

3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate Respirators 1872V+ and 1873V+

Technical Data Sheet

Description

The 3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate Respirator 1873+ provides effective respiratory protection for use in medical environments where health care workers will be exposed to airborne dust particles, non-volatile liquid particles and bio-aerosols.

Materials

The following materials are used in the production of the 3M™ Aura™ health care particulate respirators:

Component	Material
Straps	Polyisoprene
Staples	Steel
Nose Foam	Polyurethane
Nose Clip	Aluminium
Filter	Polypropylene
Valve	Polypropylene
Valve Diaphragm	Polyisoprene

This product does not contain components made from natural rubber latex.

Maximum mass of product = 15 g

Key Features

- Tested EN 149:2001+A1:2009 “Respiratory protective devices – Filtering half masks to protect against particles – Requirements, testing, marking”.
- CE approved to the Personal Protective Equipment Regulation
- Foldable, 3-panel design
- Low breathing resistance filter technology gives effective filtration with low breathing resistance for consistent high quality performance
- Sculpted nose panel helps conform to the nose and contours of the face and helps to improve compatibility with 3M eyewear
- Innovative chin tab designed for ease of positioning, donning and adjustment
- Individual hygienic packaging protects the respirator from contamination before use
- Large, soft nose foam is comfortable on the skin
- Headbands accommodate the shape of your neck, face and head.
- Coloured headbands for easy identification: blue for FFP2 and red for FFP3

Product Range



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Standards

EN 149:2001+A1:2009

These products meet the requirements of European Standard EN 149:2001 + A1:2009, filtering facepiece respirators for use against particles. They should be used to protect the wearer from solid and non-volatile liquid particles only.

Products are classified by filtering efficiency and maximum total inward leakage performance (FFP1, FFP2 and FFP3), also by usability and clogging resistance.

Performance tests in this standard include filter penetration; extended exposure (loading) test; flammability; breathing resistance and total inward leakage. Reusable products are also subjected to cleaning, storage and mandatory clogging resistance tests (clogging is optional for non reusable products). A full copy of EN 149:2001+A1:2009 can be purchased from your national standards body.

Designations:

R = Reusable

NR = Non reusable (single shift use only)

D = Meets the clogging resistance requirements

Approvals

These products are CE Marked to the requirements of Community Directive 89/686/EEC or European Regulation (EU) 2016/425. The applicable legislation can be determined by reviewing the Certificate and Declaration of Conformity at <http://www.3M.com/Respiratory/certs>

These products do not meet the requirements of the European Community Directive 93/42/EEC

Applications

These respirators are suitable for use in concentrations of solid and non-volatile liquid particles up to the following limits:

Model	EN 14683 Classification	Exhalation Valve	APF*
1872+	FFP2 NR D	Yes	10
1873+	FFP3 NR D	Yes	20

*APF + Assigned Protection Factor. Figures taken from EN 529:2005 for the UK. Other countries may use different protection factors. Please consult local legislation.

Respiratory protection is only effective if it is correctly selected, fitted and worn throughout the time when the wearer is exposed to hazards.

Fitting Instructions

Before fitting device, ensure hands are clean. All respirator components should be inspected for damage prior to each use.

1. With reverse side up, separate top and bottom panels to form a cup shape.
2. Ensure both panels are fully unfolded.
3. Cup respirator in one hand with open side towards face. Take both straps in other hand. Hold respirator under chin, with nosepiece up, and pull straps over head.
4. Locate the upper strap across the crown of the head and the lower strap below the ears. Straps must not be twisted. Adjust top and bottom panels for a comfortable fit, ensuring panels are not folded in.
5. Using both hands, mould nose clip to the shape of the lower part of the nose to ensure a close fit and good seal. Pinching the nose clip using only one hand may result in less effective respirator performance.



Seal Check

1. Cover the front of the respirator with both hands being careful not to disturb the fit of the respirator.
2. 2a) UNVALVED respirator - EXHALE sharply
2b) VALVED respirator - INHALE sharply
3. If air leaks around the nose, re-adjust the nose clip to eliminate leakage. Repeat the above seal check.
4. If air leaks at the respirator edges, work the straps back along the sides of the head to eliminate leakage. Repeat the above seal check.

If you CANNOT achieve a proper seal DO NOT enter the hazardous area. See your supervisor.

Users should be fit tested in accordance with national requirements.

For information regarding fit testing procedures, please contact 3M.

Warnings and Limitations

Always be sure that the complete product is:

- Suitable for the application;
- Fitted correctly;
- Worn during all periods of exposure;
- Replaced when necessary.

- Proper selection, training, use and appropriate maintenance are essential in order for the product to help protect the wearer from certain airborne contaminants.
- Failure to follow all instructions on the use of these respiratory protection products and/or failure to properly wear the complete product during all periods of exposure may adversely affect the wearer's health, lead to severe or life threatening illness or permanent disability.
- For suitability and proper use follow local regulations and refer to all information supplied. For more information contact a safety professional/3M representative.
- Before use, the wearer must be trained in use of the complete product in accordance with applicable Health and Safety standards/guidance.
- These product do not protect against gases/vapours such as glutaraldehyde.
- Do not use in atmospheres containing less than 19.5% oxygen. (3M definition. Individual countries may apply their own limits on oxygen deficiency. Seek advice if in doubt).
- Do not use for respiratory protection against atmospheric contaminants/concentrations which are unknown or immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH).
- Do not use with beards or other facial hair that may inhibit contact between the face and the product thus preventing a good seal.
- These products do not eliminate the risk of contracting any disease or infection.
- Leave the contaminated area immediately if:
 - a. Breathing becomes difficult.
 - b. Dizziness or other distress occurs.
 - c. The respirator becomes damaged
 - d. You taste or smell contaminants, or an irritation occurs

- Discard and replace the respirator if it becomes contaminated with blood or other infectious material, damaged, breathing resistance becomes excessive or at the end of a shift.
- Do not alter, modify, clean or repair this respirator.
- In case of intended use in explosive atmospheres, contact 3M.
- Single use only. Do not reuse.

Storage and Transportation

3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate Respirators 1872V+ and 1873V+ have a shelf life of 5 years. End of shelf life is marked both on the product and on the product packaging. Before initial use, always check that the product is within the stated shelf life (use by date). Product should be stored in clean, dry conditions within the temperature range: – 20°C to + 25°C with a maximum relative humidity of <80%. When storing or transporting this product use original packaging provided.

Disposal

Contaminated products should be disposed as hazardous waste in accordance with national regulations

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The use of the 3M product described within this document assumes that the user has previous experience of this type of product and that it will be used by a competent professional. Before any use of this product it is recommended to complete some trials to validate the performance of the product within its expected application.

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