

COUNTERFEIT ALERT – NOT A PRODUCT RECALL

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Dear Valued Customer,

Recently, we have received reports of fraud related to the following standard respirator models:

- 3M™ Particulate Respirator 8210 (N95)
- 3M™ Particulate Respirator 8210Plus (N95)
- 3M™ Aura™ Particulate Respirator 9205+ (N95)
- 3M™ Aura™ Particulate Respirator 9210+ (N95).¹

These have included reports of fake/counterfeit product as well as fraudulent offers where product is offered but not delivered. We have been working with law enforcement to get counterfeit respirators off the market.

With regard to these standard respirator models, we have identified counterfeit product bearing the following Lot Codes:

	Lot Codes
Model 8210	0100, 1A1C070, 5100, 15251, 16095, 17284, 39218, 49032, 49082, 49260, AAC078, A1C078, A10062, A12199, A13091, A14098, A15251, A15365, A16074, A17284, A18193, A18199, A19226, A19264, A19274, A19289, A19290, A19309, A20016, A20027, A20031, A20043, A20286, B15060, C19021, D17076, D20135, D20146, D20170, D20179, D20341, D21218, R10335, R16123, R17012, R18291, R19067, R19144, R20020, R20085, R20169, R20194
Model 8210Plus	A19255
Model 9205+	A211079, C190241, R203125
Model 9210+	C162016, C190241

Please note that there may be counterfeit product with Lot Codes not listed here, and that additional Lot Codes may be added over time.

If you possess respirators bearing one of these Lot Codes, please immediately assess the way in which you acquired those products. If you purchased them from a seller that is not a 3M authorized distributor, then there is a significant risk that they are counterfeit and should not be used. We strongly recommend that 3M respirators be purchased only through 3M authorized distributors, or through existing contracting vehicles (i.e., Federal Supply Schedules), as this will provide the greatest assurance of receiving authentic product.

3M does not use a circular “Peru Seal” or other similar seals (examples at right). Respirators bearing these seals are counterfeit.

Beware of fraudulent emails purporting to be from “noreply@mmm.com”.

A number of 3M respirators, including the model 8210 and 9210+, are equipped with the 3M™ Safe Guard™ Product Authentication Process. This allows you to verify if the product you have is authentic. Visit the 3M Safe Guard Authentication website (https://www.3m.com/3M/en_US/worker-health-safety-us/3m-safeguard/) for authentication instructions.



¹For surgical respirator models, please see the following 3M Counterfeit Alert: <https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/19347480/3m-counterfeit-communication-letter.pdf>

On the bottom of each authentic box of 3M respirators equipped with 3M Safe Guard are two codes: a Secure Code and a Lot Code. Both are needed to validate the product. You will receive a green check mark if you have a valid secure code combination. If you receive any other message during the authentication check, then **please contact our anti-fraud hotline** (1-800-426-8688 in the U.S.) **with any questions or concerns.**

In light of these developments, please be aware of – and on guard against – the increased risk of fraud and counterfeit related to the standard respirator models identified above, particularly in connection with transactions involving third parties that are not 3M authorized distributors. We strongly recommend that 3M respirators be purchased only through 3M authorized distributors, or through existing contracting vehicles (i.e., Federal Supply Schedules), as this will provide the greatest assurance of receiving authentic product.

Also note that all 3M model 8210 respirators imported into the United States from any other country are likely to be counterfeit. 3M is not currently importing this respirator model into the United States.

Please contact our anti-fraud hotline at 1-800-426-8688 or [3M.com/covidfraud](https://www.3m.com/covidfraud):

- If you are considering an offer for product that raises one or more of these concerns,
- If you have purchased product from a seller who is not a 3M authorized distributor, or that raises one or more of these concerns, and want to authenticate the product,
- To verify whether a seller who is offering or has sold you these products is a 3M authorized distributor, or
- If you have any other questions about model 8210, 9205+ or 9210+ respirators or other 3M respiratory protection products.

You can also find more information, including tips to help identify counterfeit respirators and hotline contact numbers in additional countries, on our website at [3M.com/covidfraud](https://www.3m.com/covidfraud).

Thank you for your continued support.

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