

Product Advisory Notice

November 2023,

Dear Valued Customer,

We are notifying our customers in the UK about an update to protection factors stated on the packaging of the 3M™ Maintenance Free Reusable Respirator 4000+ Series models:

Description	3M SAP ID
3M™ Maintenance Free Reusable Respirator, FFA2P3 R D, 4255+	7100113101
3M™ Maintenance Free Reusable Respirator, FFABE1P3 R D, 4277+	7100113102
3M™ Maintenance Free Reusable Respirator, FFABEK1P3 R D, 4279+	7100113103
3M™ Maintenance Free Reusable Respirator, FFA2P3 R D, 06942+	7100113100

This change does not affect the protection offered by these products because the product design and manufacturing process is not changing.

The quality and the efficiency of all facepieces is unchanged and they continue to meet EN405:2001 + A1:2009 and a historical particulate protection factor of 50.

The aim of this packaging update is to align the 3M™ Maintenance Free Reusable Respirator 4000+ Series **particulate** protection factors stated on the packaging to the UK Assigned Protection Factors (APFs) stated in the EN 529: 2005 Guidance Document. Equivalent APFs are also used in Ireland. The APF stated on the packaging for **particulate** protection was 20 and is now being updated to 10. The APF stated on the packaging for **gas and vapour** protection remains at 10. Sales of the above products have been put on hold until this packaging update is complete. It is anticipated that the above products with updated packaging will enter 3M distribution networks before the end of 2023.

Actions for 3M Channel Partners:

- Please send the attached [User Advisory Notice](#) to customers who have purchased one or more of the 3M 4000+ models detailed since October 2020.
- Please update your product catalogues and website to reflect the updated Protection Factors. Please download the relevant 3M product information package here [Personal Safety - General Catalogue - en_GB \(salsify.com\)](#)

3M always strives to provide the highest quality of information about its products and apologises if this update causes any inconvenience. If you have any questions regarding this notice or would like more information on Protection Factors, please contact your local 3M representative or *3M Personal Safety Helpline (0870 60 800 60 United Kingdom / 1 800 320 500 Ireland)*.

Yours faithfully,
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Appendix A – Potential alternatives to 3M™ 4000+ series models that are currently on hold.

Options for combined Gas & Vapour and Particulate protection or Particulate-Only protection:

Choose a Reusable Half Mask*:

3M SAP ID	Product Description
7100020699	3M™ Reusable Half Mask, 6501QL (Small)
7100018994	3M™ Reusable Half Mask, 6502QL (Medium)
7100018995	3M™ Reusable Half Mask, 6503QL (Large)

*You could also consider the 3M™ Reusable Half Mask 6000 Series or 7500 Series

Together with one of the following filter options:

Potential Alternative For...	SAP ID	Product Description
4255+ FFA2P3 3M SAP ID: 7100113101 OR 06942+ FFA2P3 3M SAP ID: 7100113100	Use all of the below;	
	7000034749	3M™ Organic Vapour Filters, A2, 6055
	7000037675	3M™ Particulate Filters, P3, 5935
	7100066103	3M™ Filter Retainer, 501
4277+ FFABE1P3 3M SAP ID: 7100113102	Use all of the below;	
	7100006000	3M™ Gas & Vapour Filters, ABE1, 6057
	7000037675	3M™ Particulate Filters, P3, 5935
	7100066103	3M™ Filter Retainer, 501
4279+ FFABEK1P3 3M SAP ID: 7100113103	Use all of the below;	
	7000034747	3M™ Gas & Vapour Filters, ABEK1, 6059
	7000037675	3M™ Particulate Filters, P3, 5935
	7100066103	3M™ Filter Retainer, 501
Particulate only alternative for all 4000+ models above	7100240628	3M™ Particulate Filters, P3, 2135

This information has been provided to help you compare the filters. It is intended as general guidance, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the employer to select the most appropriate filter based on a full risk assessment. Please consult the product technical datasheets or contact your 3M representative for more information on the product performance and limitations before selection and use.

Other options for particulate-only protection:

Please consider:

1. An FFP3 Particulate Respirator:

3M SAP ID	Product Description
7100134314	3M™ Aura™ Particulate Respirator, FFP3, Valved, 9332+Gen3
7100258913	3M™ Aura™ Particulate Respirator, FFP3, Valved, 9332+

2. 3M™ Secure Click™ Reusable Half Mask with P3 Filters:

Choose a Reusable Half Mask*:

3M SAP ID	Product Description
7100172006	3M™ Secure Click™ Reusable Half Mask, HF-801SD (Small)
7100171980	3M™ Secure Click™ Reusable Half Mask, HF-802SD (Medium)
7100172005	3M™ Secure Click™ Reusable Half Mask, HF-803SD (Large)

Together with this filter:

3M SAP ID	Product Description
7100197284	3M™ Secure Click™ Particulate Filters, P3, D3135

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