

# Know your hazard: Liquid Industrial Paints

## What are liquid industrial paints?

Liquid industrial paints are of two types, water-based and solvent-based. They are distinguished on the basis of amount of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) content present in them.

### Water-based or emulsion paints



### Solvent-based or oil-based/alkyd paints



## Sources of exposure to liquid industrial paints

Workers can be exposed to harmful effects of paints while:



Brushing or rolling



Application by spray



Using cleaning agents and reducing agents on paints

## Harmful effects of using solvent-based or oil-based/alkyd paints

Exposure risk to solvent-based paints increases because of their composition that includes reducing agents and clean-up solvents. Certain solvent-based paints include isocyanates, a class of chemical compounds.

Exposure to isocyanates can cause:



Skin irritation



Chest tightness



Difficulty in breathing



Adverse effect to respiratory tract



Sensitisation to isocyanates\*

## How can one protect against it?

In order to reduce exposure and risks to workers, you can:



Get Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE).












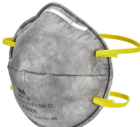

Conduct risk assessment to compare exposure levels with limits.



Implement engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation (LEV).

## What RPE does 3M recommend for protection against liquid industrial paint?

3M offers respiratory protection equipment designed for different types of paint, whether water-based or solvent-based, and the specific airborne contaminants.

Type of Respirators	Recommended 3M Respiratory Protective Equipment**				
<div></div> <div>Powered Air Respirator</div>	<div></div> <div>3M™ Versaflo™ Powered Air Purifying Respirator Starter Kit, TR-619E</div>	+	<div></div> <div>3M™ Versaflo™ ABE2K1HgP Filter TR-6580E for TR-600 PAPR</div>	+	<div></div> <div>3M™ Versaflo™ Replacement Painter's Hood with Inner Shroud S-707-10</div>
<div></div> <div>Supplied Air Respirator</div>	<div></div> <div>3M™ Versaflo™ Vortex Cooling Assembly V-100</div>	+	<div></div> <div>3M™ Versaflo™ Replacement Painter's Hood with Inner Shroud S-707-10</div>		
<div></div> <div>Reusable Respirator</div>	<div></div> <div>3M™ Secure Click™ Full Facepiece Reusable Respirator FF-800 or Half Facepiece HF-800 Series</div>	+	<div></div> <div>3M™ Secure Click™ Multi-Gas/Vapor Cartridge D8006</div>		
<div></div> <div>Disposable Respirator</div>	<div></div> <div>3M™ Particulate Respirator 9913, P1, with Nuisance Level Organic Vapor Relief</div>		<div></div> <div>3M™ Particulate Respirator 9542V, KN95/P2, with Valve and Nuisance Level Organic Vapor Relief</div>		

\*It is estimated that 5% - 20% of workers can become sensitised to isocyanates. Sensitisation is the body's allergy-like response to a substance that has been inhaled or touched by a susceptible individual.

\*\*This is only recommendation for minimum PPE required. Each work application must be evaluated by a competent person as required by local law and regulation for the hazard and risk before selection of right PPE. Workplace rules and regulations must take precedent, if more stringent.



### REQUEST A DEMO

To know which respiratory protection is best suited for your work environment, scan the QR code.



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