



N95 Respirator – Facial Hair





User must be clean shaven where the respirator meets the face

Clean Shaven Defined: CSA Z94.4-18 Selection, Use and Care of Respirators addresses facial hair in section 9.2.2.

“**Facial hair**” - Individuals shall present themselves for fit testing free from interference of hair where the respirator seals to the skin of the face or neck.



Test Subjects **must be clean shaven** where the respirator seals to the face. **Zero tolerance.**

Acceptable

A. Clean shaven, ideal for a good seal	
B. Amount of facial hair that will typically allow a good seal	
C. Moustache that does not interfere with the sealing surface, valves, or respirator function	
D. Soul patch that does not interfere with the sealing surface, valves, or respirator function	



Unacceptable

<p>E. Soul patch that will interfere with the respirator seal in the chin area on elastomeric facepieces Facial hair and sideburns that will interfere with the sealing surface</p>	
<p>F. This facial "shadow" (not clean-shaven) will interfere with the sealing surface of a half or full facepiece. It will also compromise a secondary seal inside a tight-fitting hood-style respirator. Degradation of fit can occur during cumulative work hours when an individual grows this amount of facial hair.</p>	
<p>G. Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); will contact a sealing surface and interfere with exhalation valve. Sideburns and/or heavy hair under the chin will prevent a good seal.</p>	
<p>H. Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); will contact a sealing surface and could get stuck in an exhalation valve. The hair on the rest of the face will interfere with a sealing surface</p>	
<p>I. Hair is in sealing region and under the chin. Hair is in chin cup sealing region and on the side of the face.</p>	
<p>J. Moustache is too thick and too long; will contact a sealing surface and interfere with exhalation valve.</p>	

Note: Adapted with permission from Brookhaven National Laboratory.

References: **CSA Z94.4-18 Selection, Use and Care of Respirators**