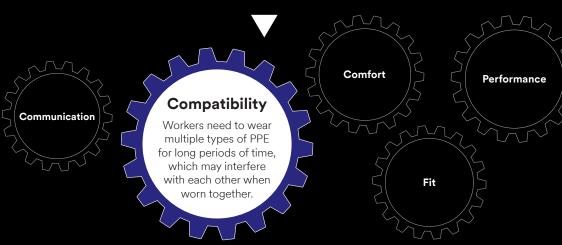


Workers don't just encounter hazards one at a time. PPE is most effective when worn 100% of the time exposed. With the **3M Integrated Protection Program**\*, our PPE technologies and services work together to help encourage consistent use by addressing key worker needs. Start by asking: **Why might workers not wear their PPE 100% of the time exposed?** 



How can we help encourage wear time?



By selecting PPE technologies designed to help fit a wide variety of workers, and fit testing to ensure PPE works together.

It's time to change the way we look at PPE: from many distinct categories to one comprehensive program

# Working together for compatibility.

## How can PPE that works together help improve performance?

From fogging eyewear to interrupted communications, when PPE doesn't work together, it can interfere with the job at hand. Not only that, but effective protection can drop when an article of PPE is removed.

For PPE to provide adequate protection, it must fit properly and be comfortable to wear for a whole work shift – including while wearing multiple types of PPE.

### How can you help ensure PPE compatibility?

- Consider how PPE fits the individual
- Offer a mix of sizes or models
- Verify combinations of PPE work together for each worker by completing fit testing while wearing all the appropriate PPE

overlaps, how can you help minimize points of interference?

When PPE



- ✓ Fit
- ✓ Form
- ✓ Function

**Case in point:** Protective eyewear can affect the seal of earmuff cushions – and without a proper seal, external noise may bypass hearing protection.

\*Representative of a potential PPE combination. To ensure that any combination of products works together, please conduct fit testing of respiratory, hearing and eye protection while wearing all necessary PPE.

# Work with 3M to help reduce the challenges of wearing multiple types of PPE together.

3M Integrated Protection Program\*

How can we encourage workers to wear all their required PPE, all shift long? Consider the 3M Integrated Protection Program\*, a holistic approach to PPE. It includes options that work together to help address hazards, all backed by best practices for fit and 50+ years of the Science of Safety.

#### 3M technologies that can help address PPE compatibility

- Flat, flexible temple design of 3M<sup>™</sup> SecureFit<sup>™</sup> Protective Eyewear combines well with earmuffs and minimizes interference with the earmuff cushion seal
- 3M™ Pressure Diffusion Temple Technology adjustable ratcheting temples help improve the positioning of the eyewear when worn with half-facepiece respirators
- Scotchgard<sup>™</sup> Protective Coating helps reduce eyewear fogging
- Low-profile respirators designed to fit under a variety of faceshields and welding helmets
- Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) systems fully integrated head, face, eye, respirator and hearing protection
- Hard hat adaptors tested to allow welding shields to connect with both climbing style and traditional hard hats



Learn how protective eyewear can affect the seal of hearing protection devices and how compatible design can help minimize attenuation loss.

Download the study results

Consider these potential PPE options\* to help encourage 100% wear time.



Powered and supplied air







Protective communications



Eye protection



















Head protection

Helmet attached earmuffs

## Schedule a Fit Academy session

This interactive workshop provides valuable information on respiratory, hearing, eye and fall protection fit assessments, PPE comfort and fit selection options, and best practices to help your health and safety program.



Contact your 3M representative to learn about suggested PPE options to help meet your needs.

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