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User Notice

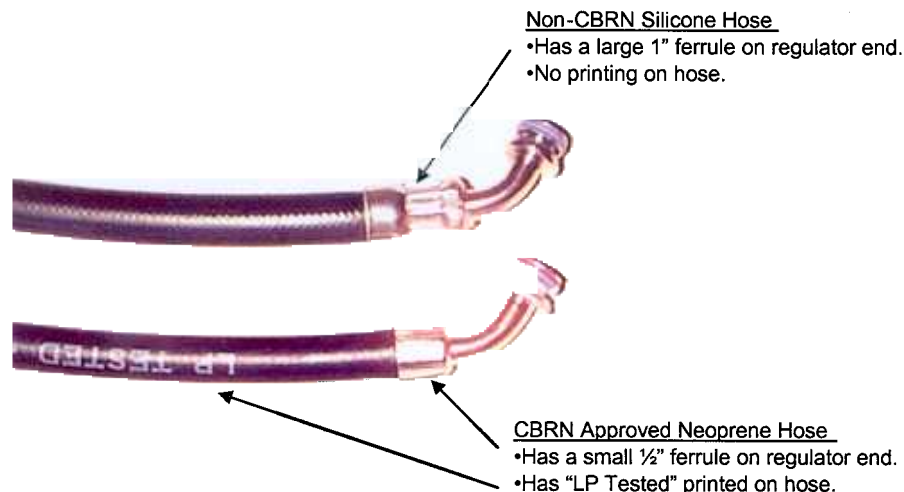
MMR Xtreme® CBRN Compliant Air Mask

May 12, 2004

To: Users of CBRN Compliant SCBA

Installation of the optional 10031798 ExtendAire™ Emergency Breathing System (EBS) kit onto an MMR Xtreme CBRN Air Mask will result in the air mask NOT complying with the NIOSH/CBRN approval requirements. MSA has found that MMR Xtreme CBRN Air Masks shipped from September 2003 to February 2004 may have an incorrect NIOSH/CBRN Approval Supplement that identifies the above kit as NIOSH/CBRN compliant. Please review this *User Notice* to determine if you need to take corrective action regarding this issue.

1. Users of MMR Xtreme CBRN Air Masks upgraded with the 10031798 ExtendAire EBS kit should check the hose closest to the mask-mounted regulator as indicated in the illustration below. If the hose is a Non-CBRN silicone hose, contact MSA Customer Service at 1-877-MSA-3473 to obtain a replacement CBRN approved neoprene hose (P/N 10046484). Air Masks with a factory installed ExtendAire EBS have the CBRN approved hose.

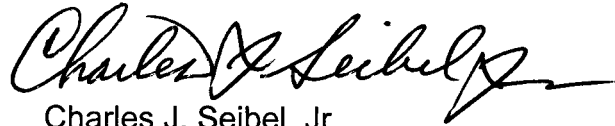


Along with the replacement hose, MSA will provide the O-ring and lubricant needed for installation. The *Users Maintenance Instructions*, provided with the Air Mask, describes the proper procedure for replacing the hose; however, if you prefer, contact MSA at 1-877-MSA-3473 or your local MSA distributor to make arrangements for this no-charge installation.

2. The NIOSH/CBRN Approval Supplement provided with the air mask should list only one option in the MANIFOLD ASSY category, for approved configurations (10032439 Manifold assy, dual QC ExtendAire Firehawk). If it lists two MANIFOLD ASSY options, the supplement is in error and must be discarded. If the supplement is in error, replace it with the attached approval supplement.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact MSA Customer Service at 1-877-MSA-3473.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles J. Seibel, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles J. Seibel, Jr.
Manager of Product Safety

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DESCRIPTION / IDENTIFICATION

⚠ WARNING

Do Not use the Quick-Fill® System, URC Assembly, or ExtendAire™ System accessories if there is any possibility that the environment contains a CBRN warfare agent. These Air Mask accessories are not approved for use in atmospheres containing CBRN warfare agents. Failure to follow this warning can result in serious personal injury or death.

DESCRIPTION

This Air Mask from MSA is a pressure-demand, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for use in atmospheres immediately dangerous to life or health; "Immediately dangerous to life or health" means conditions that pose an immediate threat to life or health or conditions that pose an immediate threat of severe exposure to contaminants, such as radioactive materials, which are likely to have adverse cumulative or delayed effects on health" [Title 42 CFR, Part 84.2 (Q)].

This Air Mask complies with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1981 for Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Fighters

This Air Mask has been designated by NIOSH as being CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear) Agent Approved. It complies with the special tests under NIOSH 42 CFR 84.63(c); Chemical Agent Permeation and Penetration Resistance Against Distilled Sulfur Mustard (HD) and Sarin (GB) and the Laboratory Respirator Protection Level (LRPL) tests.

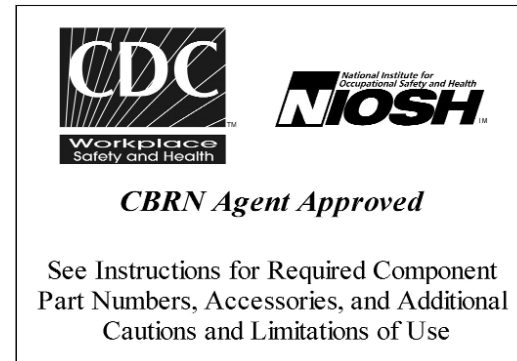
IDENTIFICATION

The MSA CBRN approved Air Mask with Firehawk Regulator differs from the Non-CBRN approved Air Mask in the following ways:

- The CBRN approved Air Mask can only be used in NIOSH approved configurations shown in the assembly matrix on the inside page.
- The CBRN approved Air Mask can be used only with a hycar facepiece model numbers 7-935-7, 7-935-8, and 7-935-9. Silicone facepieces are not CBRN approved.
- Only Firehawk 2nd stage regulator assemblies 10043892, 10043893, 10043894, and 10043895 are CBRN approved.

CBRN AGENT APPROVAL LABEL

The MSA CBRN Agent approved Air Mask has this approval label attached to the carrier and harness.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RESPIRATOR USERS AND RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

1. An adequate respiratory protection program must include knowledge of hazards, hazard assessment, selection of proper respiratory protective equipment, instruction and training in the use of equipment, inspection and maintenance of equipment, and medical surveillance. [See OSHA regulations, Title 29 CFR, Part 1910.134 (c).]
2. This SCBA may be used only after proper instruction and training in its use as specified in NFPA-1500 and OSHA regulations Title 29 CFR, Part 1910.134.
3. Quantitative fit testing should be conducted to determine proper facepiece size prior to using the respirator. A Fit Test Kit (MSA P/N 10044576) is available for conducting quantitative fit tests with the Ultra Elite Firehawk facepieces.
4. The facepiece donning instructions (see Operation and Instruction Manual MSA P/N 10023638) must be carefully followed when using the respirator and when conducting fit tests.
5. The CBRN Firehawk 2nd stage regulator must be flow tested every year and overhauled on a periodic basis. An overhaul kit (MSA P/N 10048942) is available. Refer to the Operation and Instructions manual (MSA P/N 10023638) and the Maintenance manual (MSA P/N 10024089) for additional information and maintenance procedures.

MMR Air Mask with *Firehawk*™ Regulator

NIOSH/CBRN APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT

⚠ WARNING

THIS SUPPLEMENT AS WELL AS THE OPERATION AND INSTRUCTION MANUAL MSA P/N 10023638 MUST BE CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOWED BY ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR USING OR SERVICING THIS AIR MASK. THIS AIR MASK WILL PERFORM AS DESIGNED ONLY IF USED AND SERVICED ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS; OTHERWISE IT COULD FAIL TO PERFORM AS DESIGNED, AND PERSONS WHO RELY ON THE AIR MASK COULD SUSTAIN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

⚠ DANGER

Use in conjunction with personal protective ensembles that provide appropriate levels of protection against dermal hazards.

Some CBRN agents may not present immediate effects from exposure, but can result in delayed impairment, illness, or death.

Direct contact with CBRN agents requires proper handling of the SCBA after each use and between multiple entries during the same use. Decontamination and disposal procedures must be followed. If contaminated with liquid chemical warfare agents, dispose of the SCBA after decontamination.

The respirator should not be used beyond 6 hours after initial exposure to chemical warfare agents to avoid possibility of agent permeation.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE ITEMS IN ADDITION TO ALL ESTABLISHED CBRN PROTECTIVE MEASURES CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.



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