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# Wear It Right

## Wearing your 3M™ Rugged Comfort Half Facepiece Reusable Respirator, 6500 Series



**1.**  
Place the respirator over the mouth and nose, with bottom straps unfastened. Place the top strap over your head, placing the head cradle on the crown of your head.



**2.**  
Grasp the straps, place them at the back of the neck and hook them together.



**3.**  
Adjust strap tension by pulling ends until a secure fit is obtained. Balance strap tension by adjusting the top and bottom strap buckles. Do not over-tighten.

### Using the 6500QL Quick Latch Drop Down Feature



**1.**  
Quick Latch Closed



**2.**  
Pull up on Latch



**3.**  
Quick Latch Open



**4.**  
Pull Down on Latch

**To Open Quick Latch:** Grasp the latch at chin level and pull up.

**To Close Quick Latch:** Grasp the facepiece with your thumb on the bottom of the facepiece and your first two fingers on top of the latch. Place the facepiece over your nose and mouth while pushing down on the latch.

**A note about the 6500QL Quick Latch Half Facepiece Reusable Respirator:**  
The first time you don a 3M™ Rugged Comfort Half Facepiece Reusable Respirator, 6500 Series, make sure the latch is closed. Don according to the instructions above. After the initial donning, once straps are adjusted to the proper length, subsequent donning can be done with the latch initially in the open or closed position. The latch drop down feature should only be used in non-contaminated environments.

**Check the seal of your 3M™ Half Facepiece Reusable Respirator each time you don the respirator.**



**Positive Pressure User Seal Check**  
Cover the opening in the exhalation valve cover with your hand. Be careful not to disturb the position of the respirator. Exhale gently. If the facepiece bulges slightly and no air leaks are detected between your face and the facepiece, a proper seal has been obtained.\*

\*If faceseal air leakage is detected, reposition the respirator on your face and/or readjust tension of the straps to eliminate the leakage. If you cannot achieve a proper seal, do not enter contaminated area. See your supervisor.  
Note: Before assigning any respirator to be worn in a contaminated area, a qualitative or quantitative fit test should be performed per the CSA standard Z94.4.  
Note: Perform a positive and/or negative pressure user seal check each time the respirator is donned.



**Negative Pressure User Seal Check**  
**Using 3M™ Particulate Filters**  
Using hands, press or squeeze filter covers toward facepiece to restrict airflow. Be careful not to disturb the position of the respirator. Inhale gently. If you feel the facepiece collapse slightly and pull closer to your face with no leaks between your face and the facepiece, a proper seal has been obtained.\*



**Using 3M™ Cartridges**  
Place the palms of your hands over the cartridges and inhale gently. The facepiece should collapse slightly. If air leaks between the face and the faceseal of the respirator, reposition it and adjust the straps for a tighter seal. If you cannot achieve a proper seal, do not enter the contaminated area. See your supervisor.\*



**Using 3M™ Particulate Filters**  
Place your thumbs onto the centre portion of the filters, restricting airflow into the respirator tube of the filters. Be careful not to disturb the position of the respirator. Inhale gently. If you feel the facepiece collapse slightly and pull closer to your face with no leaks between your face and the facepiece, a proper seal has been obtained.\*

### **WARNING**

These respirators help reduce exposures to certain airborne contaminants. Before use, the wearer must read and understand the User Instructions provided as a part of the product packaging. A written respiratory protection program must be implemented meeting all the requirements of OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 including training, fit testing and medical evaluation. In Canada, CSA standards Z94.4 requirements must be met and/or requirements of the applicable jurisdiction, as appropriate. **Misuse may result in sickness or death.** For proper use, see package instructions, supervisor, or call 3M Personal Safety Division Technical Service in USA at 1-800-243-4630 and in Canada at 1-800-267-4414.

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