

# 3M™ Tie-on Surgical Mask

## Commonly Asked Questions

**Question:**

What is the difference in construction between the 1816 and 1818 masks?

**Answer:**

Both the 1816 and 1818 masks are three layer masks with non-woven polypropylene filter webs. The design and dimension differences between the 1816 and 1818 are:

- 1818 is wider
- pleating pattern is different
  - with the pleats folded, the 1816 appears longer
  - with the pleats UNFOLDED, the 1818 is longer
- 1816 ties are vertical; 1818 ties are horizontal
- 1816 ties are longer than those on the 1818

**Question:**

Why do some masks smell?

**Answer:**

Many synthetic materials tend to pick up odors to which they are exposed. Face masks can pick up odors in any place they are stored, from the manufacturing facility to central supply in the healthcare facilities.

**Question:**

Do these products contain latex?

**Answer:**

No, 3M 1818 and 1818FS Tie-On Surgical Masks do not contain either natural rubber latex or dry natural rubber as components in the product.



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