

**COUNTERFEIT ALERT – NOT A PRODUCT RECALL**

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Dear Valued 3M Customer,

Recently, we have been receiving increasing reports of fraud related to the following three 3M surgical respirator models:

- 3M™ Health Care Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1860;
- 3M™ Health Care Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1860S; and
- 3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870+.



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. These enforcement actions have resulted in the seizure of millions of counterfeit model 1860, 1860S, and 1870+ surgical respirators.

In evaluating offers for these respirators, please consider some common signs of counterfeit:

- All 3M model 1860, 1860S, and 1870+ respirators imported into the United States from any other country are likely to be counterfeit. 3M is not currently importing these respirator models into the United States. If you have been offered these models coming from outside the United States, they should be viewed as counterfeit.
- All 3M model 1860, 1860S, and 1870+ respirators exported from China/Hong Kong should be viewed as counterfeit. We do not manufacture these respirators in China/Hong Kong.
- Do not rely on TUV, SGS, or similar certification reports. All shipments of 3M model 1860, 1860S, and 1870+ respirators accompanied by a TUV, SGS, or similar certification report are likely counterfeit.
- 3M does not use a “Peru Seal” or other similar seals (examples at right). Respirators bearing these seals are likely counterfeit.



With regard to model 1860, 1860S, and 1870+ surgical respirators, we have identified counterfeit product bearing the following Lot Codes:

	Lot Codes
Model 1860	B15180, B18077, B19022, B19029, B19063, B19206, B19240, B19130, B19133, B19155, B19161, B19206, B19267, B19314, B19345, B19355, B20010, B20011, B20013, B20014, B20016, B20018, B20019, B20020, B20021, B20022, B20025, B20035, B20060, B20100, B20119, B20132, B20134, B20150, B20174, B20183, B20235, B20237, B20245, B20266, B20281, B20322, B20351, B20670, B20679, B21013, B21021, B21041, B27233, R12216, R15236, R19333, R20008, R20025, R20051, R20102, R20138, R20144, R20150, R20155, R20183, R20190, R20265, R20271, R20294, R20328, R21036, R30868
Model 1860S	B19155, B19791, B20020, B20522, B20541, B20659, B20670, B20679, B20791, R20522, R20545, R20641
Model 1870+	C192331, C193041, C190241, C193361, C200771, C200221



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.

**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 1860, 1860S, or 1870+ surgical respirators or other 3M respiratory protection products.

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

Thank you for your continued support.