



Product Update Notification

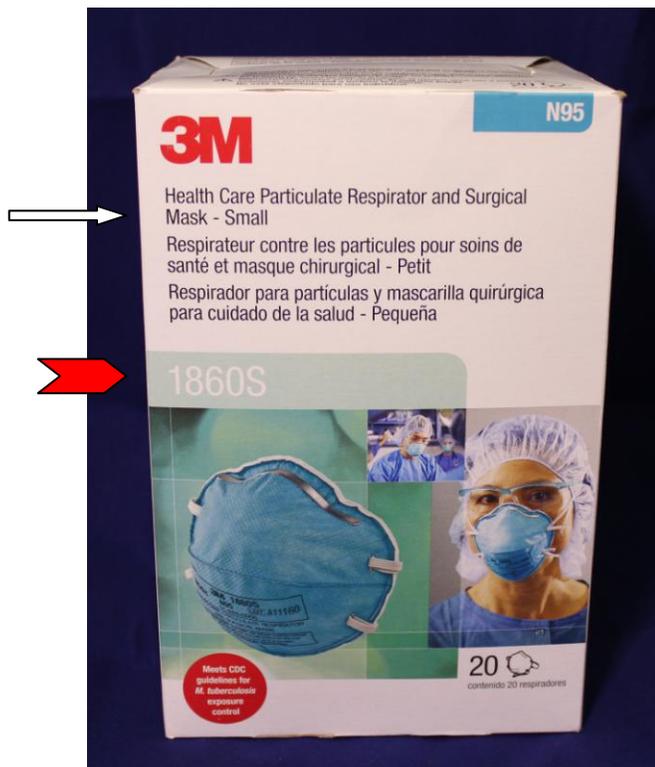
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Re: 1860/1860S Package Appearance and Shelf Life Markings

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to notify you of recent changes in the outer packaging (box) appearance for 3M™ Health Care Particulate Respirators and Surgical Masks 1860 and 1860S. Please note that the products themselves have not changed. The packaging was updated for marketing purposes and to address shelf life markings. The photos below show the front panel of the new packaging for the 1860S (small) and the 1860 (regular).

1860S (Small)



1860 (Regular)



Shelf life markings

3M has been in the process of establishing a shelf life for our healthcare filtering facepiece respirators. Traditionally the life cycle of these respirators commonly used in health care workplace applications, from date of manufacture to use by the customer, has been short in duration as they are disposable. However, with the increased attention to respirator stockpiling, many customers have requested information on storage conditions and shelf life. The shelf life determination for each respirator model is product specific, based on material components and

testing and takes into consideration the respirator as a system. We have recently completed testing and data collection on the 3M 1860/1860S and based on the evaluation, a 5 year shelf-life has been established when respirators are stored in their original packaging within climatic conditions ranging from -4°F (-20°C) to +86°F (+30°C) and not exceeding 80% RH.

Here is an example of how the storage conditions and shelf life will be depicted in the Instructions for Use and on the side of the primary box respectively (this is an example only):

When stored in original packaging between temperatures from -4°F (-20°C) to +86°F (+30°C) and not exceeding 80% RH, the respirator may be used until the date specified on packaging located next to the "Use by Date" symbol.

 = Use by Date

Package marking example



These packaging appearance and marking changes have been initiated, but there will be a period of time when both former and new packages will be in the field. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Health Care Customer Helpline at 1-800-228-3957.

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