

3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870+



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. Why should I change to the new 1870+ Aura respirator?

The innovative features incorporated in this particulate respirator design came from customer feedback of users wanting and expecting more comfort from their respiratory protection.

We at 3M listen to you and have responded by providing additional comfort features in our tri-fold respirator.

Q2. What are the differences between 3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870+ and the 3M™ Health Care Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870?

The 1870+ Aura respirator has the comfort and convenience features of the 1870 respirator, such as the three panel flat-fold design, individual packaging and the highest level of fluid resistance at 160 mm Hg. In addition, it has these unique features:

- Embossed top panel is designed to direct exhaled air away from the nose panel, helping to reduce eyewear fogging
- Curved low profile design conforms well to nose and eye contours, allowing more room for eyewear
- Innovative Chin Tab designed for ease of positioning, donning & adjustment

NOTE: the 1870+ Aura respirator contains no components made from natural rubber latex.

Q3. Do I need to be re-fit tested for the 1870+ Aura respirator if I have already been fit tested for the 1870 respirator?

Yes. The 1870+ Aura respirator is considered a new model of respirator even though it looks similar to our current 1870 respirator. It is an OSHA requirement to do annual fit testing in situations of mandatory use of tight fitting facepiece respirators, see website for more information.

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadispl.show_document?p_id=9780&p_table=STANDARDS .

3M offers several options for assistance in converting wearers to the 1870+ Aura respirator. Find out more by contacting the 3M Health Care helpline at 1-800-228-3957 or by contacting your sales representative.

Q4. Is the new 1870+ Aura respirator N95 NIOSH approved?

Yes, this respirator is a NIOSH approved N95 filtering facepiece respirator. The NIOSH approval number is TC-84A-5726.



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Q5. How long can I continue to get the current 3M™ Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870?

We anticipate this respirator will be available until the end of 2014 but we suggest you switch over to the 1870+ Aura respirator at your earliest convenience such as your next annual fit testing session.

Q6. When will the new 1870+ Aura respirator be available?

This respirator will be available as early as June, 2013.

Q7. What if my distributor does not carry this respirator, how can I get it?

Ask your distributor to contact 3M so we can provide them with the 1870+ Aura respirator. Below is the product description you can request.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Catalog #</u>	<u>SKU# / UPC</u>
3M™ Aura™ Healthcare Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870+, N95	1870+	GT-5000-7298-5 / 5 00 51131 37192 2

Q8. How does the price compare between these two respirators?

Please contact your distributor or your sales representative for pricing details on the 1870+ Aura respirator.

Q9. Will the packaging be the same?

The 1870+ Aura respirator will be packed in the same quantity as the 3M™ Healthcare Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870.

Each respirator is individually packaged for convenient storage, portability and protection against contaminants. We have upgraded the design of our carton to provide you more options in dispensing these respirators.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Units/Carton</u>	<u>Cartons/Shipper Box</u>
3M™ Aura™ Healthcare Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870+, N95	20 Units per Carton	6 Cartons per Shipper Box



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Q10. Does the 1870+ Aura respirator have a shelf life?

Shelf life has been established for this respirator. When stored in original packaging between temperatures from -4°F (-20°C) to +86°F (+30°C) and not exceeding 80% RH, the product may be used until the date specified on packaging located next to the “Use by Date” symbol.



= Use by Date

Shelf life is also being established for the 1870 respirator. Packaging will be updated to reflect the change on both the carton and user instructions similar to the 1870+ Aura respirator.



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