

## Sodium Chloride (NaCl) Aerosol Test Final Report

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Test Article: LOT#51133  
Sample ID: MMN95\_B2\_001L, MMN95\_B2\_002L, MMN95\_B2\_003L,  
MMN95\_B2\_004L, MMN95\_B2\_005L, MMN95\_B2\_006L, MMN95\_B2\_007L,  
MMN95\_B2\_008L, MMN95\_B2\_009L, MMN95\_B2\_010L, MMN95\_B2\_011L,  
MMN95\_B2\_012L, MMN95\_B2\_013L, MMN95\_B2\_014L, MMN95\_B2\_015L,  
MMN95\_B2\_016L, MMN95\_B2\_017L, MMN95\_B2\_018L, MMN95\_B2\_019L,  
MMN95\_B2\_020L  
Study Number: 1648978-S01  
Study Received Date: 25 Sep 2023  
Test Started Date: 02 Oct 2023  
Test Finished Date: 10 Oct 2023  
Testing Facility: Nelson Laboratories, LLC  
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Test Procedure(s): Standard Test Protocol (STP) Number: STP0014 Rev 11  
Deviation(s): None

**Summary:** This procedure was performed to evaluate particulate filter penetration as specified in 42 CFR Part 84 and TEB-APR-STP-0059 for requirements on a N95 respirator. Respirators were conditioned then tested for particle penetration against a polydispersed, sodium chloride (NaCl) particulate aerosol. The challenge aerosol was dried, neutralized, and passed through the test article at a concentration not exceeding 200 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. The initial airflow resistance and particle penetration for each respirator was determined.

According to 42 CFR Part 84.64, pre-submission testing must be performed by all applicants as part of the application process with NIOSH. Results seen below are part of that pre-submission and must be submitted to and accepted by NIOSH for respirator approval.

All test method acceptance criteria were met. Testing was performed in compliance with US FDA good manufacturing practice (GMP) regulations 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 and 820.

Test articles were tested with the sponsor supplied test fixture.



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**Results:** The NIOSH N95 filter efficiency as stated in 42 CFR Part 84.174 is a minimum efficiency for each filter of  $\geq 95\%$  ( $\leq 5\%$  penetration). The test articles submitted by the sponsor conform to the NIOSH N95 criteria for filter efficiency.

Test Article	Corrected <sup>a</sup> Initial Airflow Resistance (mm H <sub>2</sub> O)	Maximum Particle Penetration (%)	Filtration Efficiency (%)
MMN95_B2_001L	20.4	1.82	98.18
MMN95_B2_002L	19.3	1.98	98.02
MMN95_B2_003L	19.4	1.96	98.04
MMN95_B2_004L	19.9	2.09	97.91
MMN95_B2_005L	19.0	1.24	98.76
MMN95_B2_006L	18.4	1.27	98.73
MMN95_B2_007L	17.3	1.70	98.30
MMN95_B2_008L	19.8	1.40	98.60
MMN95_B2_009L	19.0	2.06	97.94
MMN95_B2_010L	19.6	1.86	98.14
MMN95_B2_011L	19.1	0.731	99.269
MMN95_B2_012L	20.2	1.56	98.44
MMN95_B2_013L	18.2	1.47	98.53
MMN95_B2_014L	20.8	0.893	99.107
MMN95_B2_015L	17.3	2.87	97.13
MMN95_B2_016L	20.1	1.54	98.46
MMN95_B2_017L	18.9	1.38	98.62
MMN95_B2_018L	17.5	1.76	98.24
MMN95_B2_019L	18.7	1.13	98.87
MMN95_B2_020L	17.0	2.31	97.69

<sup>a</sup> The final airflow resistance value for each test article was determined by subtracting out the background resistance from the system.

**Test Method Acceptance Criteria:** The filter tester must pass the “Tester Set Up” procedure. The airflow resistance and particle penetration of the reference material must be within the limits set by the manufacturer.

**Filter Test Procedure:** Prior to testing, respirators were taken out of their packaging and placed in an environment of  $85 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity (RH) and  $38 \pm 2.5^\circ\text{C}$  for  $25 \pm 1$  hours.

The filter tester used in testing was a TSI® CERTITEST® Model 8130 or Model 8130A Automated Filter Tester that is capable of efficiency measurements of up to 99.999%. It produces a particle size distribution with a count median diameter of  $0.075 \pm 0.020$  microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) and a geometric standard deviation not exceeding  $1.86 \mu\text{m}$ . The mass median diameter was approximately  $0.26 \mu\text{m}$ , which is generally accepted as the most penetrating aerosol size. The reservoir was filled with a 2% NaCl solution and the instrument allowed a minimum warm-up time of 30 minutes (Model 8130) or 10 minutes (Model 8130A). The main regulator pressure was set to  $75 \pm 5$  pounds per square inch (psi). The filter holder regulator pressure was set to approximately 35 psi. The NaCl aerosol generator pressure was set to approximately 30 psi and the make-up airflow rate was set to approximately 70 liters per minute (L/min).

The NaCl concentration of the test aerosol was determined in  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$  by a gravimetric method prior to the load test assessment. An entire respirator was mounted in the sponsor-supplied test fixture, placed into the filter holder, and the NaCl aerosol passed through the outside surface of the test article at a continuous airflow rate of  $85 \pm 4$  L/min. In accordance with NIOSH policy, three respirators were challenged until  $200 \pm 5$  mg of NaCl had contacted each test article. Based upon the load pattern of NIOSH Type 2, the initial penetration reading of the remaining 17 respirators was recorded.