NPPTL COVID-19 Response: International Respirator Assessment

Manufacturer: Guangzhou Sunrise Sanitary Articles Co., Ltd
Model Tested: KN95 Protective Mask
Date Tested: October 1, 2020

These findings pertain to the Guangzhou Sunrise Sanitary Articles Co., Ltd, model KN95 Protective Mask. The packaging for this product indicates that it meets GB2626-2006 (the Chinese standard for Respiratory Protective Equipment – Non-Powered Air-Purifying Particle Respirator).

Ten respirators were submitted for evaluation. The samples were tested using a modified version of NIOSH Standard Test Procedure (STP) TEB-APR-STP-0059. This modified assessment plan can be found here.

No certificate of approval was provided with the samples received; therefore, the authenticity of the claims cannot be validated.

The maximum and minimum filter efficiency was 95.24% and 78.80%, respectively. One respirator measured more than 95%. Nine respirators measured less than 95%.

While the above-listed product classification has similar performance requirements to NIOSH-approved devices, NIOSH does not have knowledge about the sustained manufacturer quality system and product quality control for these products. NIOSH also does not have knowledge about the product’s handling and exposures after leaving its manufacturer’s control.

In addition, this product is an ear loop design. Currently, there are no NIOSH-approved products with ear loops; NIOSH-approved N95s have head bands. Furthermore, limited assessment of ear loop designs, indicate difficulty achieving a proper fit. While filter efficiency shows how well the filter media performs, users must ensure a proper fit is achieved.

This assessment is not a part of the NIOSH respirator approval process and will in no way lead to or preclude NIOSH approval through the official approval process. This assessment was developed as an assessment of the filter efficiency for those respirators represented as certified by an international certification authority, other than NIOSH, to support the availability of respiratory protection to US healthcare workers due to the respirator shortage associated with COVID-19. Only particulate filter efficiency was assessed.

The results provided in this letter are specific to the subset of samples that were provided to NPPTL for evaluation.

These results will be used to update the CDC guidance for Crisis Capacity Strategies (during known shortages).
Evaluation of International Respirators

**Test:** Modified TEB-APR-STP-0059  
**Date Tested:** October 1, 2020  
**Report Prepared:** October 1, 2020  
**Manufacturer:** Guangzhou Sunrise Sanitary Articles Co., Ltd  
**Item Tested:** KN95 Protective Mask  
**Country of Certification:** China (GB2626-2006)

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**Minimum Filter Efficiency:** 78.80%  
**Maximum Filter Efficiency:** 95.24%

- The test method utilized in this assessment is not the NIOSH standard test procedure that is used for certification of respirators. Respirators assessed to this modified test plan do not meet the requirements of STP-0059, and therefore cannot be considered equivalent to N95 respirators that were tested to STP-0059.
- Respirators tested may not be representative of all respirators with the same certification mark. NIOSH has no control over suppliers and distributors of respirators certified by other national or international parties.
- This assessment is not a confirmation that it conforms with any or all of its specifications in accordance with its certification mark.
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METHOD OF USE

1. Nose clip facing upward and pull the ear straps with both hands.
2. Place it over your mouth and nose. The bottom should go just under your chin. Then hold the mask by the ear loops. Place a loop around each ear.
3. Mold it to your face for an even tighter fit.
4. Use your first 2 fingertips to pinch the bendable portion of the top edge of the mask around the bridge of your nose.

AIR TIGHTNESS DETECTION

As shown on the left, checking the seal of the mask:
1. Set both hands against the mask. Do not move the mask.
2. Inhale hard and hold your breath for a few seconds, feeling for the mask’s apparent inward collapse.
3. Then exhale hard and hold your breath for a few seconds, feeling that the mask swell outward.
4. If you feel air leaking, re-mold the nose piece or ear loops until the necessary air tightness is achieved.

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[Address] No.3, Bei Yi Road, Heting Industrial Zone, Renhe Town, Baiyun District, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China
[Executive standard] GB2626-2006
[Product name] KN-95 Protective mask
[Period of validity] 324 months
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