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concentration[CF2]]a Penetration allowed by 42 CFR 84[a] Efficiency level[1] 1999 NIOSH TB Guide color[20] Correlated with Z88.7-2001 (K13.1-1973 revision)[S1] Acid gas (gas mask only)[ND1] AG N/A White, for canisters only Ammonia AM 300 ppm 50 ppm 83.3% Green Yes Chlorine dioxide CD N/A In standard as combination Chlorine CL 10 ppm 5 ppm 50% White with 1/2" yellow stripe No stripe, but within designation color Chloroacetophenone CN N/A Carbon monoxide CO N/A Blue Yes Chlorobenzylidene malononitrile CS N/A Ethylene oxide EO Formaldehyde FM Hydrogen chloride HC 50 ppm 5 ppm 90% N/A In standard as combination Hydrogen fluoride HF N/A In standard as combination Hydrogen cyanide HN N/A White, with 1/2" green stripe No stripe, wrong color, actual color for unlisted combinations Hydrogen sulfide HS N/A In standard as combination (escape only) Methylamine MA 100 ppm 10 ppm 90% N/A In standard with ammonia Mercury vapor MV N/A Nitrogen dioxide ND Organic Vapor OV 1000 ppm or lower 5 ppm Depends Black Yes Phosphine PH N/A Sulfur dioxide SD 50 ppm 5 ppm 90% N/A In standard as combination Vinyl chloride VC 10 ppm 1 ppm 90% N/A NIOSH designation does not exist, may use unlisted combination color Toluene diisocyanate TDI N/A Demand (SCBA) DE Non-air-purifying respirators (Atmosphere-supplying respirators) Pressure Demand (SCBA) PD Supplied-air (Air-line) SA Supplied-air Abrasive Blast SB Self-Contained (SCBA) SC Escape (SCBA) ESC Purple Part 11 HEPA respirator with MSHA/NIOSH emblems Respirator combination designation and color comparison[a] NIOSH protection abbreviation[ND1] Color Correlated with Z88.7-2001 (K13.1-1973 revision)? [S1] 1999 NIOSH TB Guide combinations[20] Any of above chemicals/ Particulates Gray stripe Wrong color, no stripe HN/Chloropicrin Yellow with 1/2" blue stripe NIOSH designation does not exist, no stripe, wrong color, actual color for unlisted combinations Radionuclides Purple/Magenta Yes, under 30 CFR 11 HEPA AG/HN/CL/OV/AM/CO/ Chloropicrin/ radionuclides/ particulate Red with 1/2" gray stripe No stripe needed, combination more than required for color (AG/OV/AM/CO) AG/AM Green with 1/2" white stripe No stripe, wrong color, actual color for unlisted combinations AG/OV Yellow Yes, for canisters only AG/OV/AM Brown Yes, for canisters only Navy/Marine Field Manual combinations[28][b] "Acid Gases": CL/CD/HS/HC/SD/HF White Combination more than required for color (CL/HC/SD) "Organic Vapors": Xylene/Toluene Brown Within designation color, but wrong color if exclusive "Basic gases": AM/MA Green Yes FM Tan Within designation color, but actual color for unlisted combinations MV Orange NIOSH designation does not exist, wrong color, actual color for unlisted combinations HEPA Purple Yes ^ a b c d e See the NIOSH pocket guide for additional respirator use guidelines. Breakthrough concentration times can be calculated through the NIOSH MultiVapor tool, or OSHA math models. ^ For brevity, only combinations that are different from the TB guide are listed. Person wearing purple 3M 7093 P100 cartridge filters For particulate respirators, while NIOSH designates P100 as filter cartridges that can use the "magenta" color, ANSI designates P100 as "purple", a color which can be seen on some P100 filter cartridges. In addition, the 2001 revision to ANSI K13.1-1973 provides exclusive colors to be used for non-P100 cartridge filters, in two categories: oil-resistant (remaining R- and P- NIOSH ratings), and non-oil resistant (all N-ratings).[S1] By definition, ANSI Z88.2-2015 considers N100, R100, P100, and HE as HEPA filters.[S2] "TC-84A" redirects here. For information on TC-84A N95-class respirators, see N95 respirator.Screenshot of the NIOSH CEL, dated September 30, 2001, with the six respirator schedules NIOSH is the current regulator of all the respirators in this schedule, under 42 CFR 84.[C1] 'BM' stands for the US Bureau of Mines, the historical regulator of respirators in the United States. Approval schedules[28][ND2] US Code Gas mask(Canister[ND2]) Air-line SCBA Particulate PAPR ChemicalCartridge BM BM-14 BM-19 BM-13 BM-21 N/A BM-23 30 CFR 11 TC-14G TC-19C TC-13F TC-21C TC-23C 42 CFR 84 (enacted) TC-14G TC-19C TC-13F TC-84A TC-21C TC-23C TC-21C respirator approval numbers for negative-pressure particulate respirators have three digits, in the form: TC-21C-####, while TC-84A respirator approval numbers have four digits, in the form: TC-84A-####.[29] 42 CFR 84 (until 2020) did not change regulation regarding powered-air purifying particulate respirators, so have continued under TC-21C approval, with four digits, in the form TC-21C-####.[N2] These paragraphs are an excerpt from National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's NIOSH Certified Equipment List.[edit] NPPTL is the designated publisher of the NIOSH Certified Equipment List, or CEL. The CEL is a public domain database that details the respirators currently approved by NIOSH, and is ordered separated based on type of respirator, which is designated with a schedule (e.g. TC-84A).[30] The CEL was initially released in paper form on September 30, 1993. However, due to low usage of the paper CEL, as well as the increasing number of respirators approved by NIOSH, a Microsoft Access-based version of the CEL was released.[31] Initial releases of the CEL had hose and pressure information for air-line respirators. This information had been eliminated due to concerns over users prioritizing the CEL over respirator documentation.[31] Main article: Respirator § Issues NIOSH air filtration ratings do not test the fit of a respirator. Fit testing is required by OSHA for employers when a hazard is present, and voluntary respirator use under Appendix D is not allowed due to the hazard.[32][C5] Rules for fit testing are also defined by ANSI Z88.2. Z88.2 notes that, in Canada, respirator care and fit testing are defined by CSA Z94.4.[S2][S3] Classic collection efficiency curve with filter collection mechanisms A few other jurisdictions use standards similar to the NIOSH scheme to classify mechanical filter respirators. They include: China (GB 2626-2019): Similar testing requirements and grades. Has "KN" and "KP" resistance levels, 90/95/99. Has additional EU-like rules on leakage. Mexico (NOM-116-2009): Same grades. South Korea (KMOEL - 2017-64): EU grades, KF 80/94/99 for second/first/special Aerosol Division of Industrial Hygiene N95 respirator NIOSH European respirator standards ^ Joskow, Paul L. (27 February 2022). "From Scarcity to Abundance: Complementary Government and Private Initiatives to Manage the Allocation of N95 Masks in the U.S. During the COVID-19 Pandemic" (PDF). ^ "Trademark Status & Document Retrieval". 90006709. ^ "Counterfeit Respirators / Misrepresentation of NIOSH-Approval". 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