

## facegaiter™ Barrier Face Covering

ASTM 3502: facegaiter Filter A: level 2 Breathability, Level 1 Filtration Efficiency

ASTM 3502: facegaiter Filter B: level 2 Breathability, Level 2 Filtration Efficiency,

NIOSH - ENHANCED PERFORMANCE PLUS: facegaiter Filter B sizes S, M, L (XL not tested)

### Instructions for use

**\*\*\*Review all instructions below before putting on the facegaiter\*\*\***

#### Warnings and Limitations

- MEETS ASTM F3502, SPECIFICATION FOR BARRIER FACE COVERINGS. THIS PRODUCT IS PRIMARILY INTENDED AS A MEANS OF SOURCE CONTROL FOR MINIMIZING THE PROJECTION OF EXPELLED MATERIALS FROM THE WEARER'S NOSE AND MOUTH.
- WARNING: THIS BARRIER FACE COVERING IS NOT A MEDICAL FACE MASK AS DEFINED IN ASTM F2100, IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE IN MEDICAL PROCEDURES, AND IS NOT A RESPIRATOR
- People with chronic respiratory, cardiac, or other medical conditions that make breathing difficult should check with their health care provider before using this product.
- Do not use on anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, or is incapacitated.
- Do not wear when intoxicated and/or under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances
- Not suitable for children under 6 years old or for anyone who is not able to remove the mask without assistance.
- Misuse can result in sickness or death.
- It is important to launder before first use - see instructions below. Not required if packaging states 'Ready to Wear'

#### General Instructions

- Because the facegaiter is designed to minimize leakage, almost all air flows through the filter. As a result, you will notice a slight resistance to breathing (similar to but less in force than a respirator's). This resistance is normal: do not remove the facegaiter because of this resistance, you will become used to this over time.
- If for whatever reason you feel breathless, dizzy, or unable to talk, reduce activity levels, move to a safe space and lower the facegaiter from your face (or remove it completely, following the instructions below) until your breathing returns to normal.
- When used as instructed, this face mask can help to filter certain particles from the air that flows through the filter. Use cannot eliminate the inhalation of contaminants, nor will it eliminate the risk of disease, illness or death. Before use, the wearer must read and understand all guidance in these user instructions.
- Wearing a face mask does not replace handwashing, respiratory etiquette, and environmental cleanliness. Wearing a face mask should not reduce efforts, when called for, to promote physical distance.
- This product is not to be used with anything on the face that prevents it from touching the user's skin directly.
- Before putting on or taking off the facegaiter, remove piercings, jewelry, hair accessories, neck accessories or articles of clothing, or any other items that may snag, puncture or obstruct use of the facegaiter.
- Keep for reference all instructions for use. Always follow local guidance for respiratory hazards.
- Before use, inspect the face mask to ensure it is in good condition.
- For each time worn, the user must check for proper positioning on the face, neck, and shoulders in accordance with instructions for use.

How the facegaiter works: The front of the facegaiter has an embedded filter that extends from just below the top edge down to just above the bottom edge. At the top end, the top edge creates a seal with the face. At the bottom the facegaiter drapes and is weighted to form a seal at the neck and shoulders. The filter and seals are held in place by an elastic back. There is an adjustable strap in back to help tighten the seal at the top, and, when loosened, it can help in putting the face covering on and in taking it off.

Use: This product is intended for consumer use. If it is to be used in a workplace, consult a supervisor so applicable regulations can be followed. Follow all government guidance and requirements applicable for non-medical and non-respirator barrier face coverings/masks. Before use, user should read and understand all product use instructions, making sure the product is suitable for the application and face mask is snug to the user's face. Do not use where flame, high heat, electrical arc, or other thermal hazards are present. Use up to 8 hours between washes.

Selecting the correct size. Locate a fabric tape measure to measure your head. Measure the circumference of your head round the bridge of your nose, under your ears and around the nape of your neck. Use the chart to select your size.

Small	Medium	Large	X-Large
44-50cm	50-56cm	56-62cm	62-68cm
17½"-19¾"	19¾"- 22"	22"- 24¾"	24¾"- 26½ "

Please take care to follow these guidelines to see that there is a good fit – this will reduce the risk of small gaps (with their potential for leakage) and ensure the facegaiter is comfortable to wear. As with shoes you want a facegaiter that fits you. Most adults will be either medium or large. If you are on the border between sizes opt for the larger one and use the adjuster strap to obtain a snug fit.



## Fitting Instructions

Before putting on or taking off the facegaiter, remove personal items that may snag, puncture or obstruct use, such as jewelry, hair accessories, items worn at the neck (e.g., scarf), etc. Inspect the face mask to ensure it is in good condition. In addition to proper positioning, there needs to be an effective fit which forms a robust seal. Conduct a check of the facegaiter's seals at the start of each wearing session (Steps 5-9). Review the video instructions to aid use.



Scan QR code for video instructions.

				
1. Hold it upside down with the filter towards you and hands gripping each side. Raise your hands toward your head and pull the facegaiter over the top of your head (Donning)	2. Switching your grip to the top edge, pull the top edge away from your face and down, so that the facegaiter rests around your neck and shoulders. (Donning)	3. Placing your fingers inside the top edge, pull it forward, away from your face and guide it up and onto your nose. (Donning)	4. Align the internal, embedded foam nose piece over your nose, as seen in the photo, using the top of the diamond stitching to centre it. (Donning)	5. To check the nose and top seal, stand in front of a mirror in a darkened room, and place a pen light inside the facegaiter from below. (Seal)
				
6. With the penlight pointed up and level with the bottom of your nose, check each side of your nose and run the penlight across each cheek. Look in the mirror for direct light in the upper eye socket, indicating gaps. (Seal)	7. If you see a direct, bright light near either eye, adjust the nose seal and/or the strap in the back, until no direct light can be seen. Do not lift the seal or compress your skin when testing, as this may affect results. (Seal)	8. Repeat until you achieve a good seal, both when looking straight ahead and when moving your head from side to side. Note the position of the strap buckle for future reference. (Seal)	9. Next, tuck the facegaiter into your neckline, checking that the facegaiter fabric sits flat and smooth inside. (Seal) To remove the facegaiter, grip the edge in front of each ear and, pull it up and over your head (Doffing)	10. When needed, lower the facegaiter by gripping the edge in front of each ear and pulling it away from the face and down to neck level. Raise it in the same way. Follow Steps 3 and 4 to position on the face again.

**Laundering.** The facegaiter is reusable. You may launder the facegaiter with other items of a similar colors. Routinely washing with dark fabrics may discolor the white inner liner over time but it will not affect performance. Your facegaiter is made of fully synthetic, durable fabrics and is designed for daily washing. The lifespan is 100 washes (Filter A), 50 washes (Filter B) or up to 5 years from manufacturing date.

- Place the facegaiter directly into the washing machine.
- For best results wash with other items and do not exceed 75% of wash load capacity
- To ensure effective cleaning wash at 40°C or 60°C (USA: hot wash) on a full cycle (not a reduced length “eco” wash) with your normal detergent and rinse thoroughly.
- If available ☼ tumble dry on medium heat until fully dry.

**Warning:** Do not Dry Clean ☒. Do not use liquid bleach ☠. Do not use fabric softener. Do not iron ☒

**Storage.** After drying and when not in use, store your facegaiter(s) in a clean environment, such as a clean storage bag, to prevent accidental contamination. Store the facegaiter away from dirt, dust, direct sunlight exposure, high temperature >86°C, humidity >80%, and chemical environments. Keep an unused facegaiter unopened in its original package with the package label visible. After opening, keep all instructions for use for reference. The end-of-life date of a facegaiter is up to five (5) years after manufacture when stored as instructed. The manufacture year/month is on the package label, and the end-of-life date is on the product label.

**Inspection.** The facegaiter is made from highly durable fabrics. However, it is important to inspect your facegaiter before each use, looking for signs of damage to the fabric, stitching, the adjustable strap, etc. If your facegaiter becomes visibly damaged, its filtration may be affected, and the item should be replaced. The facegaiter can be recycled. Wash as directed before recycling.