



Respirator General Care Checklist

Each Use:

- Use respirator wipes to clean before and after each use
- Inspect respirator for cleanliness and defects
 - Some replacement parts or respirators can be found at the EHSS Office
 - Or work with your department or supervisor to obtain replacements

Fit:

- Perform negative and positive pressure checks after donning
 - Do not wear respirator if the fit is suspicious
- Inspect respirator for:
 - Tightness of connections
 - Condition of face-piece, straps, and cartridges
 - Valve functionality
 - Pliability/flexibility of rubber
 - Lenses

Storage:

- Store respirators in a clean, dry apparatus
 - Ensure no deformation of respirator shape will occur
 - Ensure the storage container is air-tight so as to prevent any damage to respirator

Monthly:

- Clean respirator using the following procedure:
 1. Remove filters, valves, cartridges
 2. Wash respirator apparatus in warm (110° F max) water with a mild detergent recommended by the manufacturer. Use a semi-stiff (non-wire) brush to aid in dirt removal
 3. Rinse thoroughly in warm water
 4. Immerse respirator for 2 minutes in one of the following
 - Hypochlorite solution: add 1 mL laundry bleach to 1 gal warm water
 - Other commercially available cleansers if recommended by the manufacturer
 5. Rinse thoroughly in warm water
 6. Air dry and reassemble
 7. Test respirator to ensure all components work properly
- Store respirator in a clean, dry container