Respiratory Protection for Response to CBR Agents

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Respirator Leakage

Primary determinant of respiratory protection

Defines type of respirator used

Determines respirator fit and performance

Respirator Leakage vs. Respirator Fit

Measure	Aerosol System	CNP System		
Fit Factor	C _o / C _i	FR _{inh} / FR _{lk}		
Leak	1 / Fit Factor	ml / min		

Need for Feedback on Respirator Leakage

- Determination of respirator type
- Selection of specific model and size
- Certification of adequate "fit"
- Training on respirator wear and use

Measuring Respirator Leakage

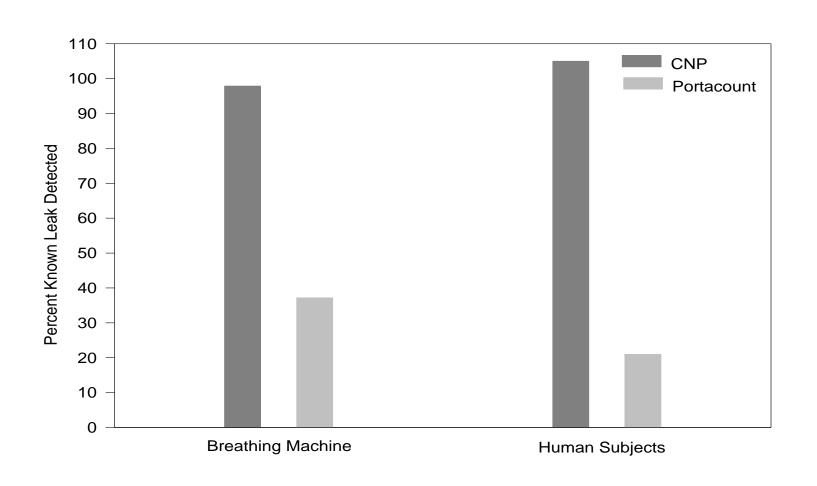
- Aerosol based (generated, ambient) systems
 - TSI Portacount
 - TSI M-41

- Controlled Negative Pressure (CNP) system
 - OHD FitTester 3000

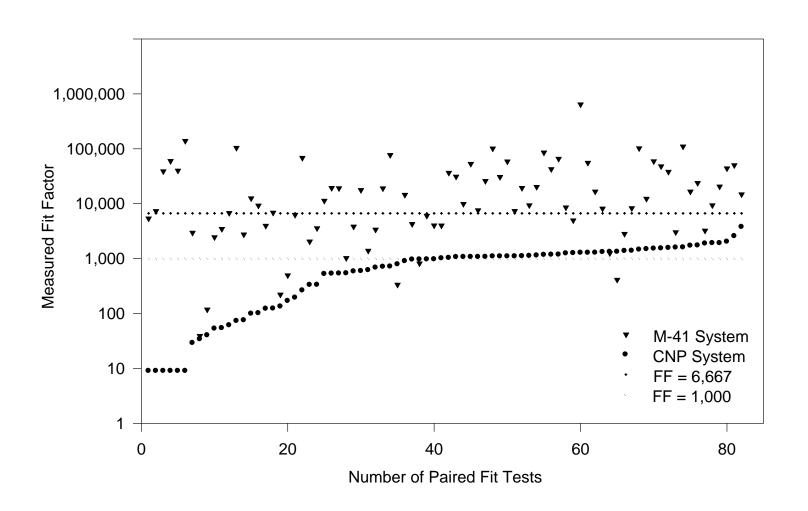
CNP vs. Aerosol Systems

- CNP detects >> leakage during paired tests
- CNP more accurate and less variable when measuring known leakage
- CNP substantially faster than aerosol
- Respirator donning has greater effect on leakage than fit test exercises

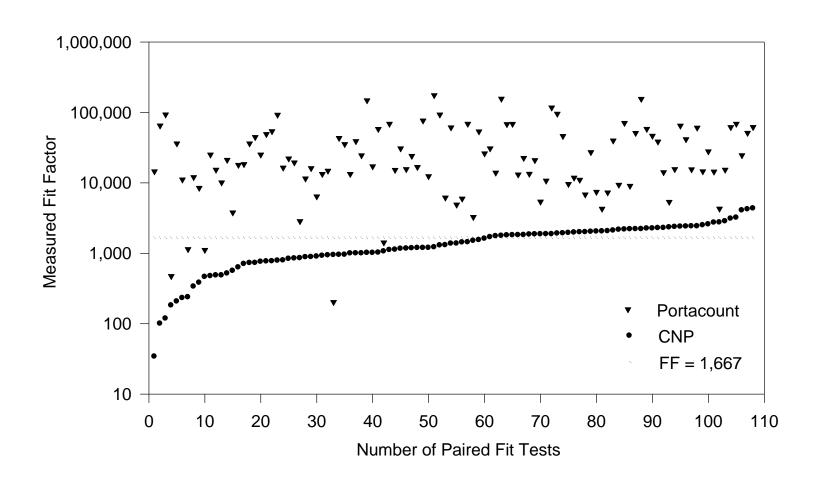
Detection of Known Leakage



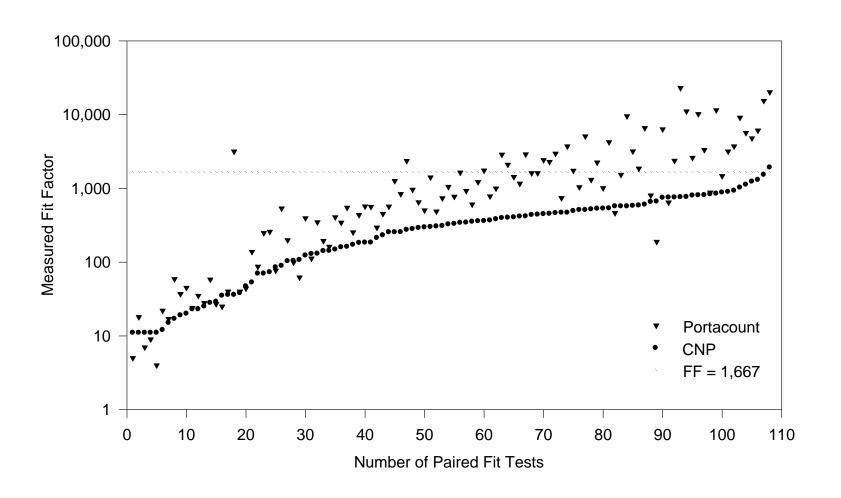
Marine-2 Fit Factors



MCU-2P Fit Factors w/o Eyewear Inserts



MCU-2P Fit Factors with Eyewear Inserts



Fit Test Exercise Effect?

Sub#	NB1	DB	SS	UD	TK	GM	ВО	JOG	NB2	OA	
Fit Factor											
1	111,000	102,000	110,000	112,000	35,700	72,500	94,600	86,800	84,300	79,900	
2	64,700	106,000	75,200	79,800	21,700	116,000	242,000	59,000	89,200	65,300	
4	17,400	27,200	21,000	18,100	7,650	24,500	8,830	8,050	16,500	13,400	
Equivalent Leak Rate, ml/min											
1	0.48	0.53	0.49	0.48	1.51	0.74	0.57	0.62	0.64	0.67	
2	0.83	0.51	0.72	0.67	2.48	0.46	0.22	0.91	0.60	0.82	
4	3.09	1.98	2.56	2.97	7.03	2.20	6.09	6.68	3.26	4.01	

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