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Check the facepiece to make sure it is in good condition, without any holes, tears or crazing. Check the filters and connectors to make sure they are not cracked and are fully inserted into the mask.

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Check all the valves to be sure they are present and in good condition. They should be lying flat, without any distortion, tears or holes.

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Check the head straps to be sure they have not lost their elasticity. Make sure the straps are not twisted. Adjust the respirator head straps and clips to their full outward position

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Ensure the filter assemblies are connected to the facepiece. Be careful not to overtighten.

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Adjust the respirator head straps to their full outward position.

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Grasp the head strap harness, with your thumbs positioned through the straps. Spread the straps outward.

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Place the head straps on your head, pushing any hair backward and away from your forehead. Continue pulling the straps over your head until the harness is centered toward the back of your head. **DO NOT TIGHTEN AT THIS TIME.**

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Start by placing the top of the nose cup over the bridge of your nose. Bring the bottom of the nose cup to your chin, centering the mask on your face. Holding on to the mask nozzle, press towards your face until you achieve full face-to-seal contact.

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Start with the lower straps, tighten both sides evenly or, with one hand holding the front of the facepiece, use your free hand to tighten each strap alternately in small, equal increments. Then, tighten the upper straps on either side of the forehead lying flat.

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The facepiece should be snug, comfortable and centered on your face. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN** any of the suspensions.

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Positive Pressure Seal Check: Place the palm of your hand over the exhalation valve so it is completely sealed and exhale gently. If you have a good seal, the facepiece will be pushed away from your face very slightly.

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Negative Pressure Seal Check: Place the palm of each hand over the two cartridges or filters so they are completely sealed and inhale. Hold your breath for 5 seconds. If you have a good seal, the facepiece will be pulled inward toward your face.

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Remove gown, gloves and face shield or goggles per standard procedure. Perform hand hygiene and don a clean pair of gloves. To release the head harness after use, pull upward on the tabs until the straps slide freely.

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Leave the respirator on your head using the head strap to cradle.

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Before removing respirator, obtain an approved hospital disinfectant wipe in one hand.

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With the hand holding the wipe grasp the filter on the opposite side of the respirator. Grasp head cradle with other hand.

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Pull the respirator from face, turn hands so the inside of the respirator is facing downward.

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Release head strap allowing all straps to dangle freely. Grasp and hold the other filter with an disinfectant wipe in your other hand.

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Wipe down the as much of the exterior of the respirator as possible while holding the other filter with a disinfectant wipe.

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While holding the newly cleaned filter, wipe down any areas that were missed using your other hand and a disinfectant wipe.

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Complete wiping the respirator and let dry.

Assigned Respirators and Cleaning

Individuals assigned a respirator are not required to clean the respirator straps and interior of the respirator between uses. At the end of a shift, clean the inside of the respirator using a disinfectant wipe. Once the respirator dries, wipe the inside of the respirator with a water-moistened towel to remove any disinfectant residue.

Shared Respirators and Cleaning

Shared respirators must be cleaned between multiple users. A respirator should be checked out for a shift to an individual and labeled temporarily with the employee's name. At the end of the shift, clean the inside of the respirator and straps. Remove the valve covers and clean using a disinfectant wipe. Once the respirator dries, wipe the inside of the respirator, including the valve covers and straps with a water-moistened towel to remove any disinfectant residue. Place valve covers on the respirator and return the respirator to the storage area.



There are 2 black inhalation valves located on the inside of the respirator and one orange exhalation valve located on the outside of the respirator.