERY CHARGER	70070515583	7000126093
PAPR Component	GVP-113	GVP-113 FLOW METER	70070515591	7000126094
PAPR Component	GVP-117	GVP-117 URETHANE WAIST BELT	70070515765	7000126101
PAPR Component	GVP-122	GVP-122 BREATHING TUBE	70070515633	7000051925
PAPR Component	GVP-123	GVP-123 BREATHING TUBE	70070515641	7000029617
PAPR Component	GVP-127	GVP-127/07152(AAD) WAIST BELT WEB	70070610145	7000126154
PAPR Component	GVP-210	GVP-210 POWER CORD	70071401908	7000126948
PAPR Component	GVP-440	GVP-440 HEPA FILTER	70070515682	7000029618
PAPR Component	GVP-441	GVP-441 ORG VAPOR/HEPA CARTRIDGE	70070515690	7000029619
PAPR Component	GVP-442	GVP-442 ACID GAS/HEPA CARTRIDGE	70070515708	7000126100
PAPR Component	GVP-443	GVP-443 ORG VAP/ACID GAS/HEPA CARTRIDGE	70070515716	7000029620
PAPR Component	GVP-444	GVP-444 AMMONIA/HEPA CARTRIDGE	70070517944	7000126106
PAPR Component	GVP-445	GVP-445 FORMALDEHYDE/HEPA CARTRIDGE	70070517951	7000126107
Replacement Part	GVP-100	GVP-100 MOTOR BLOWER	70070515559	7000126091
Replacement Part	GVP-101	GVP-101 MOTOR BLOW GASKET	70070516375	7000126103
Accessory	GVP-114	GVP-114 FILTER COVER	70070515609	7000126095
Accessory	GVP-115	GVP-115 BLOWER PLUG 5 MOTOR BLOWER	70070515617	7000126096
Accessory	GVP-119	GVP-119 SHOWER COVER	70070757052	7000126223
Accessory	GVP-146	GVP-146 SPARK ARREST COVER	70071092442	7000126529

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**Section 3a: 3M Breathe Easy™ – Series Non-Intrinsically Safe, Industrial PAPR Systems**

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As noted earlier, 3M appreciates and continues to support existing customers who are using the affected PAPRs by making most key consumable parts available for up to 3 years.

The following Breathe Easy Series, non-intrinsically safe PAPR system is discontinued immediately.



Table 7: Discontinued 3M Breathe Easy Series PAPR Assemblies

3M SKU/ UPC	3M Part Number	3M Description	Image
70-0708-8927-7 00051138728373	520-15-00	Key components in this assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor/Blower 002-00-03R01</li> <li>• Battery Pack BP-15</li> <li>• Belt 520-02-90R01</li> <li>• Airflow Indicator 520-01-21</li> </ul>	

**Section 3a: 3M Breathe Easy™ – Series Non-Intrinsically Safe, Industrial PAPR System (continued)**

The TR-600 PAPR assembly that most closely replaces a Breathe Easy is identified in Table 8 below.

Table 8: Alternative Systems for Breathe Easy PAPR


Current Configuration		Recommended Alternative Configuration	
	<p>Breathe Easy Turbo Belt-Mounted Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) Assembly, Respiratory Protection 520-15-00, NiMH 1/Cs</p>	<p>3M™ Versaflo™ TR-616N PAPR Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Capacity Battery,</li> <li>• BT-30 Breathing Tube,</li> <li>• Heavy Duty Belt</li> </ul> <p>Also required: 3M™ Versaflo™ Single Station Battery Charger TR-641N/37350 (AAD)</p>	

Section 3b: 3M Breathe Easy – Intrinsically Safe, Industrial PAPR Systems

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The Breathe Easy Series, intrinsically safe PAPR system identified in Table 9 remains available.

Table 9: Breathe Easy Series PAPRs that Remain Available

3M SKU/ UPC	3M Part Number	3M Description	Image
70-0708-8928-5 00051138728380	520-17-00	Key components in this assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor/Blower 002-00-03R01</li> <li>• Battery Pack BP-17 I.S.</li> <li>• Belt 520-02-90R01</li> <li>• Airflow Indicator 520-01-21</li> </ul>	

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