



May 8th, 2013

**USER ADVISORY NOTICE****3M™ Lens Assembly 6898****Includes Full Facepieces 6700, 6800 and 6900 and 3M™ Powerflow™ PAPR****(See Appendix A for complete list of products)**

Dear Valued 3M Customer,

This letter is to inform you of a potential quality issue involving a limited quantity of the 3M™ 6898 Lens and certain lots of the respiratory protection systems utilizing this lens, including the 3M™ 6000 Series Full Facepieces 6700, 6800, and 6900 and the 3M™ Powered and Supplied Air Systems utilizing this full facepiece such as the 3M™ Powerflow™ Face-Mounted Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR). See Appendix A for a list of all product configurations covered under this User Advisory Notice. No other 3M full facepiece reusable respirators or respirator assemblies and systems are within scope of this user notice.

Due to a manufacturing irregularity, a limited number of lenses may not fully engage the center adapter at one of the three points of contact which could result in a separation of the center adapter from the lens if the center adapter is forcefully pushed or pulled. We believe the probability of a separation occurring during use is very low and if it did happen, it would be identified before use by a positive pressure user seal check performed as described in the User Instructions. In addition, if separation occurred for powered and supplied air configurations, airflow would be detected at the area of separation, since the facepiece is under positive pressure during use.

The respiratory configurations and systems utilizing affected lenses meet all the requirements of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) respiratory protection standard and 3M claims. 3M has received no customer complaints related to this issue. However, as a precautionary measure, 3M is requesting that users inspect their facepieces following the procedures described in Appendices B and C to determine whether your facepiece is from one of the lots affected by this potential issue. **If you determine your lens is from one of the affected lots, we strongly recommend that you contact 3M Customer Service immediately.** We will help you understand how to evaluate your lens to determine if it is one of the limited quantity needing replacement. 3M will then facilitate your replacement options. If you wish to preview the evaluation procedures, they have been attached as Appendix D for your reference.

If you have discarded the box in which your facepiece arrived, please refer to Appendix B.

If your facepiece is still in its original box, please refer to Appendix C.

**3M Contact Information****3M Customer Service** – Contact for evaluation assistance: 1-800-355-6682, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST**3M Technical Service** – Contact for technical questions regarding this letter: 1-800-243-4630, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST

3M strives to provide the highest quality of respiratory products in the marketplace, and we regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

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 List of Product Configurations Included in User Advisory Notice

The products in these lists are potentially affected by this User Advisory Notice. Only a small percentage of product is affected.

**Only products with the lot numbers 2195 through 3100 require further inspection.** The labels vary slightly by product and type of package. The diagrams below portray the layout of the labels on each type of package. (“Primary” boxes are the boxes in which individual products are packaged.) The lot number is indicated with a red box.

6000 Series Air-Purifying Respirator Products		
Model/Part number	Item Description	Layouts of Labels (Lot numbers indicated by red boxes)
7139	7139 Automotive Full Facepiece Medium 6800	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Shipping Cases</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Primary Boxes</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Lot numbers of interest are 2195 through 3100.</p>
7140	7140 Automotive Full Facepiece Medium 6900	
7162	7162 P95 Full Facepiece Spray Paint Packout Medium	
7163	7163 P95 Full Facepiece Spray Paint Packout Large	
6700	6700 Full Facepiece Small	
6700	6700 Full Facepiece Small	
6700B	6700B Full Facepiece Medium Bulk	
6800	6800 Full Facepiece Medium	
6800	6800 Full Facepiece Medium	
6800B	6800B Full Facepiece Medium Bulk	
6898	6898 Full Facepiece Lens Europe	
6898	6898/37006 AAD Lens Assembly	
6900	6900 Full Facepiece Large	
6900	6900 Full Facepiece Large	
6900B	6900B Full Facepiece Large Bulk	

DIN – 6000DIN Series Air-Purifying Respirator Products		
Model/Part number	Item Description	Layouts of Labels (Lot numbers indicated by red boxes)
6700DIN	6700DIN Full Facepiece Small	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Shipping Cases</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Primary Boxes</p> </div> </div>
6800DIN	6800DIN Full Facepiece Medium	
6800DIN	6800DIN Full Facepiece Medium	
6900DIN	6900DIN Full Facepiece Large	

<b>PowerFlow™ Face-Mounted PAPR Products</b>			
<b>Model/Part number</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Layouts of Labels (Lot numbers indicated by red boxes)</b>	
6800PF	6800PF PowerFlow™ Face-Mounted PAPR Medium	Shipping Cases 000	Primary Boxes 000 027
6900PF	6900PF PowerFlow™ Face-Mounted PAPR Large	3112	2 23112

<b>Other Powered and Supplied Air Products</b>		
<b>Model/Part number</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Layouts of Labels (Lot numbers indicated by red boxes)</b>
W-3061	6000 Series Full Facepiece with W-3061 Air-Regulating Valve Kit	See the section above that applies to the applicable product: 6000 Series or 6000DIN Series Full Facepiece
GVP PAPR Systems	6000DIN Series Full Facepiece with GVP Belt-Mounted PAPR Assemblies	
GVP PAPR Systems	6000 Series Full Facepiece with GVP Belt-Mounted PAPR Assemblies	
Breathe Easy PAPR Assemblies	6000DIN Series Full Facepiece with Breath Easy™ PAPR Assemblies	
Dual Airline Supplied Air Systems	6000 Series Full Facepiece with dual airline supplied air assemblies	
Dual Airline Supplied Air Systems	6000DIN Series Full Facepiece with dual airline supplied air assemblies	

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Please follow these instructions if you have discarded the box in which your facepiece arrived.

- 1.) Toward the bottom of the lens, a letter is stamped next to a small date wheel. (See Figure 1.) If this letter is an A, B, or C, your facepiece is not affected. You can continue to use it as it is. **If this letter is a D or E, proceed to step 2.**



Figure 1. Location of date code

- 2.) Determine the date of manufacture. The arrow on the date wheel points to the digit representing the month in which the lens was manufactured. The two digits on either side of the arrow are the last two digits in the year. (See Figure 2.)

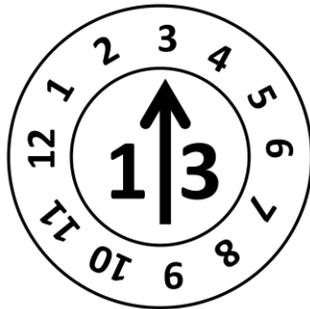


Figure 2. This example indicates the date of manufacture is March of 2013.

**If your lens was manufactured between May of 2012 and March of 2013, we strongly recommend that you contact 3M Customer Service immediately** at the contact information below. We will help you understand how to evaluate your lens to determine if it is one of the small quantity needing replacement. 3M will then facilitate your replacement options. The evaluation procedures have been attached as Appendix D for your future reference.

If your lens was manufactured before or after that date range, it is not affected. You can continue to use it as it is.

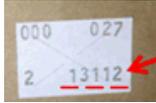
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Please follow these instructions if your facepiece is still in its original box.

- 1.) The lot numbers are printed on small white labels, similar in appearance to a price sticker (Figure 1), which can be found on each 3M shipping case of product as well as the bottom panel of each primary box of respirators. Each label contains a lot number, although the layouts of the labels vary slightly per product. The rightmost column in **Appendix A** illustrates how to locate the lot number on the label for your product.



**Figure 1.** An example of a label containing a lot number.

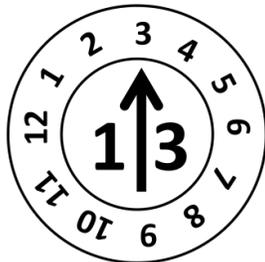
**Included lots are 2195 through 3100.** If your facepiece is not from one of the specified lots, it is not affected. You can continue to use it as it is. **If your facepiece is from one of the specified lots, please open the box, remove the facepiece, and proceed to Step 2.**

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**Figure 2.** Location of date code

- 3.) Determine the date of manufacture. The arrow on the date wheel points to the digit representing the month in which the lens was manufactured. The two digits on either side of the arrow are the last two digits in the year. (See Figure 3.)



**Figure 3.** This example indicates the date of manufacture is March of 2013.

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**Determining If Your Lens Requires Replacement**

The center adapter is the rigid gray circle attached to the clear lens. Reach into the facepiece and push outward on the rigid gray center adapter. (See Figure 3.)



**Figure 3.** Push outward on center adapter.

If the center adapter does not move when pushed on the center or anywhere on the edge, your facepiece is not affected. You can continue to use it as is. If the center adapter can be pushed outward, so that a gap is created between the lens and the center adapter (Figures 4 and 5), then **your lens is needs to be replaced. We strongly recommend discontinuing use immediately and discarding the affected lens.** Contact 3M Customer Service for your replacement options. 3M Customer Service will ensure expedient fulfillment of your replacement request.



**Figures 4 and 5.** If your center adapter is moveable, the gap forms between the lens and the center adapter, at the top of the center adapter. (Shown without nose cup for clearer view.)

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