



PRODUCT BULLETIN

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Counterfeit Respirator Notice / Misrepresentation of NIOSH-approval

Please find a Counterfeit Respirator Announcement below from NIOSH NPPTL. Please be sure to visit their website for more information on counterfeit respirators. <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/counterfeitResp.html>

Sales and production of fraudulent PPE, especially N95 and N99 mask, have increased exponentially since December 2019 as counterfeiters continue to try to take advantage of unknowing consumers in the marketplace.

NIOSH has become aware of several counterfeit respirators on the market that are falsely marketed and sold as being NIOSH-approved. These counterfeit respirators may not be capable of providing appropriate respiratory protection to consumers.

How do you spot a counterfeit respirator?

1. No markings at all on the filtering facepiece
2. No approval (TC) number on the filtering facepiece or headband
3. No NIOSH marking
4. Incorrect spelling of NIOSH
5. Presence of decorative fabric or other decorative add-ons
6. Claims that the filtering facepiece is approved for children
7. Filtering facepiece respirator has ear loops instead of headbands

How can you be sure your respirator is NIOSH-approved?

Additional warning signs to help you spot a counterfeit respirator
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/AdditionalTips.html>

Access the NIOSH Trusted Source Page to learn more about the types of respirators, how to identify approved models, and view a list of approved particulate filtering facepiece respirators by manufacturer

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/respsource.html

Check for up-to-date information for newly added counterfeit respirators on the NIOSH counterfeit respirator page.

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/default.html#CounterfeitRespirators>