

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION



A respirator is a protective face-piece, hood, or helmet that is designed to protect the wearer against a variety of harmful airborne agents. United States and Canadian Occupational Safety and Health regulations require the use of respirators when effective engineering controls are not feasible or while they are being instituted.

There are different types of respirators and not any one type is good for all exposures. Select according to the hazard workers may be exposed to.

Two Basic Types of Respirators

AIR PURIFYING

Particulate Respirator

Dusts, mists, and fumes

Gas & Vapor Respirator

Hazardous gases and vapors

Combination Respirator

Both particulates and gases

ATMOSPHERE SUPPLYING

Air-Supplied Respirator

Hose to deliver clean, safe air

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

Wearable, clean-air supply pack

Combination Respirator

Hose and auxiliary supply pack

A Respirator Program Must Include:

- ✓ Proper Selection
- ✓ Training in Use & Care
- ✓ Medical Evaluation
- ✓ Fit Testing