

What to look for in a Particulate Respirator Face Mask

Particulate Filter Types are rated in two ways and appears as LetterNumber:

1. The type of particular the respirator filters
2. The efficiency rate of the respirator

Filter Type is dependent on the presence or absence of oil particulates:

N Series: **Not** resistant to oil. (Used in particulate environments free of oil aerosols)

R Series: **Resistant** to oil. (Used for oil and non-oil particles with time use limitations specified by NIOSH)

P Series: **Oil Proof**. (Used for oil and non-oil particles with time use limitations specified by manufacturer)

Filter Efficiency: NIOSH-approved filters are rated as with an efficiency rate after the particular types. The number 95, 99, or 100 (99.97%) indicates the percent NIOSH filtration efficiency of all particles 0.3 microns in diameter or larger.

NIOSH Approved Respirators Currently on the Market

N95, N99, N100

R95, R99, R100

P95, P99, P100

How to Decipher the Text on Respirators

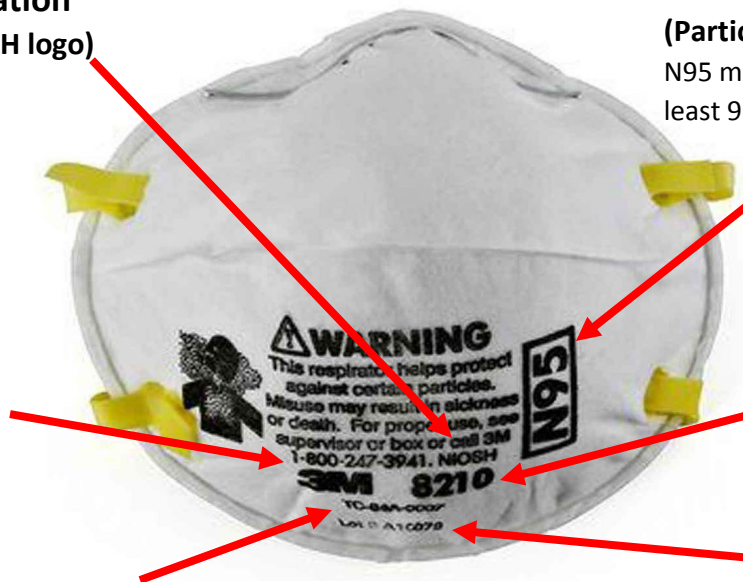
NIOSH Designation
(Block letter or NIOSH logo)

Particulate Filter Type
(Particle Type & Efficiency Rating)
N95 mean an N-series filter that is at least 95% efficient.

Manufacturer Information

Part or Model Number

Lot Number



NIOSH TC (Testing and Certification) Approval Number

(Assures user of the unit's quality level & provides info on protections, cautions and limitations, and approved configuration of components.

See NIOSH Fact Sheet at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-179/pdfs/2011-179.pdf>

Particulate respirator face masks do not protect against chemicals such as vapors and mists.

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