NPPTL COVID-19 Response: International Respirator Assessment

Manufacturer: UNKNOWN
Model Tested: UNKNOWN
Date Tested: October 13, 2020

This finding pertains to the respirator that was submitted for assessment. The manufacturer and model are unknown. The information submitted with this product does not indicate what standard this product meets.

One respirator was submitted for evaluation. The sample was 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 sample received; therefore, the authenticity of the claims cannot be validated.

The filter efficiency was less than 95% at 60.60%.

NIOSH does not have knowledge about the sustained manufacturer quality system and product quality control for this product. 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 result provided in this letter is specific to the sample that was provided to NPPTL for evaluation.

This result 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 13, 2020
Report Prepared: October 13, 2020
Manufacturer: UNKNOWN
Item Tested: UNKNOWN
Country of Certification: UNKNOWN

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Filter Efficiency: 60.60%

- 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.
- This assessment was not a part of the NIOSH approval program. These results do not imply nor preclude a future approval through the NIOSH respirator approval program.

Pictures have been added to the end of this report.
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