

# Look for the CSA certification mark

## **Understanding CSA Group certification**

#### Who is CSA Group?

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CSA Group is one of the largest standards development organizations in North America, conducting research and developing standards for a broad range of technologies and functional areas. CSA Group is also a global provider of testing, inspection and certification services for products in many market sectors, and a leader in safety and environmental certification for Canada and the U.S. The CSA mark appears on billions of products worldwide.

CSA Group publishes a variety of different standards related to personal protective equipment. CSA Z94.3-15 covers Eye and Face Protectors including safety glasses, safety goggles, welding helmets and face shields.

## Why test products to the CSA standard?

All CSA Group certified products go through rigorous testing to help ensure they are safe. This gives employers more confidence in giving workers products that have been certified to the highest Canadian standards.

In addition to a higher safety standard and increased confidence in a safety product's efficacy, workplace and safety regulations often require workers to be protected with products tested to CSA Group standards.<sup>\*</sup>

## Changes to Standard Z94.3

In December 2015, the eighth edition of CSA Z94.3 Eye and Face Protectors was published and the deadline for recertification to the new standard was September 1, 2017. In order to maintain products as certified to the CSA Group standard, previously certified products are required to undergo testing to be certified to the new, 2015 standard.

## Language around "Certified" vs. "Meets"

When a product is CSA Group Certified the product will be labeled with the CSA certification mark.

In order to be considered "Certified" to the CSA Group standard, the testing and evaluation must be done by CSA Group or in a testing lab that is qualified and audited on a routine basis by CSA. When a product "Meets" CSA Group standards, CSA has not reviewed the testing data or certified the product. All 3M<sup>™</sup> Safety Eyewear is CSA Group certified to the new standard including our popular 3M<sup>™</sup> Speedglas<sup>™</sup> Welding Helmets 9100 Series and 9002NC.



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When a product has been tested and approved by CSA Group it is required to bear the CSA certification mark on at least one component of the equipment.

To verify your safety products are CSA Group certified look for the certification mark or visit the <u>CSA Group website</u> to see the list of currently updated products.

http://www.csagroup.org/services-industries/product-listing





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