

NBSIA Member Services Safety Bulletin

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N95 RESPIRATORS - HOW TO SPOT THE REAL THING

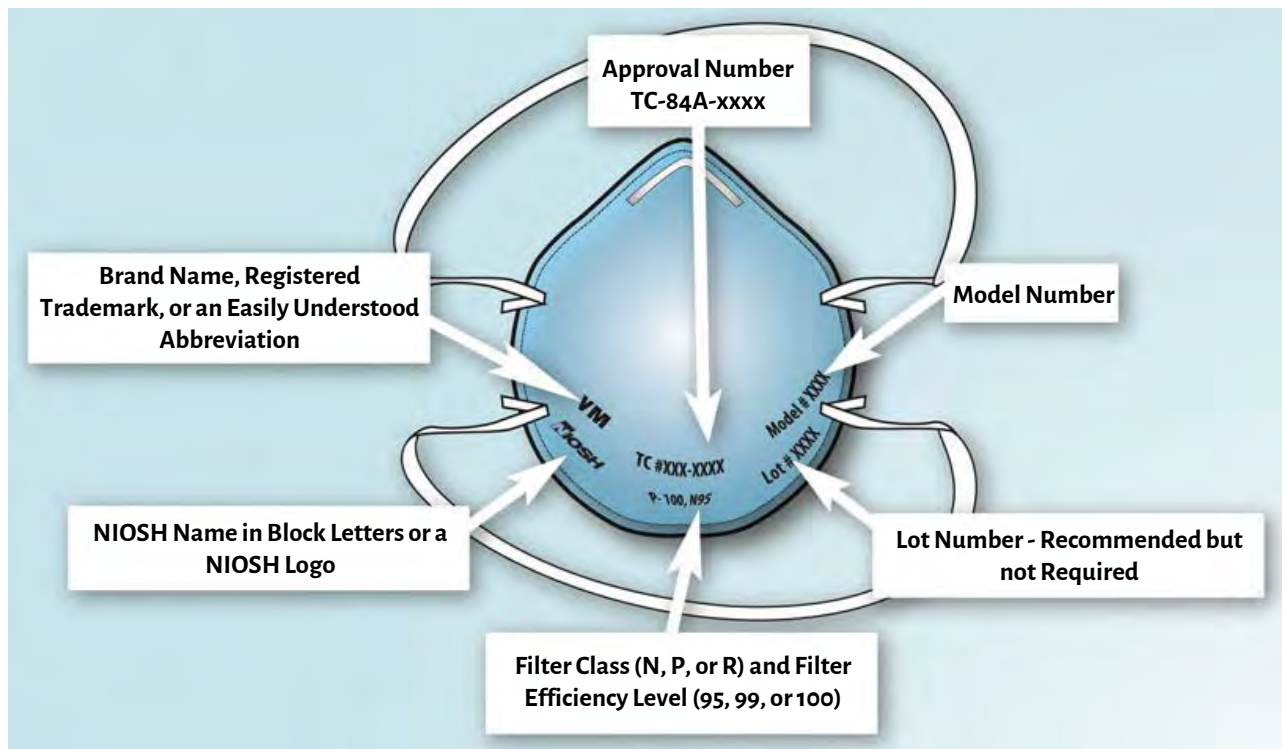
NIOSH-approved respirators have an approval label on or within the packaging of the respirator. Either on the box itself and/or within the users' instructions. Additionally, an abbreviated approval is on the respirator itself. You can verify the approval number on the [NIOSH Certified Equipment List](#) or the [NIOSH Trusted-Source page](#) to determine if the respirator has been approved by NIOSH. NIOSH-approved respirators will always have one the following designations: N95, N99, N100, R95, R99, R100, P95, P99, P100.

See for [Approved Manufactures](#)

Signs that a Respirator may be Counterfeit:

- No markings at all on the respirator
- No approval number on respirator or headband
- No NIOSH markings
- NIOSH spelled incorrectly. Example NOISH
- Presence of decorative fabric or decorative add-ons (sequins)
- Claims it is approved for children
- NIOSH does not approve any type of respiratory protection for children
- Respirator has **head band NOT ear loops**

Example of Exterior Markings on a NIOSH-approved Filtering Face Piece Respirator



Sources

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/n95list1.html

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/counterfeitResp.html>



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