

Respirator Inspection Checklist

Filtering Face piece (Disposable)	
Check for:	✓
	Holes or tears on the filter
	Torn or non-elastic straps
	Folds, creases, or distortion in the face piece
	Missing or damaged metal nose piece
	Missing or broken valves (for respirators with an exhalation valve)
Reusable Respirators with cartridges or filters (Half-face, Full-face), Air-purifying	
Check the head straps for:	✓
	Wear and tear (cracks or rips)
	Knots
	Lack of elasticity
	Broken or faulty buckles
Check the face piece for:	✓
	Dirt
	Cracks, tears, holes
	Broken fitting (for example, strap holders)
	Cracked, scratched, or loose-fitting lenses (for full-face models only)
	The presence of filter seal gaskets (if the respirator has gaskets)
Check the valves for:	✓
	Buildup of soap residue or dirt on the valves, or on the valve seat
	Cracks, tears, hardening, or warps in the valves or the valve seat
	Missing or damaged valve or valve cover
	Curling
Check that the cartridges/filters are:	✓
	Made by the same manufacturer as the respirator
	The correct type for the hazard
	Fitting securely in the face piece (threads are not worn)
	Cartridges Free from cracks or dents Filters Free from rips, tears or holes

If from your inspection any parts are found to be damaged, missing, or defective, the respirator must not be used until it can be repaired or replaced.