

The Facts



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On How to Sanitize Powered Air Purifying Respirators

Cleaning Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) is recommended after each use. Nitrile or vinyl gloves should be worn during cleaning and other personal protective equipment (PPE) as indicated.

With any disinfecting agent, follow the User Instructions regarding usability, application and contact time, and ensure all components are thoroughly rinsed with fresh, warm water and thoroughly dried before use or storage.

Cleaning the Headgear

- Do not soak the headgear during cleaning.
- Clean all parts of the headgear assembly with a clean soft cloth dampened with warm water containing a mild pH neutral (pH 6-8) detergent. Refer to the headgear specific User Instructions for cleaning details.
- Wipe the headgear with a clean soft cloth dampened with one of the following disinfectant cleaners:
 - Sodium hypochlorite at a free chlorine concentration of 5,000 ppm
 - 70% ethyl alcohol

Cleaning Motor/Blower & Battery Pack

- Do not allow liquid to enter the air outlet port or the motor housing area.
- Do not immerse in water during cleaning.
- Use caution if cleaning around the battery pack connector pins where the battery seats on the bottom of the motor/blower unit. Ensure this area and the pins are thoroughly dry before next use or storage.
- Clean the outer surfaces with a clean soft cloth dampened with warm water containing a mild pH neutral detergent or approved disinfectant.
- See User Instructions for cleaning details.

Cleaning the Breathing Tube

- Clean the breathing tube by wiping it down with a soft cloth dampened with a warm water and mild pH neutral detergent solution.
- The breathing tube can be immersed in cleaning solution.
- Wipe the outer surfaces of the breathing tube with a clean soft cloth dampened with an approved disinfectant cleaner. Follow the user instructions for the selected disinfectant.
- Wipe all outer surfaces with a clean soft cloth dampened with clean warm water.
- Allow the breathing tube to completely air dry prior to reuse or storage. Air dry in an uncontaminated atmosphere, temperature not to exceed 120°F. Alternately, dry by connecting to the motor/blower unit and use it to force air through the tube until dry.

HE Filter and Prefilter

- For extended use, remove the filter from the Turbo PAPR blower assembly and wipe it down with alcohol wipes.
- Reuse filters until they are damaged or visibly contaminated.

After Cleaning and Drying

- Reassemble PAPR as described in the User Instructions.
- Inspect the PAPR unit and headgear following the inspection procedures in the User Instructions for that item.
- Store in a clean, dry location that prevents contamination.



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