

RESPIRATOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Cleaning

Regularly (at least once a week) clean your respirator (not dust masks):

1. Take it apart, removing any filters, canisters, or cartridges
2. Wash facepiece and other parts (not cartridges) in mild detergent with warm water – don't use organic solvents
3. Rinse completely in clean warm water
4. Air dry in clean area
5. Reassemble respirator and replace any defective parts
6. Change the cartridges, if respirator has any
7. Place in clean, dry plastic bag or other air-tight container



Storage

Store in clean, dry area in sealed plastic bag

Do-it-yourself fit test

Every time you put on your respirator, test for a good fit:

- Cover filters with your hands and breathe in (negative pressure test). The mask should collapse.
- Cover exhalation port and breathe out (positive pressure test). The mask should puff out without leaking.



If there is a leak with either test, adjust straps and do tests again. If this doesn't work, try a different respirator.