

Know your hazard:

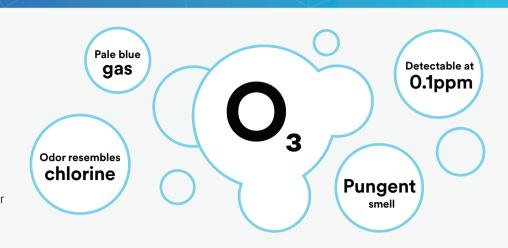
Ozone

What is Ozone?

Ozone, or trioxygen, is an inorganic molecule with the chemical formula O₃.

It is a pale blue gas with a distinctively pungent smell resembling chlorine.

Many people can detect ozone in the air at concentrations as low as 0.1 ppm.



Where is Ozone used?

Ozone plays an important role in various industrial processes. According to the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health[^] (NIOSH), ozone is utilised in:







Air purification



Drinking water treatment



Industrial wastewater treatment



Bleaching



Oils



Waxes



Produce other chemicals

Harmful effects of Ozone exposure

Exposure to ozone can lead to several health observations, including:

Irritation in:

can lead to:





Upset

stomach





Shortness



of breath damage



How can one protect



Ensure proper ventilation in workspaces.

Use personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed.





Monitor ozone levels regularly.

Follow safety guidelines and protocols for handling ozone.



Chronic exposure can cause:

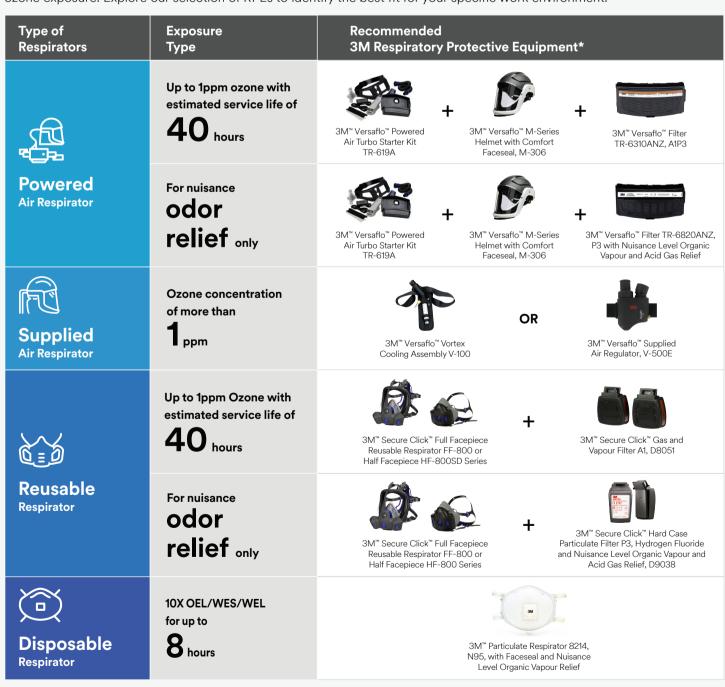
Higher concentrations



Headache

What RPE does 3M recommend for Ozone protection?

3M provides a comprehensive range of respiratory protective equipment (RPE) designed to safeguard your team from ozone exposure. Explore our selection of RPEs to identify the best fit for your specific work environment.



*If using these filters or cartridges for ozone and additional gas/vapour/particulate hazards, consult appropriate product User Instructions for additional guidance on time use limitations. This is only a recommendation for minimum PPE required. Each work application must be evaluated by a competent person as required by local laws and regulations for the hazard and risk before selection of the right PPE. Workplace rules and regulations must take precedence, if more stringent. ^https://www.cdc.gov/niosh

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