

# Selecting your 3M Disposable Respirator



Use this quick

selection guide to find

respiratory protection

face shape. Please note:

the recommended

for your hazard and

if you have identified

contaminated air as

a hazard, you should

put control measures

exposure. The hierarchy

respiratory protection is

one method of control

conjunction with other

which can be used in

controls.

of controls is a system

to select appropriate

controls. The use of

in place to manage

that will guide you

## **Step 1: Choose a Protection Factor**



**P1** 

P1 is the rating given to a respirator which meets AS/ NZS1716:2012 for filtering mechanically generated particles, e.g., particles formed by crushing, grinding, drilling, sanding and cutting.



**P2** 

P2 is the rating given to a respirator that meets AS/NZS1716:2012 for filtering mechanically and thermally generated particles, e.g. welding fumes. Also for use against bio aerosols such as H1N1 and H5N1 Influenza.



Type GP2 Type 'G' class rating is suitable for low vapour pressure (below 1.3Pa @ 25°C)

organic compounds e.g. many agricultural

chemicals like herbicides and pesticides.

**N95** 

Reduces exposure to harmful airborne particles <100 micron eg. Bacillus anthracis, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, mould, SARS/ Influenza virus.

## Step 2: Choose a Valved or Unvalved Respirator



#### **Valved Respirator Benefits**

- Reduces exhalation effort
- Cooler to wear
- Stays comfortable for longer
- Less likely to mist up eyewear



#### **Unvalved Respirator Benefits**

- Lower unit cost
- Reduces potential for wearer contamination of their environment

## Step 3: Choose a Style

You can choose from the following models to suit your environment and your face shape:

### Fits Large-Medium Face



#### 3M™ 8300 Series

Super soft, robust design, tough and durable, M shaped nose clip offers a better fit.

	Rating	3M™ Cool Flow™ Valve
8320		
8322		✓
8310		
8312		✓



#### **3M Welding Respirators**

Protection against ozone and welding fumes, plus relief from nuisance odours.

	Rating	3M™ Cool Flow™ Valve
8514		✓

#### **Fits Most Face Shapes**



#### 3M<sup>™</sup> Aura<sup>™</sup> 9300A+ Series

Extra comfortable, foldable, easy to store, 3-panel design, hygienic individual packaging.

	Rating	3M™ Cool Flow™ Valve
9320A+		
9322A+		✓
9310A+		
9312A+		✓



#### **3M Organic Vapour Series**

Features an integrated activated carbon layer that offers relief from nuisance levels\* of organic vapours.

	Rating	3M™ Cool Flow™ Valve
9913V		✓
9913		
8577		✓
8247		
9923V		✓
9542A		



### **3M Acid Gas Series**

Offers additional relief from nuisance levels\* of acid gases such as sulfur dioxide and hydrogen fluoride.

	Rating	3M™ Cool Flow™ Valve
9926		✓
8246		
9916		✓
9915		

### Fits Medium-Small Face



#### 3M™ Classic 8000 Series

Lighweight, comfortable.

	Rating	3M™ Cool Flow™ Valve
8822		✓
8210		
8812		✓
8710		
8110S		



#### **3M Economy Series**

Offers reliable protection for use in a variety of dusty applications.

	Rating	3M™ Cool Flow™ Valve
1804		
1804S		
8000		



### **3M Healthcare Series**

Meets CDC guidelines for Mycobacterium tuberculosis exposure control and are FDA cleared for use as surgical masks. TGA Approved.

	Rating	3M Cool Flow Valve
1860		
1860S		
1870+		
1804		
1804S		
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\* Nuisance levels are airborne concentrations below the relevant Safe Work Australia Exposure Standard levels.

## #3MScienceOfSafety



**Respiratory Products** 

These respirators help protect against certain particulate contaminants but does not eliminate exposure to or the risk of contracting any disease or infection. Misuse may result in sickness or death. For proper use, see supervisor, or User Instructions, or call 3M Personal Safety Division TechAssist Helpline on 1800 024 464 (Australia) or 0800 364 357 (NZ).

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## **Step 4: Fit Test**

### A respirator cannot protect you if it does not fit your face

Best practice for any Personal Protective Equipment is to ensure the right fit.

- > Proper fitting of a respirator requires the application of an accepted method of fit testing.
- > It is recommended that wearers be fit tested in accordance with Australian Standard AS/NZS1715:2009.
- > 3M can visit you onsite to provide Fit Testing, PPE Training and Toolbox Talks. Conditions apply, so contact your local 3M representative for more information.