



## PRODUCT UPDATE

### Cleaning and Disinfecting the Respirator

Dear Valued Customer,

3M Scott Fire & Safety would like to provide some clarity around a recent communication concerning the discontinuation of Wescodyne Plus.

In the discontinuation notice dated April 5<sup>th</sup>, 3M Scott Fire & Safety recommended three alternative products for cleaning and disinfection of the facepiece and/or mask-mounted regulator:

1. 3M 504 Respirator Cleaning Wipes
2. 3M 105 Face Seal Cleaner Wipes
3. Fresh-Gear Disinfectant (manufactured by Georgia Steel & Chemical Co., Inc.)

After sending this notice, it has come to our attention that the first two recommendations, the 3M 504 Respirator Cleaning Wipes and 3M 105 Face Seal Wipes, are approved only for cleaning the facepiece and/or mask-mounted regulator and are not suitable for disinfection.

While the 3M 504 Respirator Cleaning Wipes and 3M 105 Face Seal Wipes will remain as approved for the cleaning of the facepiece and/or mask-mounted regulator, the only product that 3M Scott Fire & Safety currently recommends that will accomplish simultaneous cleaning and disinfecting of the facepiece is Fresh-Gear Disinfectant (manufactured by Georgia Steel & Chemical Co., Inc.).

NOTE: We are currently validating the suitability of Fresh-Gear Disinfectant for cleaning and disinfecting of the mask-mounted regulator.

#### Instructions for Use (Fresh-Gear):

1. Pre-clean the respirator if heavily soiled to ensure proper surface contact.
2. Add ½ oz. of Fresh-Gear to one gallon of water.
3. Gently mix for uniform solution.

4. Apply solution to hard, nonporous surfaces of the respirator with a spray bottle or sponge.
5. Thoroughly wet all surfaces to be disinfected. **NOTE:** Treated surfaces must remain wet for 10 minutes.
6. Rinse and remove excess solution from respirator prior to storage.
7. Comply with all OSHA regulations for cleaning respiratory protection equipment (29 CFR 1910.134).

In situations where Fresh-Gear Disinfectant is not available, the facepiece and mask-mounted regulator can be disinfected using one of the following solutions for two minutes:

- Hypochlorite solution (50 ppm of chlorine) made by adding approximately one milliliter of laundry bleach to one liter of water at 110° F / 43° C
- Aqueous solution of iodine (50 ppm iodine) made by adding approximately 0.8 milliliters of tincture of iodine (6-8 grams ammonium and/or potassium iodide/100 cc of 45% alcohol) to one liter of water at 110° F / 43° C

**Refer to the facepiece and mask-mounted regulator cleaning instructions, as described in the [Air-Pak X3 Pro Inspection and Cleaning Manual](#).**

We continue to work with the supplier of Wescodyne Plus to remedy the EPA concerns and will communicate any changes should Wescodyne Plus be reconsidered as a suitable cleaner/disinfectant for 3M Scott Fire & Safety respiratory equipment.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience that this may have caused and are confident that our customers will find the above recommendations adequate for their respirator cleaning and disinfection needs.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local 3M Scott Fire & Safety representative or Customer Service at 1-800-247-7257.

Sincerely,