



Guidance on Obtaining Respirators, Fit Testing, and Employee Training

The following provides an alphabetical list of major companies that manufacture or sell respiratory protection products, their web site addresses, and their toll-free telephone numbers. These companies offer both free and fee-based respirator fit testing and/or training to their customers directly through their company, their distributors, and electronically (e-training).

This list is illustrative, not exhaustive and is provided for information only. Listing does not constitute an endorsement on behalf of HTIW Coalition or its member companies. Failure to include a company in this list does not mean that HTIW Coalition or its members believe that the products or services offered by an unlisted company are unsatisfactory. HTIW Coalition will periodically update this list and respirator manufacturers/distributors are encouraged to provide contact information.

In preparing this list, HTIW Coalition gathered information on the geographic distribution of vendors that provide fit testing and training. HTIW Coalition found that the most effective means to identify a local provider of the fit testing and training services is through contacting companies directly through their respective toll free phone numbers or web sites. For instance, several of the companies use an easy-to-use zip code database to determine whom to contact locally for these services, including on-line maps.

Geographic grouping is complicated by the fact that at least one of the manufacturers services specialty industries and the government separately from other users and employs up to ten local representatives in over ten regions or sectors. In our experience, it is more efficient to contact manufacturers/distributors directly for local contact information.

HTIW Coalition has posted this list on its web site <http://www.htiwcoalition.org> to facilitate customer access. HTIW Coalition anticipates that this list will be mailed to customers by its member companies and/or reference to this list may be included in future communications to customers from HTIW Coalition member companies.

There is a wealth of respiratory protection information available from many of these companies' web sites. Examples of such information include product catalogs, operating and maintenance instruction manuals, general guidance for establishing respirator programs, OSHA and NIOSH publications, reprints of articles in professional journals, lists of training courses and locations, frequently asked questions, and links to other useful web sites (e.g., AIHA, ANSI, CDC, NIOSH, and OSHA).



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References to the respiratory protection sections of the OSHA and NIOSH websites may also be included with customer communications from HTIW Coalition member companies.

Web site addresses change over time and this list will be updated periodically. Customers who experience any difficulty in contacting individual manufacturers are encouraged to inform HTIW Coalition or any of its members.

<i>Respirator Manufacturer</i>	<i>Web Site Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
3M	http://www.3m.com/occsafety	1-800-896-4223
Gerson	http://www.gersonco.com/	1-800-225-8623
Honeywell	http://www.honeywellsafety.com/americas/respiratoryprotection/	1-800-394-0410
Moldex	http://www.moldex.com/respiratory-protection/	1-800-421-0668
MSA	http://us.msasafety.com/	1-800-672-2222
North	http://www.northsafety.com/	1-800-430-4110

A comprehensive list of NIOSH certified respiratory products may be obtained from the NIOSH *National Personal Protection Technology Laboratory* (NPPTL).

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory
P.O. Box 18070
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
NPPTL Hotline: 1-888-654-2294
For Respirator Questions: 412-386-4000
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/cel/>