



Product Discontinuation and Transition Plan Announcement

3M™ Air-Mate™ Belt Mounted High Efficiency Powered Air Purifying Respirators

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Dear Valued Customers

The intent of this document is to communicate a discontinuation of the 3M™ Air-Mate™ Belt Mounted High Efficiency Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR) in the United States. It also communicates actions 3M is taking to help transition customers managing 3M™ Air-Mate™ Hood BE-10 and 3M™ Air-Mate™ Hood BE-12 (white) replacement hood inventories to 3M™ Versaflo™ Powered Air Purifying Respirator Hoods.

As part of ongoing efforts to simplify and improve our long term product offering, **3M is discontinuing the 3M™ Air-Mate™ Belt Mounted High Efficiency Powered Air Purifying Respirator systems. 3M will take orders on the full systems and assemblies through June 30, 2017. After that date, only replacement parts and accessories will be available for purchase; these replacement parts and accessories will be available through June 30, 2019, or until supply is depleted.**

Since 2011, 3M has introduced both the TR-300 and TR-600 series products from the 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator Systems line. These systems are both potential replacement options for the 3M Air-Mate product line that you may wish to consider. Note, at this time the 3M™ Versaflo™ Powered Air Purifying Respirator TR-300 is limited to altitudes less than 2600 feet.

Although the 3M Air-Mate Hood BE-10 and 3M Air-Mate Hood BE-12 (white) were not originally submitted to NIOSH for use with the TR-300 and TR-600 series 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator Systems, **3M has now submitted these hoods and the BE-224 breathing tube to NIOSH for approval when used with the previously referenced Versaflo powered air purifying respirator systems.** Once approved, customers will have the option to use these white replacement hoods and BE-224 breathing tubes with TR-300 and TR-600 Series Versaflo powered air purifying respirators.

3M will take orders on the full Air-Mate PAPR systems and assemblies through June 30, 2017. After that date, only replacement parts and accessories will be available for purchase. These replacement parts and accessories will be available through June 30, 2019 or until supply is depleted. The BE-Series hoods and the BE-224 breathing tube will continue to be available for the near term; however, customers should consider 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator Hood S-Series and 3M™ Breathing Tube BT-Series once stockpile hood inventories are depleted.

Discontinued Items:

Product Name	Product Number	Stock Number
AMH-1U with Vinyl Belt-Mounted High Efficiency System	AMH-1U	70-0714-0371-4
AMH-12U with Vinyl Belt-Mounted High Efficiency System	AMH-12U	70-0714-0572-7
231-01-30 with Belt-Mounted High Efficiency Assembly	231-01-30	70-0708-8926-9
231-01-30U with Vinyl Belt-Mounted High Efficiency Assembly	231-01-30U	70-0714-0372-2

Suggested Replacement Product for Consideration:

Product Name	Product Number	Stock Number
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-300 Healthcare Kit (Small Hood)	TR-300-HKS	70-0715-6549-6
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-300 Healthcare Kit (Large Hood)	TR-300-HKL	70-0715-6550-4
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-600 Healthcare Kit (Small hood)	TR-600-HKS	70-0716-7554-3
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-600 Healthcare Kit (Large Hood)	TR-600-HKL	70-0716-7556-8
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-614 Healthcare Assembly	TR-614-HK	70-0716-7557-6
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-300 Easy Clean Kit	TR-300-ECK	70-0715-6372-3
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-300 Light Industry Kit	TR-300-LIK	70-0716-7378-7
3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-300 Heavy Industry Kit	TR-300-HIK	70-0715-6373-1

Should you have any questions, please contact your respective 3M Personal Safety Division Sales Representative.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is 3M discontinuing the 3M™ Air-Mate™ Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)?

- As part of ongoing efforts to help protect workers against respiratory hazards, 3M introduced the 3M™ Versaflo™ Respiratory Systems starting in 2011. These systems are 3M's forward PAPR platform and are replacements to the 3M™ Air-Mate™ Respirator Systems product line.

Can I still get Air-Mate PAPRs today?

- Yes. However, 3M will discontinue the full PAPR kits and assemblies starting June 30, 2017. After that date, all parts and accessories will remain fully available for the next two years, or until supply is depleted. After that time, parts and accessories will no longer be available.

When does 3M expect to receive NIOSH approval on the BE-10 and BE-12 submission?

- Respirator manufacturers are not provided with estimated dates for receiving a final response from NIOSH. 3M appreciates their timely attention to our submissions and is hoping to receive a response mid-2017.

Does this approval submission include the BE-10BR rubber butyl hood for use 3M™ Versaflo™ Powered Air Purifying Respirators?

- No. The BE-10BR hood is used for respiratory protection from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazards and is part of the 3M™ Breathe Easy™ Powered Air Purifying Respirator system only.

3M recently published a product advisory for the BE-10BR rubber butyl hood. Does that announcement play a role in the 3M™ Air-Mate™ Respirator System discontinuation?

- No, 3M intended to phase out the Air-Mate respirator systems in late-2014. During that time, the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) announced new guidelines for treating patients with the Ebola virus. This created a spike in demand, thus delaying the discontinuation. The BE-10BR is used for emergency preparedness applications and is approved for use with 3M™ Breathe Easy™ Powered Air Purifying Respirators. The Breathe Easy respirator system continues to be readily available.



How do these new approvals help healthcare customers address Ebola Preparedness?

- In response to the change in CDC guidelines, many US hospitals and healthcare locations created stockpile inventories of the BE-10 and BE-12 white replacement hoods. Initially, these hoods were only approved on 3M™ Air-Mate™ Belt Mounted High Efficiency Powered Air Purifying Respirators. By approving these hoods to the TR-300 and TR-600 series 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator Systems, users will not have to dispose of their inventory in order to upgrade to a Versaflo respirator system.

Do the BE-10 and BE-12 white replacement hoods have a shelf life, or use by date?

- 3M does not have a currently established shelf life on these hoods; however the fabric manufacturer states five years from time of manufacturing.

How long will the BE-Series white replacement hoods be available?

- 3M does ongoing portfolio reviews and recognizes the redundancy of the BE-Series white replacement hoods with the 3M™ Versaflo™ S-Series Hoods. Although there is no immediate communication to discontinue the BE-Series hoods, customers should transition to the S-Series hoods once BE-10 and BE-12 hood stockpiles are depleted.

What's are the main differences between the TR-300 and TR-600 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator Systems?

- The 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-300 Series is a PAPR that features one high efficiency particulate filter and one air flow setting. The recommended operating altitude range of the TR-300 is approximately sea level to 2600 feet (800 meters). For use in elevations outside this range contact 3M Technical Service.
- The 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator System TR-600 Series offers a high efficiency particulate filter as well as multiple gas and vapor cartridges. It has three air flow settings and can be fully submerged for disinfecting and decontaminating (when used with the cleaning and storage plugs). The recommended operating altitude range is -328 feet (-100 meters) to 16404 feet (5000 meters). For use in elevations outside this range contact 3M Technical Service.
- Contact your 3M Personal Safety Division sale representative for more details.



Are there any 3M promotions for transitioning to the TR-300 or TR-600 series 3M™ Versaflo™ Respirator Systems?

- Yes, 3M offers up to a \$200 trade in allowance that is processed back through your distributor. Please see your 3M Personal Safety Division sales representative for further details.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?

- Please consider the following contacts for questions:
 - 3M Technical Service U.S. at 1-800-243-4630
 - 3M Customer Service at 1-800-328-1667
 - Your local 3M Personal Safety Division sales representative