

How to inspect, clean and store 3M™ Reusable Respirators



Inspection

- ▶ Respirator must be inspected before each use; repair or dispose of it if damaged or defective
- ▶ Check the face seal for cracks, tears and dirt
- ▶ Examine the inhalation valves for distortion, cracking or tearing
- ▶ Check that the headstraps are intact and have good elasticity
- ▶ Examine all plastic parts and gaskets for cracking and fatigue
- ▶ Examine exhalation valve for cracks, tear, distortion, etc; replace valve if necessary
- ▶ Check lens for signs of cracking or damage; replace if necessary

Do not enter a contaminated area while wearing a damaged or defective respirator.



Cleaning and storage

Cleaning is recommended after each use.

- ▶ Remove cartridges, filters and/or breathing tubes
- ▶ Remove centre adapter, lens and face seal, if necessary
- ▶ Clean facepiece by immersing it in warm cleaning solution
- ▶ Scrub with a soft bristle brush until clean
- ▶ Water temperature must not exceed 49° C (120° F)
- ▶ Disinfect facepiece by soaking in a solution of quaternary ammonia disinfectant, sodium hypochlorite or household bleach
- ▶ Rinse in fresh, warm water and air dry in a non-contaminated atmosphere
- ▶ Place clean, dry respirator in a clean bag and store away from the contaminated area when not in use
- ▶ 3M™ Respirator Cleaning Wipes can be used for interim cleaning but must not be the only cleaning method in place

