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Under the COSHH 2002 Regulations it is a requirement that all tight fitting face pieces should be face fit tested to ensure that the selected RPE has the potential to provide adequate protection for individual wearers.

Face fit Testing is also required under the control of Asbestos at Work Regulations and the Control of Lead at Work Regulations.

Face- Fit Testing is required for all tight-fitting face pieces including all filtering face pieces (disposable face masks, half masks and full face masks). This includes negative pressure full face masks as well as power-assisted full masks, and both self-contained and air fed breathing apparatus.

PB Training Services Ltd. follows the HSE282/28 'Fit Testing of Respiratory Protective Equipment Face pieces' guidance notes, there is detailed information about fit, testing methods, techniques and protocols, practical aspects, records and theory. By following this guidance employers will normally be seen doing enough to comply with the law.

Qualitative Face Fit Testing

Qualitative Fit Testing is a pass/fail test that is dependent on a subject response from respirator wearer.

The person is fit tested while wearing a respirator inside a hood, a sweet or bitter spray is sprayed inside the hood whilst the person carries out some exercises, if the wearer detects the smell of the spray during the test then the fit test is deemed as unsatisfactory. Types of qualitative fit testing Are saccharin, bitrex, isoamyl, acetate (banana oil)



Qualitative face fit testing is only for disposable masks and half mask respirators



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